

Cuyahoga Valley Cardigan

at yarn's length

The Cuyahoga Valley Cardigan is a cozy, over-sized cardigan worked in a vibrant colorway inspired by the flowing waters and mossy ledges of Ohio's sole National Park.

Materials

Yarn:

4 (5, 5, 5, 6) skeins of [Lion Brand Heartland Yarn in Cuyahoga Valley](#) to total 975 yd (1000, 1075, 1150, 1275 yd)

Needles:

[US #10/6.00 mm circular needles](#)
[US #10/6.00 mm dpn](#)

A circular needle length of 32" is sufficient for sizes S, M, and L. For XL and 2X, use 40". Use dpn or magic loop for the sleeves.

[US #10.5/6.5 mm circular needles](#)
[US #10.5/6.5 mm dpn](#)

The shawl collar requires a cord with more length for most sizes. If you have access to needles with a 60" cable, that is ideal. If you do not, join multiple sets of needles to approximate this length.

Notions:

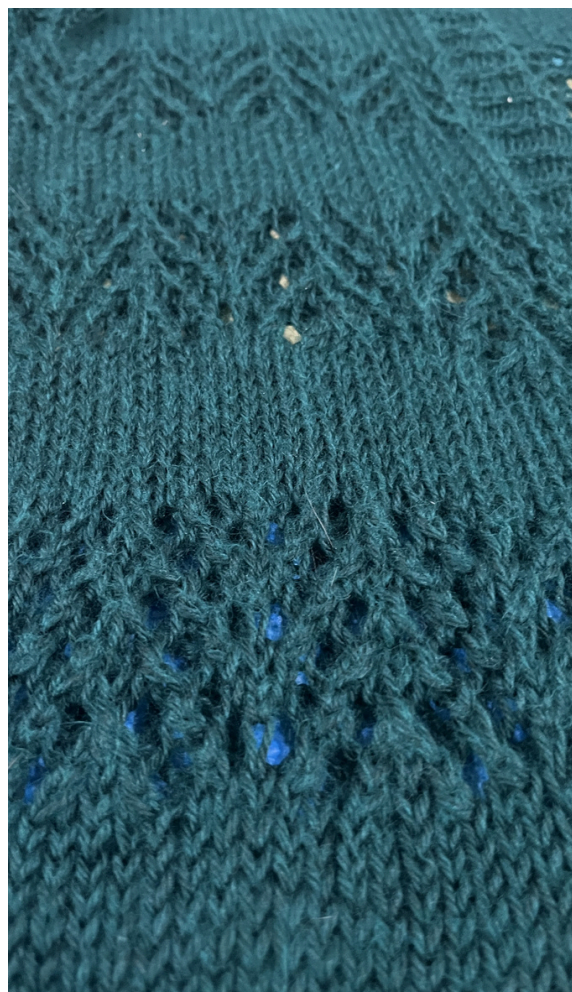
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Sizes

S (M, L, XL, 2X)

Bust: 42" (46", 50", 54", 56")/108 cm (116, 128, 138, 142 cm)

Length: 22" (24", 24", 26", 28")/56 cm (60, 60, 64, 68 cm) from underarm



Gauge

16 sts x 20 rows = 4" x 4"
in Stockinette stitch

Notes

This is an oversized, draping garment. If substituting yarn, be sure to choose one that has a similar drape.

Advanced knitters may be tempted to replace the shoulder seams with 3NBO or similar technique, but they add stability.

Abbreviations

BO - bind off

CO - cast on

k - knit

K2tog - knit 2 stitches together; single right-leaning decrease

m - marker

p - purl

SK2P - slip 2 stitches as if to knit 2 together, knit 1, pass 2 slipped stitches over knit stitch; centered double decrease

sl m - slip marker

SSK - slip 3 stitches knitwise, knit these 3 stitches together through back loops; double left-leaning decrease

st(s) - stitch(es)

St st - Stockinette stitch

yo - yarn over



Instructions

The body of the Cuyahoga Valley cardigan is worked in one piece from the bottom up. Next, the sleeves are worked in the round directly from the body. Lastly, the shawl collar is worked directly off of the (nearly) finished piece.

Setup

Using US #10.5/6.5 mm circular needles and Lion Brand Heartland Yarn in Cuyahoga Valley, CO 131 (141, 161, 171, 181) sts

Work in k1, p1 ribbing for 12 (14, 14, 16, 18) rows as follows:

Row 1 (and all even rows) - *k1, p1* until 1 stitch remains, k1

Row 2 (and all odd rows) - *p1, k1* until 1 stitch remains, p1

Body

Change to US #10/6.00 mm circular needles and work in St st for 12 (14, 14, 16, 18) rows.

Work Arrowhead Lace for 12 rows as follows:

Row 1 - k1, *(yo, ssk) twice, k1, (k2tog, yo) twice, k1*

Row 2 - p all

Row 3 - k2, *yo, ssk, yo, S2KP, yo, k2tog, yo, k3* ending last repeat with k2

Row 4 - p all

Rows 5 to 12 - repeat Rows 1 to 4

24 (26, 26, 28, 30) rows completed.

Work 12 (14, 14, 16, 18) rows of St st. Work 12 rows of Arrowhead Lace.

48 (52, 52, 56, 60) rows completed.

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72 (78, 78, 84, 90) rows completed.

Work 10 rows of St st (all sizes).

Fronts & Back

Right Front

Knit across 28 (31, 36, 38, 41) sts, turn, p to end of row. Right front established.

Continue working the front right in St st until panel measures 7.5" (8", 8", 8.5", 9")/ 19 cm (20, 20, 22, 23 cm) from divide, ending with a purl row.

BO all sts.

Back

Cut yarn and reattach for back. Knit across the next 75 (77, 89, 95, 99) sts, turn, p to end of row. Back panel established.

Continue working the back panel in St st until it measures 7.5" (8", 8", 8.5", 9")/ 19 cm (20, 20, 22, 23 cm), ending with a purl row.

On the next row, BO all sts.

Fronts & Back (cont.)

Left Front

Cut yarn and reattach for left front. Knit across remaining 28 (31, 36, 38, 41) sts, turn, p to end of row. Left front established.

Continue working the left right in St st until it measures 7.5" (8", 8", 8.5", 9")/ 19 cm (20, 20, 22, 23 cm) from divide, ending with a purl row.

BO all sts.

Armholes

Use a finishing needle to seam the left front to the left side of the back, starting on the outside edge and moving across. Repeat on the other side, seaming the right front to the right side of the back. Armholes established.

Sleeves

Using US #10/6.00 mm dpn, pick up 48 (52, 56, 60, 64) sts and pm to mark start of round.

Working in the round, knit even in St st for 11.5" (12", 12", 13", 13.5")/ 30 cm (30.5, 30.5, 33, 34 cm).

On the next round, decrease as follows:

k2, k2tog

36 (39, 42, 45, 48) sts remain.

Knit one round even.

Medium only - *k11, k2tog* three times (36 sts remain)

Large only - *k19, k2tog* twice (40 sts remain)

XL only - k2tog, k to end (44 sts remain)

All sizes: k one round even.

Change to US #10.5/6.5 mm dpn and work in k1, p1 ribbing for 20 rows.

BO all sts in pattern.

Collar and Trim

Using extra-long US #10.5/6.5 mm circular needles and starting on the left bottom, pick up stitches around the edge of the left, back collar, and front.

Working back and forth, work 8 (8, 10, 10, 12) rows in k1, p1 ribbing as follows:

Row 1 (and all even rows) - *k1, p1*

Row 2 (and all odd rows) - *p1, k1*

If you find you have picked up an odd number of stitches, simply work them as follows:

Row 1 (and all even rows) - *k1, p1* until 1 stitch remains, k1

Row 2 (and all odd rows) - *p1, k1* until 1 stitch remains, p1

BO all sts in pattern.

Finishing

Weave in all ends. Block lightly if desired.



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