

## Blue Star Cardigan

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## SIZES

Extra Small (Small, Medium, Large, 1X, 2X, 3X, 4X)

## FINISHED MEASUREMENTS

Bust (buttoned): 34 ( $38,421 / 14,461 / 2,50,54$, 581⁄4, 62½)"
Length: $21\left(21 \frac{1}{2}, 22,2211 / 2,23,231 / 2,24,241 / 2\right)^{\prime \prime}$

## MATERIALS

Fibra Natura Luxor (100\% Egyptian Giza mercerized cotton; $100 \mathrm{~g} / 136$ yds)

- 105-28 Powder Blue (A) - 4 (5, 5, 6, 7, 7, 7, 7) skeins
- 105-26 Indigo (B) - 5 (6, 7, 7, 8, 9, 9, 9) skeins
- 105-02 Cream (C) - 5 (5, 6, 7, 7, 8, 8, 8) skeins

Hook: US Size F ( 3.75 mm ), or size needed to obtain gauge
Notions: 5-1/2" buttons, stitch markers, tapestry needle, removable stitch markers

## GAUGE

19 sts x 14 rows = 4" in Tri-Color Pattern Save time, check your gauge.

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## PATTERN NOTES

Clear skies and breezy spring days make us reach for cozy spring cardigans, like the Blue Star Cardigan. This tailored cardigan is perfect for layering over your favorite sundress, or for keeping it cool and casual with a tank and pair of jeans. Worked up in Fibra Natura Luxor, a radiant 100\% mercerized Egyptian Giza cotton yarn, this piece will keep you feeling comfortable rain or shine.

This sweater body is crocheted flat in one piece from the bottom up. The front and back are separated at the underarms. Sleeves are worked flat and sewn in.

The pattern is intended for intermediate crocheters with the ability to work shaping while maintaining a color stitch pattern. For purposes of stitch counting in Tri-Color pattern, each dc and ch-1 sp counts as a stitch. Do not cut yarn at the end of each row, but carry them loosely up the sides. Refer to How to Crochet One-Row Stripes for more information. Refer to the shaping symbol charts for help in remaining in pattern while shaping edges.

For best results, when working the last row of a section, such as the top of shoulder, top of sleeves, or the stitches that form the base of the body armhole or neck shaping, work as follows:

- In each ch-1 sp work (sc, spike dc) instead of (dc, spike dc, dc)
- Instead of ch-2 between 3-st groups, work a sc in the center st of the 3 -st group.


## STITCH GUIDE

Dc2tog: [Yo, insert hook into next st and pull up a loop, yo and pull through 2 loops] 2 times, yo and pull through last 2 loops.
Dec (decrease): Maintaining pattern, work dc2tog over 2 dcs or a dc and a spike dc as necessary.
Spike dc: Work dc into designated st in row below.

To change color: Work until 2 loops remain on the hook, yo with new color and pull through the last 2 loops to complete the stitch.

## Tri-Color Pattern

(multiple of 4 sts, plus 1)
Work in color sequence A, B, C throughout. Chain a multiple of 4.
Row 1 (RS): 3 dc in $6^{\text {th }}$ chain from hk (skipped sts count as dc, ch 1), * ch 1, sk 3 ch, 3 dc in next ch; rep from to last 2 ch , sk 1 ch , dc in last ch, changing to next color in sequence, turn.
Row 2 (WS): Ch 3 (counts as dc throughout), dc in same st, * ch 1, sk 3 dc, dc in next ch-1 sp, spike dc in center skipped ch of foundation chain, dc in same ch-1 sp; rep from * across, ending ch 1 , sk 3 $\mathrm{dc}, 2 \mathrm{dc}$ in top of turning ch, changing to next color in sequence, turn.
Row 3: Ch 3, * dc in next ch-1 sp, spike dc in center dc of 3-dc group in row below, dc in same ch-1 sp, ch 1, sk 3 dc; rep from * across, ending dc in top of turning ch, changing to next color in sequence, turn.
Row 4: Ch 3, dc in same st, * ch 1, sk 3 dc , dc in next ch-1 sp, spike dc in center dc of 3-dc group in row below, dc in same ch-1 sp; rep from * across, ending ch 1, sk $3 \mathrm{dc}, 2 \mathrm{dc}$ in top of turning ch, changing to next color in sequence, turn.
Rep Rows 3-4 for patt.

## BODY

With A, ch 164 (184, 204, 224, 240, 260, 280, 300) sts. Work Row 1 of Tri-Color Pattern - 161
(181, 201, 221, 237, 257, 277, 297) sts.
Work even in Tri-Color patt until Body meas 14" from beg, ending with a WS row.

## Armhole Shaping

Note: Maintain Tri-Color patt throughout all shaping.
Next Row (RS): Work across first 36 (41, 42, 47, $51,52,57,62$ ) sts, turn, leaving rem sts unworked - 36 (41, 42, 47, 51, 52, 57, 62) Right Front sts.

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Sizes S (M, L, XL, 2X, 3X, 4X) Only:
SI st across first $4(2,4,8,8,8,8)$ sts, work in patt to end $-37(40,43,43,44,49,54)$ sts rem.

## Sizes 3X (4X) Only:

Work in patt to last 4 (6) sts, turn, leaving rem sts unworked - 45 (48) sts rem.

## All Sizes:

Dec 1 st at armhole edge every row $2(2,2,3,2$, $2,3,4)$ times $-34(35,38,40,41,42,42,44)$ sts rem.
Work even until Right Front meas $31 / 2(4,41 ⁄ 4,43 / 4$, $5,512,6,61 / 2$ )" from bottom of armhole, ending with a WS row.

## Front Neck Shaping

Note: Maintain Tri-Color patt throughout all shaping.
SI st across first 10 (11, 11, 12, 13, 13, 14, 15) sts, work in patt across, turn - $24(24,27,28,28,29$, $28,29)$ sts rem.
Dec 1 st at neck edge every row, 4 times - 20 (20, $23,24,24,25,24,25$ ) sts rem.
Work even until armhole meas $61 / 2(7,71 / 2,8,81 / 2$, $9,912,10)$ ". Fasten off.

## Back

With RS facing, sk $8(8,16,16,16,24,24,24)$ sts, standing dc in next st, work in patt across next 72 ( $82,84,94,102,104,114,124$ ) sts, turn, leaving rem $44(49,58,63,67,76,81,86)$ sts unworked 73 (83, 85, 95, 103, 105, 115, 125) Back sts.

## Sizes S (M, L, XL, 2X, 3X, 4X) Only:

Sl st across first $4(2,4,8,8,8,8)$ sts, work in patt to last $4(2,4,8,8,8,8)$ sts, turn - 75 ( $81,87,87$, $89,99,109)$ sts rem.

## Sizes 3X (4X) Only:

SI st across first 4 (6) sts, work in patt to last 4 (6) sts, turn - 91 (97) sts rem.

## All Sizes:

Dec 1 st at each armhole edge every row 2 (2, 2, $3,2,2,3,4)$ times - $69(71,77,81,83,85,85,89)$ sts rem.

Work even until Back meas $5122(6,61 ⁄ 2,7,7122,8$, $81 / 2,9$ )" from bottom of armhole, ending with a WS row.

## Back Neck Shaping

Note: Maintain Tri-Color patt throughout all shaping.
Work 19 (19, 22, 23, 23, 24, 23, 24) sts, dec, turn $-20(20,23,24,24,25,24,25)$ sts.
Work even until armhole meas $61 / 2(7,71 / 2,8,81 / 2$, $9,9 ½, 10)^{\prime \prime}$. Fasten off.

With RS facing, sk 27 (29, 29, 31, 33, 33, 35, 37) sts, standing dc in next st, dec, work in patt across, turn - $20(20,23,24,24,25,24,25)$ sts. Work even until armhole meas $6 ½(7,71 ⁄ 2,8,81 / 2$, $9,9 ½, 10) "$. Fasten off.

## Left Front

With RS facing, sk 8 (8, 16, 16, 16, 24, 24, 24) sts, standing dc in next dc, work in patt across, turn 36 (41, 42, 47, 51, 52, 57, 62) Left Front sts.

Sizes S (M, L, XL, 2X, 3X, 4X) Only:
Work in patt to last $4(2,4,8,8,8,8)$ sts, turn $37(40,43,43,44,49,54)$ sts rem.

## Sizes 3X (4X) Only:

SI st in first 4 (6) sts, work in patt across, turn - 45 (48) sts rem.

## All Sizes:

Dec 1 st at armhole edge every row, 2 (2, 2, 3, 2, $2,3,4)$ times $-34(35,38,40,41,42,42,44)$ sts rem.
Work even until Left Front meas $3 ½(4,41 ⁄ 4,43 / 4,5$, $51 / 2,6,61 / 2)^{\prime \prime}$, ending with a WS row.

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## Front Neck Shaping

Note: Maintain Tri-Color patt throughout all shaping.
Work in patt to last $10(11,11,12,13,13,14,15)$ sts, turn - $24(24,27,28,28,29,28,29)$ sts.
Dec 1 st at neck edge every rowm 4 times - 20 ( $20,23,24,24,25,24,25$ ) sts rem.
Work even until armhole meas $61 / 2(7,71 / 2,8,81 / 2$, $9,912,10)^{\prime \prime}$. Fasten off.

## SLEEVES

Note: Maintain Tri-Color patt throughout all shaping.
With A, ch $40(40,44,44,44,48,48,48)$ sts.
Work Row 1 of Tri-Color Patt - 37 (37, 41, 41, 41, $45,45,45)$ sts.
Inc 1 st each edge every $6(5,5,4,3,3,2,2)$ rows, $2(4,4,3,7,13,7,17)$ times, then every $7(6,6,5$, $4,4,3,3)$ rows, $6(6,6,9,9,5,15,9)$ times -53 ( $57,61,65,73,81,89,97)$ sts.
Work even in patt until Sleeve meas $153 / 4$ ( $161 / 4$, $161 / 4,163 / 4,163 / 4,171 / 4,171 / 4,173 / 4$ )" ending with a WS row.

## Sleeve Cap Shaping

Row 1 (RS): Sl st in first 4 (4, 8, 8, 8, 12, 12, 12)
sts, work in patt to last $4(4,8,8,8,12,12,12)$ sts, turn - 45 (49, 45, 49, 57, 57, 65, 73) sts rem.
Row 2 (WS): SI st in first $2(4,2,4,8,8,8,8)$ sts, work in patt to last $2(4,2,4,8,8,8,8)$ sts, turn $41(41,41,41,41,41,49,57)$ sts rem.

## Size 4X Only:

Sl st in first 2 sts, work in patt to last 2 sts, turn 53 sts rem.

## All Sizes:

Dec 1 st each edge every row 15 (14, 12, 9, 8, 6, $11,12)$ times, then dec 1 st each edge every other row $0(1,3,5,6,8,6,5)$ time(s) - 11 (11, $11,13,13,13,15,15)$ sts rem. Fasten off.

## FINISHING

Gently wash and block pieces to finished measurements. Holding RS together, single crochet shoulder seams together through both layers. Set in sleeves and sew sleeve seams.


## Body Edging

On Right Front, place markers for 5 buttonholes: one $1 / 4^{\prime \prime}$ from top edge, one $1 / 2{ }^{\prime \prime}$ from lower edge, and three more evenly spaced between.
Rnd 1: With RS facing and B, standing sc at right back neck; mark this st to indicate bor, sc evenly around neck, 3 sc in corner st; sc evenly along left front edge, 3 sc in corner st; sc in each ch-1 sp and in base of each dc along lower edge; 3 sc in corner st; sc evenly along right front edge, 3 sc in corner st; sc evenly along neck edge to end of rnd; pm to indicate bor; do not join.
Rnd 2 (Buttonhole Row): Sc in each sc to first buttonhole marker, placing 3 sc in each corner st and working sc2tog on neck curves if needed to allow neckband to lie flat; [ch 1, sk marked sc, work to next marker] 4 times, ch 1, sk marked st; sc in each sc to end of round, decreasing if necessary to allow neckband to lie flat; do not join.

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Rnd 3: Sc in each sc and ch-1 sp around, placing 3 sc in each corner st and decreasing along neck curve if necessary; do not turn.
Rnd 4: Sc in each sc around, placing 2 sc in each corner st and decreasing along neck curve if necessary, join with sl st to end round. Fasten off.
Sleeve Edging
Rnd 1: With RS facing and B, sc in each ch-1 sp and in base of each dc along cuff, pm to denote bor..
Rnds 2-3: Sc in each sc around. At end of Rnd 3, sl st in first st. Fasten off.
Weave in rem ends.


## Abbreviations

| beg | begin(ning) |
| :---: | :---: |
| bor | beginning of rnd |
| ch | chain |
| cont | continue |
| dc | double crochet |
| dec('d) | decrease(d) |
| hk | hook |
| inc('d) | increase(d) |
| meas | measures |
| patt | pattern |
| pm | place marker |
| rem | remain(ing) |
| rep | repeat |
| rnd | round |
| RS | right side |
| sc | single crochet |
| sc2tog | single crochet 2 sts togther -1 st dec'd |
| sk | skip |
| sl | slip |
| sp | space(s) |
| st(s) | stitch(es) |
| tog | together |
| ws | wrong side |
| yo | yarn over |



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