

Pima Silk Spring Cardigan
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SIZES

XS (S, M, L, 1X, 2X, 3X)

FINISHED CIRCUMFERENCE

34 (36, 38, 40, 43, 47, 50.5)" chest

Yarn

Cascade Pima Silk (85% Pima Cotton/15% Silk; 109yds/50g):
8 (8, 10, 11, 12, 13) skeins; Color 5225

GAUGE

5 sts and 6 rows per 1" on larger needles

NOTIONS

One 30" or longer circ needle size US 7 (4.5mm)
One set double point needles size US 7 (4.5mm) (for working in rnd; optional)
One 30" or longer circ needle size US 5 (3.75mm)
One set double point needles size US 5 (3.75mm) (for working in rnd; optional)
Adjust needles size, if necessary to obtain gauge
Stitch markers
Waste yarn
3 - 4 5/8 to 1" buttons
Yarn needle

YOKE

Using circ needle, CO 40 (40, 42, 40, 42, 44, 48) sts, in the following order:

CO 1, pm [FRONT];
CO 6 (6, 6, 4, 4, 4, 4), pm [SLEEVE];
CO 26 (26, 28, 30, 32, 34, 38) pm [BACK];
CO 6 (6, 6, 4, 4, 4, 4), pm [SLEEVE];
CO 1 [FRONT].

Note: Raglan and Front Shaping are worked simultaneously, beginning on the 5th row of Raglan Shaping. Read entire section through before beginning.

Shape Raglan: Row 1 (RS): Kfb, sm, kfb, [work to 1 st before next marker, kfb, sm, kfb] 2 times. Work to 1 st before last marker, kfb, sm, kfb.

Row 2: Purl.

Row 3 (RS): [Work to 1 st before next marker, kfb, sm, kfb] 4 times, work to end.

Row 4: Purl.

Work rows 3 and 4 of the Shape Raglan increases a total of 20 (22, 24, 24, 26, 28, 28) times.

Front Shaping: AT THE SAME TIME, beginning on 5th row of Raglan Shaping, and continuing Raglan Shaping as established, increase 1 st at beg and end of this row, then at the beg and end of every 4th row a total of 7 (7, 5, 6, 6, 6, 7) more times, as follows: Kfb into the first and last stitch on the needles. Work 1 WS row. Next row (RS): Cont shaping Front. Using Backward loop method, CO 2 (2, 5, 5, 6, 7) sts, work in pattern, cont with Raglan incs, to end, CO 2 (2, 5, 5, 6, 7) sts. Work 1 WS Row. Next row, using Backward loop method, CO, 2 (2, 2, 2, 3, 3, 3) sts, cont with Raglan incs to end, CO, 2 (2, 2, 2, 3, 3, 3) sts.

Continue Raglan Incs as set until a total of 20 (22, 24, 24, 26, 28, 28) raglan incs are complete. 33 (35, 38, 39, 42, 45, 47) sts in each Front. 46 (50, 54, 52, 56, 60, 60) sts in each sleeve. 66 (70, 76, 78, 84, 90, 94) sts in Back.

Divide Body and Sleeves: On next RS row, work Front sts to first marker, rem marker, place Sleeve sts on scrap yarn, CO 7 (7, 8, 9, 10, 12, 14) sts, pm, CO 7 (7, 8, 9, 10, 12, 14) sts, rem marker, work across Back to next marker, place Sleeve sts on scrap yarn, CO 7 (7, 8, 9, 10, 12, 14) sts, pm, CO 7 (7, 8, 9, 10, 12, 14) sts, rem marker, work to end. 160 (168, 184, 192, 208, 228, 244) sts.

Work 7 rows. Next row (RS), and on every 8th row, twice, begin **Waist shaping:** Work across left Front to 3 sts before marker, ssk, k1, sm, k1, k2tog. Work to 3 sts before next marker, ssk, k1, sm, k1, k2tog. 148 (156, 172, 180, 196, 216, 232) sts. Work 7 Rows. Next row, change to smaller needles and work k1, p1 ribbing for 10 rounds.

Next RS row, change to larger needles and beg St st and work 7 rows. Next row (RS) and every 8th row an additional two times, work to 1 st before marker, m1, k1, sm, k1, m1, work to 1 st before next marker, m1, k1, sm, k1, m1, work to end. 160 (168, 184, 192, 208, 228, 244) sts.

Continue working even until the piece measured from CO edge to needles is 22 (23, 23, 23, 23, 23, 23)" or approximately 1.5" less than desired length. Change to 1x1 rib for 8. BO in pattern.

SLEEVES

Place sleeve sts on circular needle(s) or dpns. Attach yarn and work to end, p/u&k 7 (7, 8, 9, 10, 12, 14) sts to center underarm, pm for beg of rnd, p/u&k 7 (7, 8, 9, 10, 12, 14) sts. 60 (64, 70, 70, 76, 84, 88) sts. Work 5 rnds.

Sleeve Shaping: Decrease 2 sts this rnd, then every 6th rnd 3 more times, as follows: K1, k2tog, work to 3 sts before marker, ssk, k1. 52 (56, 62, 62, 68, 76, 80) sts. Change to smaller needles and work 6 rnds 1x1 rib. **Sleeve**

Shaping: Change to larger needles. Increase 2 sts this rnd, then every 4th rnd 2 times, as follows: k1, m1, work to 1 st before end, m1, k1. Work 4 rnds even. 58 (62, 68, 68, 74, 82, 86) sts. With larger needles, work 1x1 rib for 6 rnds. BO in pattern.

FINISHING

Neckline: With RS facing and smaller needles, evenly p/u&k an odd number of sts along right front, the cast on edge of shoulder, back, and shoulder, and along the left front. Beginning with a purl st, work 1x1 ribbing to end. Turn, keeping 1x1 ribbing as set, for eight rows. BO loosely.

Buttonhole band (left front): With RS facing and smaller needles, p/u&k an odd number of sts along entire left front edge, including neck edge. Beg with a purl st, work 1x1 ribbing for eight rows. BO loosely.

Button Band (right front): Lay garment down and mark placement of three or four buttons beginning at neck edge and ending above waist ribbing. With RS facing and smaller needles, p/u&k an odd number of sts along entire right front edge. Beginning with a p st, work 1x1 rib for two rows. Next row (WS), work in pattern to placement of buttonhole, work two-row buttonhole (see glossary), continue in pattern to next buttonhole, work two-row buttonhole. Continue as set for each buttonhole. Work five rows in pattern. BO loosely.

Weave in ends. Block as desired. Sew buttons on left side.

Two-Row Buttonhole: Work to desired buttonhole placement, BO two sts. Continue in pattern. On next row, using backward loop method, CO two sts above BO sts. Work new sts in pattern as set.