

Norsk Needlework

How to Make a Cardigan from a Pullover pattern

Norwegian method: Vertical bands (Facings of front are different. This method has a separate facing knit later)

On thinner needle cast on the # for ribbing or edge + 5 sts. Work ribbing keeping the center front 5 sts in stockinette. Place markers on each side of these 5 steek sts. Join new colors in center of steek to prevent holes.

After ribbing increase to the # of stitches in the pullover pattern but add one stitch. This st will be the repeat of the center stitch at the end of the round. Keep the center steek worked in *background color, pattern color, alternately ending with background color* or B, P,B,P,B.

Begin each new round at the center front stitch, work pattern around and end with same center front stitch so the fronts will be the mirror image of each other. Continue working straight up to the neck. Bind off the steek sts. Work across the sts to hold on the right and place them on holder, as directed in the pattern, work around to center and hold the left front stitches. Cast on 5 new sts for new steek and continue around decreasing as directed in pattern. Back of neck and Sleeves are worked the same as in a pullover.

Sewing: With a small stitch setting on machine, sew up both sides of center stitch on both front steeks. (body and neck) Work one more row 1 st to outside on both sides. 4 rows of sewing. Cut up center st and finish edges as you like. A plain zig zag is fine. (I have NEVER had the sts come out!)

With the thinnest knitting needle work button side of band first. For a lady, the left side.

Cast on the desired # for band and 4 extra sts. Keep these 4 in stockinette, purl side to inside of band. The band can be garter or rib. Make it long enough to fit stretched slightly. Sew with mattress st inside of ribbed or garter part and to the edge of center st of body up the front of your sweater. Make sure you don't stretch the front of the sweater by matching the finished length to the length of the back of the sweater. Mark for buttons about 1/2" from bottom and from top, then divide length with spaces between buttons.

7 or 9 buttons (uneven #) looks best.

Make buttonhole side to match. Loosely hem on facing by hand with yarn, not stretching facing to side or it will pull up on front edge.

2nd method: Sideways. After cutting pick up stitches along front on thinnest needle. Take up about 4 sts for every 5 on body. Make sure stitches lie flat up front. Work 3 rows stockinette and hold sts on circular needle. Pick up same # of sts from back using the thread between sts. of front edge. Work 3 rows stockinette on thin needle, having knit side to inside.

Work one row joining the 2 rows of stitches from the outside. Work rib as desired and bind off. Make buttonholes on right side. Tracy's sirkler cardigan has this finishing.