

## Catherine's Mini Cardi/Shrug



This is a VERY fast knit and can be made in 3 days or less depending on your commitment to it. I suggest 100% silk yarn because it drapes very well, Silk blend yarns will work well also. I do not recommend 100% cotton because it will distort the shape of the cardigan.

This Mini Cardi is meant to be worn like the picture. The “frog clasps” make this top look fabulous and they are a must! They can be found at your local sewing stores.

### **Needles:**

Sz 7 US 24” Circulars;

Sz 8 US 24” circs.

Set of Sz 8 US double point needles

### **Yarn:**

Tilli Tomas (American Beauty) 2 balls

OR any worsted weight silk ; Small 295 yds, Med 310 yds, Large 330 yds, extra Large 350 yds

*(Substitutions: Debbie Bliss Pure Silk, Handmaiden, Fleece Artist Sea Silk (doubled), Louisa Harding Grace, Lorna's Laces Lion and Lamb)*

**Frog Closures:** 3

Black , For neck trim and each arm trim

**Tapestry needles**

**Sewing needle and thread**

**Gauge:** 20 stitches/ 4 inches

**Sizes:** Measure your upper arm; sm 12", Med 14", Large 16", XL greater than  
*(I have Sz 15.5" upper arms and 42" bust. I made the Med. It fits a little snug but I prefer it that way.)*

Pm-Place marker

Sm- Slip Marker

K- Knit

P-Purl

Yo- Yarn over (increase)

### **K1P1 Trim Ribbing**

Row1: K1, P1 repeat until last stitch you should end on a knit.

Row2: P1, K1 repeat until you come to the last stitch, you will end on a Purl.



**Cast on:** 81 Stitches (knitted cast on) using your 24"mSz 8 needle. Work back in forth in K1 P1 ribbing for 5 rows.

{Start working your Stockinette Stitch with garter border and place markers using **Sz 7** needles on 6<sup>th</sup> row. }

**Place stitch markers:** (RS row)P3,k 12, PM, K 10 (arm), PM, k 31 (back), PM, k 10 (arm), PM, K 12, P 3

Ws row: K3 Purl across (sliding markers) until last 3 stitches, K3

**Start Increases:**

Row 1: P3, k12, \*yo, sm, k1, yo, k to next marker..... Repeat this increase at each marker. Purl last 3 stitches.

Row 2: K3, \*Purl, repeat from \*until last three stitches then, K3

**Keep repeating these two increase rows** until the smaller sections (raglan section for your arm) reach.... Sm (58 stitches) Med. (62stitches) Lg. (66 stitches) XL (70)

**Try on!** Slip waste yarn through your stitches... Make sure to separate the raglan arms with their own waste yarns (tip: make sure your waste yarn is the size of your upper arm or larger to ensure fitting)

**Does it fit?** Remember you will do a K1 P1 in a larger needle to finish up the trim so it will have a little more room.....

If you are happy with the fit go ahead and keep the arm stitches in their separate waste yarns and return the front and back to the Sz 8 needle to begin the “K1 P1 Trim ribbing”. (joining the front and back at the sides)

K1 P1 for 4 Rows and Bind off on your 5<sup>th</sup> row keeping in pattern! Please Bind off Loosely!

Return the arm stitches to your Sz 8 Double pointed Needles to prepare for the Trim Ribbing. You will be working back and forth. Place them on your double pointed needles with the half split facing out instead of underneath your underarm (like it is now). Work back and forth in K1P1 ribbing for 4 rows then bind off on your 5<sup>th</sup> row in pattern. VERY LOOSELY!

Sew your frog closures on! Follow the directions on the packaging.



Lightly block

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