

SPROUT CARDIGAN

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SPROUT

Organic Cotton

Sprout is a cushy organic yarn with a slightly nubby texture. This yarn stays lofty, unlike many worsted-plus weight cotton yarns that tend to be heavy and dense once knit. Sprout is available in a bright-and-lively palette and it's machine washable. Add to this the wonderful soft texture, strength, and the light yet quick-to-knit gauge and it is easy to see why Sprout makes a great choice.

SKILL LEVEL

Intermediate

SIZES

S (M, L/XL)

Shown in size M.

FINISHED MEASUREMENTS

To fit bust: 32-36 (36-42, 42-48)"

YARN

Sprout by **Classic Elite, Verde Collection**

(100% organic cotton;
100 g = approx 109 yards)
5 (6, 7) hanks 4370 Grass

NEEDLES

Circular knitting needle (32" or longer)
in size US 9 (5.5 mm) **or size to obtain gauge.**

OTHER MATERIALS

Removable stitch markers
Stitch holders or waste yarn

GAUGE

14 sts and 26 rows = 4" in Gtr st; 14 sts
and 18 rows = 4" in St st. **Take time to save time, check your gauge.**

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ABBREVIATIONS

approx: approximately
BO: bind off
CO: cast on
dec('d): decrease(d)
EOR: every other row
k: knit
k2tog: knit 2 sts together (1 st dec'd)
LH: left hand
meas: measure(s)
p: purl
pc(s): piece(s)
rem: remain(ing)
rep: repeat
RH: right hand
RS: right side
ssk: (slip, slip, knit) slip 2 sts, 1 at a time, knitwise to the RH needle; insert tip of LH needle into the fronts of the two slipped sts and use RH needle to knit them together (1 st dec'd)
st(s): stitch(es)
WS: wrong side

PATTERN STITCHES

Garter Stitch (Gtr st): Knit all sts, every row.

Stockinette Stitch (St st): Knit on RS, purl on WS.

NOTE

Circular needle is used to accommodate large number of sts; work back and forth in rows.

LEFT FRONT

CO 88 (96, 104) sts. Do NOT join; work back and forth in rows. Work in Gtr st until pc meas 7 (8, 9)" ending after a RS row. (**Note:** RS and WS look the same, place removable marker into fabric to mark RS.)

Next row (WS): K14 and slip these sts to st holder or waste yarn, knit to end – 74 (82, 90) sts rem.

Next row (RS): Knit until 3 sts rem, slip these 3 sts to same holder or waste yarn as other sts, turn.

Next row (WS): Knit.

Rep the last 2 rows 11 (13, 15) more times – 38 (40, 42) sts rem.

BO 38 (40, 42) sts – 50 (56, 62) sts on st holder or waste yarn.

RIGHT FRONT

CO 88 (96, 104) sts. Do NOT join; work back and forth in rows. Work in Gtr St until pc meas 7 (8, 9)" ending after a RS row. (**Note:** RS and WS look the same, place removable marker into fabric to mark RS.)

Next row (WS): Knit to last 14 sts, slip last 14 sts to st holder or waste yarn, turn – 74 (82, 90) sts rem.

Next row (RS): Knit.

Next row (WS): Knit until 3 sts rem, slip these 3 sts to same st holder or waste yarn as other sts, turn.

Rep the last 2 rows 11 (13, 15) more times – 38 (40, 42) sts rem.

BO 38 (40, 42) sts – 50 (56, 62) sts on st holder or waste yarn.

Join collar: Sew the short selvedge edge of each front together so seam is on the RS of front and WS of collar when collar is folded back.

BACK AND SLEEVES

With RS facing, knit 50 (56, 62) held sts from right front then 50 (56, 62) held sts from left front – 100 (112, 124) sts.

Purl 1 WS row.

Shape sleeves:

***Dec row (RS):** K2, ssk, knit to last 4 sts, k2tog, k2 – 2 sts dec'd.

Next row (WS): K2, purl until 2 sts rem, k2.

Rep last 2 rows 4 (4, 5) more times – 90 (102, 112) sts.

Work 2 rows even in St st, maintaining 2 edge sts at each side in Gtr st.

Rep from * 3 (3, 2) more times – 60 (72, 88) sts.

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Size L/XL only:

[Work dec row, work 3 rows even] 4 times – 80 sts.

ALL SIZES

Work dec row EOR 2 (5, 5) times – 56 (62, 70) sts rem.

Place removable marker into fabric at each edge.

Work even in St st for $9\frac{3}{4}$ ($10\frac{1}{2}$, 11)" from marker, ending after a RS row.
Work in 6 rows in Gtr st, ending after a RS row. BO all sts knitwise on WS row.

FINISHING

Block pc to measurements.

Sew bound off edge of each front to side of back between marker to edge.

