

■ Hoot Cardigan ■

Sizes: Newborn, (3 months, 6 months, 9 months, 12 months)

Yarn: Malabrigo Merino Worsted in Rich Chocolate. 1 skein (1,2,2,2)

Substitute Yarns: Malabrigo Rios, Cascade 220, Spud and Chloe Sweater, Lorna's Laces Shepherd Worsted

Gauge: 18 stitches & 26 rows in 4"

Notions: US Size 7, 24" circular or straight. US size 7 double point needles (sleeves). Darning needle and 5 buttons (5/8 size). Scrap yarn.

Skill: Beginner to Intermediate. Must know how to do cables, yarn overs and knit two stitches together. I wrote the pattern assuming that the Knitter knows how to keep track of button hole rows and the owl cable pattern without writing row by row out.



Notes: Hoot Cardigan is knit from the top down. Button holes are worked every 12 rows. First 3 stitches and last 3 stitches of each row make up the garter stitch button band. For raglan increases, you will be knitting into the front and back of each stitch before the marker and after the marker. The body of the cardigan is knit in stockinette stitch, minus the owl cable pattern and button bands of course. If you have any questions, please contact me at beknitpicky@gmail.com

I-Cord Cast On:

Cast on 3 stitches. Slip these 3 stitches from your right hand needle to your left hand needle. Kf&b of the 1st stitch. creating 2 stitches, then knit the next 2 stitches. You now have 4 stitches on your right hand needle. *Slip the first 3 stitches from your right hand needle to your left hand needle. Kf&b of the first stitch on your left hand needle and then knit the next two stitches. Repeat from star until you have the required number of stitches PLUS two extra. Slip the 1st 3 sts on the right hand needle to the left hand needle. K2tog, K1. I-cord cast on complete!

Abbreviations:

Kf&b - knit in to the front and back of stitch. Creates two stitches.

K2tog - knit two stitches together

WS - wrong side

RS - right side

PM - place stitch marker

SM - slip marker

C4F - Slip 2 stitches onto cable needle, hold in front, knit next 2 stitches from left hand needle, knit 2 stitches on cable needle.

C4B - Slip 2 stitches onto cable needle, hold in back, knit next 2 stitches from left hand needle, knit 2 stitches on cable needle.

Owl Cable Pattern:

Round 1 (RS): P1, K8, P1
Round 2 (WS): K1, P8, K1
Round 3 (RS): P1, C4F, C4B, P1
Round 4 (WS): K1, P8, K1
Round 5 (RS): P1, K8, P1
Round 6 (WS): K1, P1, K2, P2, K2, P1, K1
Round 7 (RS): P1, K1, P2, K2, P2, K1, P1
Round 8 (WS): K1, P8, K1
Round 9 (RS): P1, C4F, C4B, P1
Round 10-16: K the knit stitches, P the purl stitches.
Round 17 (RS): P1, C4F, C4B, P1
Round 18 (WS): K1, P8, K1
Round 19 (RS): P1, K8, P1
Round 20 (WS): Knit
Optional (to add more rows in between repeats)
Round 21 (RS): Knit
Round 22 (WS): Knit



BEGIN

I-cord cast on 58 stitches (remember to fully complete the i-cord cast on, you will have 58 stitches AFTER i-cord cast on is complete).

(WS) Row 1: K3, P9, PM, P7, PM, P20, PM, P7, PM, P9, K3

(RS) Row 2: K1, YO, K2tog (button hole), knit to 1 stitch before marker, kf&b, SM, Kf&b, knit to 1 stitch before marker, Kf&b, SM, Kf&b, knit to 1 stitch before marker, Kf&b, SM, Kf&b, Knit to end.

****Note:** You will be making a button hole every 12 rows on a RS row.

(WS) Row 3: K3, purl to last 3 stitches, K3.

(RS) Row 4: K3, (Begin owl cable pattern) P1, K8, Kf&b, SM, Kf&b, knit to 1 stitch before next marker, kf&b, SM, Kf&b, knit to 1 stitch before next marker, kf&b, SM, kf&b, knit to 1 stitch before next marker, kf&b, SM, kf&b, K8, P1, K3.

(WS) Row 5: K3, purl to last 3 stitches, K3.

(RS) Row 6: K3, cont. with owl cable pattern, (*knit to 1 stitch before marker, kf&b, SM, Kf&b), repeat from star 3 times more, Knit to last 13 stitches, cont. with owl cable pattern, K3.

(WS) Row 7: K3, purl to last 3 stitches, K3.

Repeat rows 6 & 7 until you have the following number of stitches between the 2nd and 3rd marker or back:

Newborn: 40

3 Months: 46

6 Months: 50

9 months: 54

12 months: 58

On the next RS row: K3, cont. in owl cable pattern, K to 1 stitch before marker, Kf&b, remove marker and place the sleeve stitches on scrap yarn, cast on 3 (3,3,4,5) stitches (I use the backwards loop cast on), remove next marker, Kf&b, K to one stitch before next marker, Kf&b, remove marker and place sleeve stitches on scrap yarn, remove next marker, Kf&b, cont. owl cable pattern, K last 3 stitches.

BODY

WS: K3, cont owl cable pattern, Purl all stitches until 13 stitches left, cont. owl cable pattern, K3.

Continue working in stockinette stitch, following cable pattern and keeping track of button hole rows until piece measures 3.0"(4.0",5.0", 6.0", 7.0").

*Note, for the newborn size, you will complete two repeats of the owl cable pattern with 4 rows of garter stitch in between owl cable repeats. In order to not end half way through an owl cable, add more garter stitch rows in between each owl cable pattern repeats. Using your gauge, measure your completed owl cable pattern (mine measures 2.5" with the gauge indicated) and adjust garter stitches in between cable repeats accordingly.

End on a WS.

Work 6 rows in garter stitch or 1". Make sure to continue with button hole row counting. BO all stitches.

SLEEVES

Work both sleeves the same. Using your method of choice (double pointed needles or magic loop), pick up all stitches on scrap yarn and 5 (5,5,7,7) stitches under arm. Work in the round (stockinette stitch) until 0.5" of desired arm length. Work in garter stitch for 3 rows. BO all stitches.

FINISHING

Block!! This will open up the owl cable patterns. Lay flat to dry. Sew on buttons. Using scrap yarn, you may want to add eyes as I did in the picture shown.

