

"Star" Cardigan from Charm Book 8



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MATERIALS: 10 ounces "Fig-leaf" Super-Botany 4-ply Fingering wool in light blue, $\frac{1}{4}$ ounce each of the same wool in navy and white; a pair each of Nos. 10 and 12 needles; 10 buttons.

MEASUREMENTS: Length from shoulder to lower edge, 19 ins; width at underarm, $35\frac{1}{2}$ ins; sleeve seam, $18\frac{1}{2}$ ins.

TENSION: $7\frac{1}{2}$ sts. and 9 rows to 1 inch.

ABBREVIATIONS: See below.

ABBREVIATIONS USED THROUGHOUT THIS BOOK

K., knit; P., purl; inc., increase; dec., decrease; tog., together; sts., stitches; beg., beginning; patt., pattern; wl., wool; ins., inches; rem., remain; wl. fwd., wool forward; r.s.l., right side facing; rep., repeat; cont., continue; st-st., stocking stitch (right side K. wrong side P.); g-st., garter stitch (every row K.); d.c., double crochet; moss st., moss stitch (K. 1. P. 1 every row on an uneven number of stitches); w.r.n., wool round needle; t.b.s., through back of stitches.

THE BACK: With the No. 12 needles and light blue wool cast on 110 sts. and work in K. 1, P. 1 rib for 3 ins. Change to No. 10 needles and stocking st. (right side K, wrong side P.), inc. 1 st. at both ends of every 6th row until there are 130 sts. on the needle. Cont., without shaping, until the work measures 12 ins. from the cast on edge, ending after a P. row.

SHAPE ARMHOLES: Cast off 7 sts. at the beg. of the next 2 rows, then dec. 1 st. at both ends of every alt. row until 94 sts. remain. Cont., without shaping, until the armhole measures 7 ins. Shape shoulders by casting off 10 sts. at the beg. of the next 6 rows. Cast off remainder.

THE LEFT FRONT: With the No. 12 needles and light blue wool, cast on 58 sts. and work in K. 1, P. 1 rib for 3 ins. Change to No. 10 needles and cont. in st-st. (but keep 10 sts. at the front edge in K. 1, P. 1 rib throughout as a border). Inc. 1 st. at the side edge every 6th row until there are 68 sts. on the needle. Cont., without shaping, until the front measures the same as the back to the armhole, ending after a P. row.

SHAPE ARMHOLE: Cast off 7 sts. at the beg. of the next row, then dec. 1 st. at this same edge every alternate row until 53 sts. remain. Now commence the Fair Isle pattern.

Each square represents one st., and the pattern is worked

throughout in st-st. The first 6 rows will read as follows:—

1st row (right side facing)—K: * 1 light blue, 1 navy, 2 light blue. Rep. from *, ending 1 light blue instead of 2. Now slip the 10 border sts. on to a safety pin.

2nd row—P: * 3 navy, 1 light blue. Rep. from *, ending 3 navy.

Break off light blue wool and join on white.

3rd row—K. in white.

4th row—P. in white.

5th row—K: 7 white, 1 navy, 1 white, 1 navy, 6 white, 1 navy, 9 white, 1 navy, 6 white, 1 navy, 1 white, 1 navy, 7 white.

6th row—P: 8 white, 1 navy, 7 white, 2 navy, 7 white, 2 navy, 7 white, 1 navy, 8 white.

Cont. in this way until the 29 rows of the chart have been completed.

Break off navy and white wool and cont. in light blue only.

SHAPE NECK: Dec. 1 st. at the neck edge every row until 30 sts. remain. Cont. straight until the armhole measures the same as the back. Shape shoulder by casting off 10 sts. at the arm edge every alternate row 3 times.

Rejoin wool to 10 border sts. left on safety pin and work in K. 1, P. 1 rib until the border reaches to the commencement of the neck shaping. Leave these 10 sts. on a safety pin.

RIGHT FRONT: Work as given for the Left Front, with all shap-

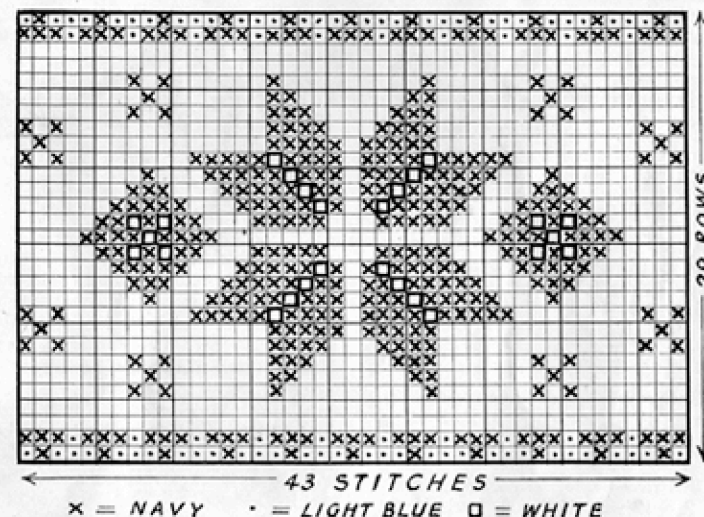
ings at the opposite end of the needle. Make a buttonhole in the 5th row and every following 16th row (9 in all) thus:—

Rib 3 sts., cast off 3 sts., work to end of row. In the following row cast on 3 sts. to replace those cast off.

NECK BAND: Sew up the shoulder seams. With the No. 12 needles and right side of work

on 56 sts. and work $3\frac{1}{2}$ ins. in K. 1, P. 1 rib. Change to No. 10 needles and cont. in st-st., inc. 1 st. at both ends of every 6th row until there are 80 sts. on the needle, then inc. every 10th row until there are 96 sts. Work, without shaping, until the sleeve measures $18\frac{1}{2}$ ins. (or length required).

SHAPE TOP: Cast off 3 sts. at the beg. of the next 2 rows, then



facing, work in rib across the 10 border sts. left on safety pin, then pick up and K. 94 sts. around the neck (spacing the sts. evenly), then work in rib over the remaining 10 border sts. Work 3 rows in K. 1, P. 1 rib. Make a buttonhole as before at the beg. of the 4th row. Work 3 more rows in rib. Cast off loosely in rib.

THE SLEEVES: With the No. 12 needles and light blue wool cast

dec. 1 st. at the beg. of every row until 30 sts. remain. Cast off.

TO MAKE UP

Press the work with a hot iron over a damp cloth. Sew the front borders into place at the sides of the Fair Isle pattern. Sew sleeves into armholes, gathering the extra fullness at the top of the sleeve. Sew up side and sleeve seams. Press all seams. Sew on buttons to correspond with buttonholes.