

## Malibu Cardigan DK Edition



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## Pattern Introduction

The Malibu Cardigan is a top-down seamless cardigan knitted in DK weight yarn. First, you will knit the back panel until you reach the length of the underarm when you'll put these stitches on hold. You'll then pick up stitches for the front panels and knit these to the same length. You'll then join these panels in the round, whilst adding some additional underarm stitches and knit to your desired length. You'll then pick up stitches for the arms which are knit with gradual tapered decreases. Finally, you'll pick up stitches along the front panels and neck and knit the front collar band in 1x1 rib. The cardigan is designed to be worn open and therefore, buttons are an optional extra. If you have any questions regarding the pattern, please contact [abbieknits@gmail.com](mailto:abbieknits@gmail.com).

## Techniques used

Knit and purl (stockinette stitch and 1x1 ribbing)

Casting on

Casting off

Picking up stitches

Knitting 2 stitches together and slip, slip knit decreases

Short rows (use the method of your choosing)

## Notions

4.5 mm circular needles on a 60 cm, 80 cm and 100 cm length cord

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Darning needle

Waste yarn or stitch holder to hold stitches

Stitch marker

## Recommended Yarn

Blacker Swan DK from Blacker Yarns; 110 m per 50 g

The colours used in the sample are Dusty Miller, Lavender, Sundew and Sea Foam

## Gauge

18 stitches x 29 rows = 10 cm x 10 cm in stockinette stitch on 4.5 mm needles knitted flat.

## Size

Sizes are shown in the pattern as follows:

XS, (**S**), M, (**L**), XL, (**2XL**), 3XL, (**4XL**), 5XL

The pattern is written with 20 cm of intended positive ease. The sizes stated are the final cardigan measurements. Therefore, to choose your size, add 20 cm to your chest measurement and choose the size closest to this value. Please refer to the schematic below and the size chart of page 4. If you want a tighter fitting cardigan, opt for a smaller size. You can adjust the cardigan and arm length by simply knitting more or fewer rows. The sizes are based on Craft Yarn Council measurements.

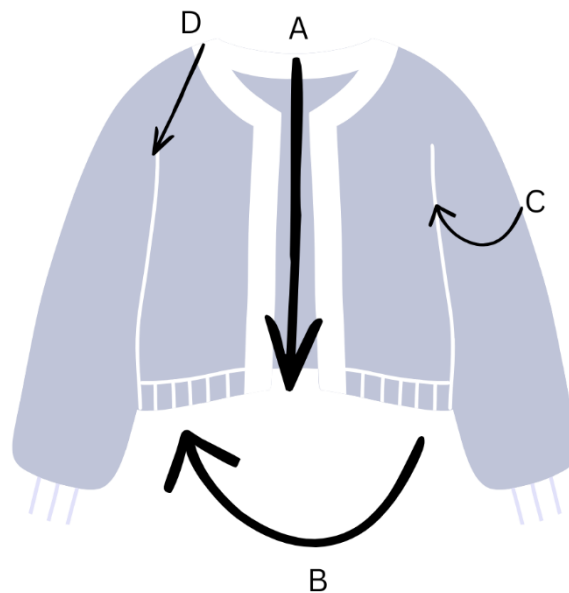


Table 1. Finished garment measurements for each size detailed in the pattern. All measurements are stated in cm in **bold** and inches in (brackets). Inches have been rounded to the nearest inch.

|                                    | <b>XS</b>       | <b>S</b>        | <b>M</b>        | <b>L</b>        | <b>XL</b>       | <b>2XL</b>      | <b>3XL</b>      | <b>4XL</b>      | <b>5XL</b>      |
|------------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| <b>Length (A)</b>                  | <b>57</b> (22)  | <b>57</b> (22)  | <b>57</b> (22)  | <b>57</b> (22)  | <b>57</b> (22)  | <b>57</b> (22)  | <b>57</b> (22)  | <b>57</b> (22)  | <b>57</b> (22)  |
| <b>Chest circumference (B)</b>     | <b>95</b> (37)  | <b>105</b> (41) | <b>115</b> (45) | <b>125</b> (49) | <b>135</b> (53) | <b>145</b> (57) | <b>155</b> (61) | <b>165</b> (65) | <b>175</b> (69) |
| <b>Upper arm circumference (C)</b> | <b>36</b> (14)  | <b>38</b> (15)  | <b>40</b> (16)  | <b>43</b> (17)  | <b>46</b> (18)  | <b>48</b> (19)  | <b>51</b> (20)  | <b>55</b> (22)  | <b>55</b> (22)  |
| <b>Arm hole depth (D)</b>          | <b>17.5</b> (7) | <b>18.5</b> (7) | <b>19.5</b> (8) | <b>21</b> (8)   | <b>22.5</b> (9) | <b>23.5</b> (9) | <b>25</b> (10)  | <b>27</b> (11)  | <b>27</b> (11)  |

**Yarn required** (110 m per 50 g; heavy DK weight yarn)

Please note a buffer of approximately 10 % has been included to prevent you running out of yarn. Where the total meterage for each of the colours may not add to the total, this is due to rounding.

Colour 1 is used for the front ribbing.

| <b>Size</b> | <b>Total (m)</b> | <b>Colour 1 (m)</b> | <b>Colour 2 (m)</b> | <b>Colour 3 (m)</b> | <b>Colour 4 (m)</b> |
|-------------|------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| <b>XS</b>   | 855              | 255                 | 200                 | 200                 | 200                 |
| <b>S</b>    | 945              | 278                 | 223                 | 223                 | 221                 |
| <b>M</b>    | 1025             | 298                 | 243                 | 243                 | 241                 |
| <b>L</b>    | 1105             | 318                 | 263                 | 263                 | 261                 |
| <b>XL</b>   | 1205             | 343                 | 288                 | 288                 | 286                 |
| <b>2XL</b>  | 1305             | 368                 | 313                 | 313                 | 311                 |
| <b>3XL</b>  | 1385             | 388                 | 333                 | 333                 | 331                 |
| <b>4XL</b>  | 1505             | 418                 | 363                 | 363                 | 361                 |
| <b>5XL</b>  | 1585             | 438                 | 383                 | 383                 | 381                 |

## Pattern

**NOTE:** The Malibu Cardigan is knitted in stripes, changing colour every 7 rows. The colours shown are in the following order:

**Colour 1:** Dusty Miller

**Colour 2:** Sea Foam

**Colour 3:** Sundew

**Colour 4:** Lavender

At the end of every 7<sup>th</sup> row, cut your yarn leaving a short tail. The tail should be long enough to weave in the ends but keeping it short ensures you will have sufficient yarn. The cut yarn tail should be no longer than 5 cm.

### Back panel

Using 4.5 mm needles on either a 60 cm or 80 cm cord, and a cast-on method of your choice, cast on 79, **(88)**, 97, **(104)**, 113, **(122)**, 129, **(138)**, 147 stitches in colour

1. Knit 2 rows in stockinette stitch starting with a right-side row.

You will now knit some short rows to add shaping to the back panel. You can use whichever method you prefer but I recommend the German Short Rows method. At the point where you need to work a short row, the pattern states *SR*. These short rows are distributed across the first couple of stripes to avoid the first stripe being very thick.

#### Short row 1

Knit until you have 10, **(10)**, 12, **(12)**, 14, **(14)**, 16, **(16)**, 18 stitches remaining. *SR* turn. Purl until you have 10, **(10)**, 12, **(12)**, 14, **(14)**, 16, **(16)**, 18 stitches remaining. *SR* turn. Knit until the end of the row.

Knit a further 3 rows in stockinette stitch. Switch to colour 2. Purl 1 row.

#### Short row 2

Knit until you have 18, **(18)**, 20, **(20)**, 22, **(22)**, 24, **(24)**, 26 stitches remaining. *SR* turn. Purl until you have 18, **(18)**, 20, **(20)**, 22, **(22)**, 24, **(24)**, 26 stitches remaining. *SR* turn. Knit until the end of the row.

Knit 3 rows in stockinette stitch starting with a purl row. Switch to colour 3. Knit 2 rows in stockinette stitch.

### **Short row 3**

Knit until you have 24, (**24**), 26, (**26**), 28, (**28**), 30, (**30**), 32 stitches remaining. *SR* turn. Purl until you have 24, (**24**), 26, (**26**), 28, (**28**), 30, (**30**), 32 stitches remaining. *SR* turn. Knit until the end of the row. Knit 4 rows in stockinette stitch starting with a purl row. Switch to colour 4.

For sizes XL, (**2XL**), 3XL, (**4XL**) and 5XL only

Purl 1 row.

### **Short row 4**

On the next row, knit until you have 32, (**32**), 34, (**34**), 36 stitches remaining. *SR* turn. Purl until you have 32, (**32**), 34, (**34**), 36 stitches remaining. *SR* turn. Knit until the end of the row. Purl 1 row.

### **All sizes**

Knit a further 27, (**29**), 31, (**35**), 36, (**40**), 44, (**48**), 50 rows in stockinette stitch whilst maintaining the 7-row stripe colour change. Cut your working yarn and place these stitches on hold.

### **Front left panel**

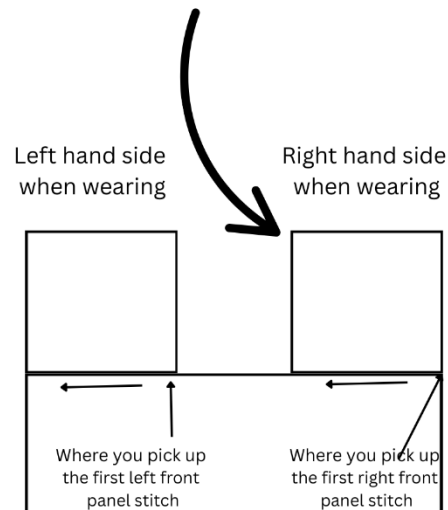
Using 4.5 mm needles, pick up 33, (**37**), 42, (**45**), 50, (**54**), 58, (**62**), 67 stitches in colour 1. The first stitch you pick up should be from the edge of the knitting (see diagram below). Purl 1 row.

Knit a further 46, (**48**), 50, (**54**), 58, (**62**), 66, (**70**), 72 rows in stockinette stitch, paying attention to the 7-row colour change. You will now have the same number of rows as the back panel. Put these stitches on hold.

### **Front right panel**

Using 4.5 mm needles, pick up 33, (**37**), 42, (**45**), 50, (**54**), 58, (**62**), 67 stitches. The first stitch you pick up should be towards the center of your knitting and you will pick up stitches moving towards the edge of the shoulder (see diagram below). Purl 1 row.

Knit a further 46, **(48)**, 50, **(54)**, 58, **(62)**, 66, **(70)**, 72 rows in stockinette stitch, paying attention to the 7-row colour change. You will now have the same number of rows as the back panel. Place all of your stitches onto the same needles and cord ensuring to not twist the panels. It is recommended that you switch to a 100 cm cord at this stage.



## Knitting the body

You will now start knitting at the end of the front right panel on the wrong side (i.e., your first row will be a purl stitch). Ensure to choose the appropriate colour to maintain the 7-row colour change.

Purl the stitches of the right front panel. Cast on 6, **(6)**, 6, **(8)**, 8, **(8)**, 10, **(10)**, 10 stitches using the backward loop cast-on method. Purl the stitches for the back panel. Cast on 6, **(6)**, 6, **(8)**, 8, **(8)**, 10, **(10)**, 10 stitches using the backward loop cast-on method. Purl the stitches for the left front panel.

You will now have 156, **(174)**, 192, **(210)**, 228, **(246)**, 264, **(282)**, 300 stitches on your needles.

You will now knit a further 120, **(118)**, 116, **(112)**, 108, **(104)**, 100, **(96)**, 94 rows in stockinette stitch.

Switch to 4 mm needles and the next colour. This will be a different colour than shown in the sample photos for some of the sizes.

Knit 1 row.

Knit 7, (**7**), 7, (**7**), 7, (**7**), 7, (**7**), 7 rows in 1 x 1 rib. At the beginning of every 1x1 rib row, row, knit 2 stitches (or if on the wrong side, purl 2 stitches) before starting the 1 x 1 rib stitch. When you have 2 stitches remaining, knit these 2 stitches (or if on the wrong side, purl 2 stitches).

Cast-off using a method of your choice (preferably something with a little stretch).

### **Arms (repeat for both)**

You will now pick up every 5 out of 7 stitches along the arm holes and knit the arms with tapered decreases.

With 4.5 mm circular needles on a 60 cm cord and colour 1, pick up the central stitch you cast on for the underarms. This will be stitch 4, (**4**), 4, (**5**), 5, (**5**), 6, (**6**), 6. Pick up the stitches you cast on for the underarms. Once you reach the body panel, you will pick up 2 stitches, skip 1 stitch, pick up 3 stitches, skip 1 stitch and repeat this until you get to the stitches you cast on for the underarms. If you are knitting a size which is not (**L**), you will have some stitches remaining. The instructions for picking up these stitches are given below.

**Size XS:** You will have 5 stitches remaining. Knit 1 stitch, skip 1 stitch, knit 1 stitch, skip 1 stitch, knit 1 stitch.

**Size (S):** You will have 2 stitches remaining. Knit these stitches.

**Size M:** You will have 6 stitches remaining. Knit 1 stitch, skip 1 stitch, knit 1 stitch, skip 1 stitch, knit 2 stitches.

**Size XL:** You will have 1 stitch remaining. Knit this stitch.

**Size (2XL):** You will have 2 stitches remaining. Knit these stitches.

**Size 3XL:** You will have 3 stitches remaining. Knit 1 stitch, skip 1 stitch, knit 1 stitch.

**Size (4XL):** You will have 4 stitches remaining. Knit 1 stitch, skip 1 stitch, knit 1 stitch, skip 1 stitch.

**Size 5XL:** You will have 1 stitch remaining. Knit this stitch.

Pick up until the remaining under arm stitches. Place a stitch marker to indicate the beginning of the round. At this point, you should have 74, (**78**), 80, (**88**), 94, (**100**), 107, (**112**), 116 stitches on your needles.

You will knit a total of 119, (119), 119, (**126**), 119, (**119**), 112, (**112**), 105 rows in stockinette stitch paying attention to the following decreases and to the 7-row colour change. Once you have knit these decreases, work the remaining rounds in stockinette stitch. Note: If you want to shorten or lengthen your sleeves, simply knit fewer or more rows. If you are doing this for the larger sizes, you may need to work additional increases on some of the rows to ensure you have the specified number of stitches for the ribbed cuffs.

**Jog-less stripes** – To create a seamless transition between each colour, you can use jog-less stripes. To do this, knit 1 row in the new colour. At the beginning of row 2, slip the first stitch rather than knitting it. Continue as normal.

**Size XS:** Starting on row 3, you will decrease every 7<sup>th</sup> row (this will give you 1 decrease round per colour). Therefore, on row 3, knit 1 stitch, knit 2 stitches together. Knit until you have 3 stitches remaining. Slip 1 stitch, slip 1 stitch, knit these 2 stitches together. Knit 1 stitch. Repeat this a total of 13 times to make a total of 26 decreases. You will have knit 91 rows at this point.

**Size (S) and M:** Starting on row 3, you will decrease every 7<sup>th</sup> row (this will give you 1 decrease round per colour). Therefore, on row 3, knit 1 stitch, knit 2 stitches together. Knit until you have 3 stitches remaining. Slip 1 stitch, slip 1 stitch, knit these 2 stitches together. Knit 1 stitch. Repeat this a total of 14 times to make a total of 28 decreases. You will have knit 98 rows at this point.

**Size (L):** Starting on row 3, you will decrease every 7<sup>th</sup> row (this will give you 1 decrease round per colour). Therefore, on row 3, knit 1 stitch, knit 2 stitches together. Knit until you have 3 stitches remaining. Slip 1 stitch, slip 1 stitch, knit these 2 stitches together. Knit 1 stitch. Repeat this a total of 17 times to make a total of 34 decreases. You will have knit 119 rows at this point.

**Size XL:** You will work decreases at 2 different rates. On rows 3 and 6 of the first repeat of colours 1, 2 and 3, knit 1 stitch, knit 2 stitches together. Knit until you have 3 stitches remaining. Slip 1 stitch, slip 1 stitch, knit these 2 stitches together. Knit 1 stitch. Knit 1 row and change to colour 4. \*On row 3 of every 7-row colour repeat,

you will make decreases as above\*. Repeat \*\* for a total of 13 times for a total of 40 decreases. You will have knit 103 rows at this point.

**Size (2XL):** You will work decreases at 2 different rates. On rows 3 and 6 of colour 1, 2, 3, 4 and the second row in colour 1, knit 1 stitch, knit 2 stitches together. Knit until you have 3 stitches remaining. Slip 1 stitch, slip 1 stitch, knit these 2 stitches together. Knit 1 stitch. Knit 1 row and change to colour 2. \*On row 3 of every 7-row colour repeat, you will make the decreases as listed above\*. Repeat \*\* for a total of 12 times for a total of 44 decreases. You will have knit 119 rows at this point.

**Size 3XL:** \*On rows 3 and 6 of each colour repeat 1, knit 1 stitch, knit 2 stitches together. Knit until you have 3 stitches remaining. Slip 1 stitch, slip 1 stitch, knit these 2 stitches together. Knit 1 stitch\*. Repeat \*\* for a total of 12 times for a total of 48 decreases. On the next colour stripe, you need to make 2 decreases. On row 3 of this colour, knit 1 stitch, knit 2 stitches together. Knit until you have 3 stitches remaining. Slip 1 stitch, slip 1 stitch, knit these 2 stitches together. Knit 1 stitch. You will have knit 87 rows at this point.

**Size (4XL):** \*On rows 3 and 6 of each colour repeat 1, knit 1 stitch, knit 2 stitches together. Knit until you have 3 stitches remaining. Slip 1 stitch, slip 1 stitch, knit these 2 stitches together. Knit 1 stitch\*. Repeat \*\* for a total of 13 times for a total of 52 decreases. On the next colour stripe, you need to make 2 decreases. On row 3 of this colour, knit 1 stitch, knit 2 stitches together. Knit until you have 3 stitches remaining. Slip 1 stitch, slip 1 stitch, knit these 2 stitches together. Knit 1 stitch. You will have knit 94 rows at this point.

**Size (5XL):** \*On rows 3 and 6 of each colour repeat 1, knit 1 stitch, knit 2 stitches together. Knit until you have 3 stitches remaining. Slip 1 stitch, slip 1 stitch, knit these 2 stitches together. Knit 1 stitch\*. Repeat \*\* for a total of 14 times for a total of 56 decreases. On the next colour stripe, you need to make 2 decreases. On row 3 of this colour, knit 1 stitch, knit 2 stitches together. Knit until you have 3 stitches remaining. Slip 1 stitch, slip 1 stitch, knit these 2 stitches together. Knit 1 stitch. You will have knit 101 rows at this point.

Once you have knit the number of specified rows, switch to 4 mm needles and the next colour.

Knit 1 row in stockinette stitch.

For size 3XL, you will need to make a decrease at the beginning of first round of 1x1 rib to ensure you have an even number of stitches. To do this, knit the first 2 stitches of the round together.

Knit 7 rows in 1x1 rib.

Cast-off using a method of your choice.

## **Collar**

Starting at the bottom of the right-hand panel (when wearing), pick up stitches for the front collar.

In colour 1 and in 4 mm needles on an 8 mm cord, pick up 3 stitches, skip 1 stitch. Repeat this along the front right panel. Once you reach the back panel, pick up every stitch. Once you reach the front left panel (when wearing), pick up 3 stitches, skip 1 stitch until you reach the bottom front panel ribbing. Ensure to pick up the final stitch, even if this is out of the pattern pick up rate. Knit 12 rows in 1 x 1 rib. Cast-off using a method of your choice.

## **Blocking your cardigan**

Your cardigan will benefit from a wet block. To do this, soak in cool water (wool wash is optional). Place within a dry towel to remove a lot of the excess water. Lay out your cardigan on a flat surface and reshape before leaving to dry.

You're finished!

I hope you enjoy knitting your Malibu Cardigan (DK edition!). If posting on social media, please tag @abbieknits and @palettepurl so we can see and share your projects! If you have any questions regarding the project, please contact [abbieknits@gmail.com](mailto:abbieknits@gmail.com).

