Wintertime cardigan

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Before you start:

The measurements of this cardigan are based on my own size: size S. This cardigan is oversized, so I think you can wear it as well with a size M. If you have a larger size, you have to add stitches, rows and yarn. In the pattern you can find how you can adjust for larger sizes, but I can't tell you how much stitches, rows and yarn you have to add.

What do you need for size S/M?

- 7 skeins of acrylic yarn (240 meters per 100 grams)
  I used 3 skeins of the green color, 2 of the pink color and 2 of the beige color.
- Crochet hook 5,0 mm
- Stitchmarkers
- Darning needle
- Scissors

Which stitches are used?

- CH = chain
- SC = single crochet
- HDC = half double crochet
- HDC BLO = Half double crochet back loop only
- FPDC = front post double crochet
- BPDC = back post double crochet

PATTERN

HEM

Start with the green color.

Foundation chain: CH 12.

Row 1. Start in the third CH from hook. HDC 10.

Row 2 to row 80. CH 2, turn. HDC BLO 10.

You've now created the hem at the bottom of the cardigan (front and back). If you want it to be wider, you simply add rows of HDC BLO 10.

Turn your work so you can crochet along the side of the rows.

FRONT PANEL AND BACK PANEL

Row 1. Chain 1, divide 120 SC along the side of the rows of the hem. You work 3 SC in 2 rows (80 rows x 1,5 = 120 SC).
If you added rows, you multiply the rows by 1,5 to know how many SC you should crochet.

Notes for the front panel and back panel:

- From now on the first and last stitch of each row is always a HDC.
- Start each row witch CH 2, these don't count as a stitch.

Row 2. CH 2, turn. HDC in each stitch.

Row 3. CH 2, turn. HDC in first and last stitch. *FPDC, HDC* repeat ** for the remaining stitches.

Row 4. CH 2, turn. HDC in first and last stitch. For the remaining stitches: work a BPDC in each FPDC of the previous row, work a HDC in each HDC of the previous row.

Row 5. CH 2, turn. HDC in first and last stitch. For the remaining stitches: work a FPDC in each BPDC of the previous row, work a HDC in each HDC of the previous row.

Row 6. CH 2, turn. HDC in first and last stitch. BPDC in each of the remaining stitches.

Row 7. CH 2, turn. HDC in first and last stitch. Work a FPDC in the stitches that were a HDC two rows ago and work a HDC in the stitches that were a FPDC two rows ago.

Row 8. CH 2, turn. HDC in first and last stitch. For the remaining stitches: work a BPDC in each FPDC of the previous row, work a HDC in each HDC of the previous row.

Row 9. CH 2, turn. HDC in first and last stitch. For the remaining stitches: work a FPDC in each BPDC of the previous row, work a HDC in each HDC of the previous row.

Row 10. CH 2, turn. HDC in first and last stitch. BPDC in each of the remaining stitches.

Row 11. CH 2, turn. HDC in first and last stitch. Work a FPDC in the stitches that were a HDC two rows ago and work a HDC in the stitches that were a FPDC two rows ago.

From now on you repeat the rows 4 to 11.

Row 12. Repeat row 4

- The green part measures approx. 15 centimeters. The total length of the cardigan will be approx. 75 centimeters (5 parts of 15 centimeters each). If you want the cardigan to be longer, add more rows of each color.
- If you change color, finish the last HDC of the previous rows (yarn through 3 loops) with the new color.

Change to the beige color.

Row 13 – 32: Start with row 5 and after you crocheted row 11, you start again from row 4. End with a row 8.

Change to the pink color.

Row 33 – 52: Start with row 9 and after you crocheted row 11, you start again from row 4. End with a row 4.

Change to the green color.

Row 53 – 66: Start with row 5 and after you crocheted row 11, you start again from row 4. End with a row 10. Do not fasten of yet.

SEPERATE FRONT PANEL AND BACK PANEL

FIRST FRONT PANEL

Devide your work as follows:

	Number of stitches	How to calculate
Back panel	62	Devide the total number of stitches by 2, add 2. (120/2 + 2 = 62)
Stitches left	2	Between the front panel and the back panel you leave 1 stitch 'open', that's 1 on each side (2 in total).
Front panel	28	Total number of stitches minus the stitches of the back panel, minus the 'stitches left'. Devide this number by 2. (120 – 62 – 2 = 56, 56 / 2 = 28)

Calculate the stitches of the front panel and back panel using the calculations above.

FIRST FRONT PANEL

From now on you work in the first 28 stitches. Turn after every row.

Row 67 – 72: Start with row 11 and after you crocheted row 11, you start again from row 4. End with a row 8.

Change to the beige color.

Row 73 – 77: Start with row 9 and after you crocheted row 11, you start again from row 4. End with a row 5.

Row 78: As row 6, decrease at the end of the row by crocheting the last two stitches together.

Row 79: As row 7.

Row 80: As row 8, decrease at the end of the row by crocheting the last two stitches together.

Row 81: As row 9.

Row 82: As row 10, decrease at the end of the row by crocheting the last two stitches together.

Row 83: As row 11.

Row 84: As row 4, decrease at the end of the row by crocheting the last two stitches together.

Row 85: As row 5.

Row 86: As row 6, decrease at the end of the row by crocheting the last two stitches together.

Row 87: Row 7.

Row 88: As row 8, decrease at the end of the row by crocheting the last two stitches together.

Row 89: As row 9.

You end with 22 stitches (decreased 6 stitches).

SECOND FRONT PANEL

Start with the green color.

Start in the 28th stitch from the other side. Work the same rows as the first front panel, the only difference is that you crochet the first two stitches together at row 78, 80, 82, 84, 86 and 88 instead of the last two stitches.

BACK PANEL

Start with the green color.

Start in the 2nd stitch directly next to the first front panel, you skip one stitch. Crochet in the next 61 stitches.

Row 67 – 72: Start with row 11 and after you crocheted row 11, you start again from row 4. End with a row 8.

Change to the beige color.

Row 73 – 88: Start with row 9 and after you crocheted row 11, you start again from row 4. End with a row 8.

Row 89: As row 9, decrease by crocheting the stitches 22 and 23 together. Fasten off.

Turn your work and start in the first stitch off the other side of the back panel. You now crochet one row on the 'wrong side' of your work.

Row 89: As row 8, decrease by crocheting the stitches 22 and 23 together. Fasten off.

Your work should look like this picture.

Now close your cardigan with the wrong side out and close the shoulder seams with slip stitches (22 stitches per side, you can also sew the stitches).

SLEEVES (MAKE 2)

First make one sleeve, so you can see if the sleeve has the right fit for you. If the sleeve fits you well, make the second one.

Start with the pink color.

Foundation chain: CH 12. Turn.

Row 1. Start in the third stitch from hook. HDC 10.

Row 2 - 16. CH 2, turn. HDC BLO 10.

You've now created the hem of the wrist. If you want it to be wider, you simply add rows of HDC BLO 10.

Turn your work so you can crochet along the side of the rows.

Row 1. CH 1, turn. Chain 1, divide 32 SC along the side of the rows. You work 2 SC in 2 rows (16 rows x 2 = 32 SC).
If you added rows, you multiply the rows by 2 to know how many SC you should crochet.

Row 2. CH 2, turn. HDC in all the stitches.

From now on you work the same pattern as the rest of the cardigan.

Notes:

- From now on the first and last stitch of each row is always a HDC.
- Start each row witch CH 2, these don't count as a stitch.
- Increase first and last stitch: work 2 HDC in the first and last stitch. You increase 2 stitches in one row.
- When you increased a few times and there are now 3 HDC next to each other, you can easily change one HDC in a FPDC of BPDC in the next row and continue to follow the pattern.

Row 3. CH 2, turn. Increase first and last stitch. Remaining stitches: *FPDC, BPDC*. (=34 stitches)

Row 4. CH 2, turn. HDC in first and last stitch. For the remaining stitches: work a FPDC in each BPDC of the previous row, work a HDC in each HDC of the previous row.

Row 5. CH 2, turn. HDC in first and last stitch. For the remaining stitches: work a FPDC in each BPDC of the previous row, work a HDC in each HDC of the previous row.

Row 6. CH 2, turn. HDC in first and last stitch. BPDC in each of the remaining stitches.

Row 7. CH 2, turn. Increase first and last stitch. For the remaining stitches: Work a FPDC in the stitches that were a HDC two rows ago and work a HDC in the stitches that were a FPDC two rows ago. (=36 stitches)

Row 8. CH 2, turn. HDC in first and last stitch. For the remaining stitches: work a FPDC in each BPDC of the previous row, work a HDC in each HDC of the previous row.

Row 9. CH 2, turn. HDC in first and last stitch. For the remaining stitches: work a FPDC in each BPDC of the previous row, work a HDC in each HDC of the previous row.

Row 10. CH 2, turn. HDC in first and last stitch. BPDC in each of the remaining stitches.

Row 11. CH 2, turn. Increase first and last stitch. For the remaining stitches: Work a FPDC in the stitches that were a HDC two rows ago and work a HDC in the stitches that were a FPDC two rows ago. (=38 stitches)

Row 12. As row 4.

Row 13. As row 5.

Row 14. As row 6, increase first and last stitch (=40 stitches).

Change to the green color.

Row 15. As row 7 (do not increase!)

Row 16. As row 8.

Row 17. As row 9, increase first and last stitch (=42 stitches).

Row 18. As row 10.

Row 19. As row 11 (do not increase!)

Row 20. As row 4, increase first and last stitch (=44 stitches).

Row 21. As row 5.

Row 22. As row 6.

Row 23. As row 7, increase first and last stitch (=46 stitches).

Row 24. As row 8.

Row 25. As row 9.

Row 26. As row 10, increase first and last stitch (=48 stitches).

Row 27. As row 11 (do not increase!)

Row 28. As row 4.

Row 29. As row 5, increase first and last stitch (=50 stitches).

Row 30. As row 6.

Row 31. As row 7 (do not increase!)

Row 32. As row 8, increase first and last stitch (=52 stitches).

Row 33. As row 9.

Row 34. As row 10.

Change to the beige color.

Row 35. As row 11, increase first and last stitch (=54 stitches).

Row 36. As row 4.

Row 37. As row 5.

Row 38. As row 6, increase first and last stitch (=56 stitches).

T39. As row 7 (do not increase!)

Row 40. As row 8.

Row 41. As row 9.

Row 42. As row 10.

T43. As row 11 (do not increase!)

Fasten off.

Close the sleeve with the wrong side up and crochet (with slip stitches) of sew the sleeve so it's closed. Start at the wrist (row 1) Change the color of the yarn when the sleeve changes color.
Do not fasten off, but directly crochet the sleeve in the cardigan (wrong side up). If you find it difficult to do so, attach the sleeve in the cardigan with stitchmarkers, so it won't move while crocheting/sewing. Start in the armpit and work your way around with slip stitches (or a darning needle).

HEM:

Start with the green color.

Foundation chain: CH 8.

Row 1. Start in the third CH from hook. HDC 6.

Row 2 - ... CH 2, turn. HDC BLO 6.

Repeat row 2 until you can attach the hem on the inside of the cardigan (side 1, neck, side 2). Put the hem with stitchmarkers on the cardigan (wrong side up) and crochet (using slip stitches) the hem on the cardigan.

Last but not least: weave in your ends and you're all done!

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