FREE KNITTING PATTERN

# Garter Stitch Cardigan With Mandarin Collar

Knit flat in pieces · garter stitch · 5 buttons · sizes S / M / L / XL

| SKILL LEVEL | SIZES | NEEDLES |
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| Easy+ | S / M / L / XL | 5 mm (US 8) |

| YARN | GAUGE | YARN TOTAL |
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| Worsted (#4) | 18 sts × 36 rows = 4 in | 1500 / 1710 / 1910 / 2130 yd |

## Materials

- Worsted (#4) wool or wool-blend yarn: 1500 / 1710 / 1910 / 2130 yd
- 5 mm (US 8) straight or circular needles, 5 buttons (3/4 in), tapestry needle, stitch markers

## Abbreviations (US terms)

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| **k** | knit | **kfb** | knit front and back (increase) |
| **CO / BO** | cast on / bind off | **yo** | yarn over |
| **k2tog** | knit 2 together | **RS / WS** | right side / wrong side |
| **ssk** | slip, slip, knit | | |

Numbers are S / M / L / XL. Garter stitch = knit every row; every 2 rows make one ridge. Finished bust 36 / 40 / 44 / 48 in: choose a size about 4 in bigger than your bust for a relaxed fit.

## Back

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| **Cast on** | CO 81 / 90 / 99 / 108 sts. |
| **Body** | Knit every row (garter stitch) until the piece has 198 / 208 / 216 / 226 rows (about 22 / 23 / 24 / 25 in). |
| **Shoulders** | BO 26 / 29 / 33 / 37 sts, BO the next 29 / 32 / 33 / 34 sts for the neck (or place them on a holder), BO the remaining 26 / 29 / 33 / 37 sts. |

## Left front

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| **Cast on** | CO 38 / 43 / 47 / 52 sts. |
| **Body** | Knit every row until the piece has 172 / 180 / 190 / 198 rows, ending with a WS row. |
| **Neck** | At the neck edge (start of a WS row), BO 8 / 10 / 10 / 11 sts. Then decrease 1 st at the neck edge on every RS row 4 times (k2tog at the end of the row). (26 / 29 / 33 / 37 sts) |
| **Finish** | Knit straight until the front has 198 / 208 / 216 / 226 rows. BO the shoulder sts. |

## Right front

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| **Mirror** | Work as the left front, but bind off and decrease at the opposite edge: BO the neck sts at the start of a RS row and ssk at the start of RS rows. |

## Sleeves (make 2)

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| **Cast on** | CO 36 / 38 / 40 / 42 sts and knit 10 rows. |
| **Increase** | Increase 1 st at each end (kfb) on the next row and every 8 / 8 / 8 / 8 rows, 16 / 17 times in total. **(68 / 72 / 72 / 76 sts)** |
| **Length** | Knit straight until the sleeve has 154 / 158 / 162 / 162 rows. BO loosely. |

## Making up

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| **Seams** | Sew the shoulders. Mark the armhole depth on the side edges, sew the bound-off top of each sleeve between the marks, then sew the side and sleeve seams. |

## Button bands

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| **Left band** | With RS facing, pick up 86 / 90 / 95 / 99 sts along the left front edge (1 st per garter ridge). Knit 8 rows and BO. |
| **Right band** | Pick up the same number of sts on the right front. Knit 4 rows. Buttonhole row: k to each buttonhole st, yo, k2tog. Buttonholes at sts 3, 23, 44, 64, 84 / 3, 24, 46, 67, 88 / 3, 26, 48, 70, 93 / 3, 26, 50, 74, 97 (counted from the hem). Knit 3 more rows and BO. |

## Mandarin collar

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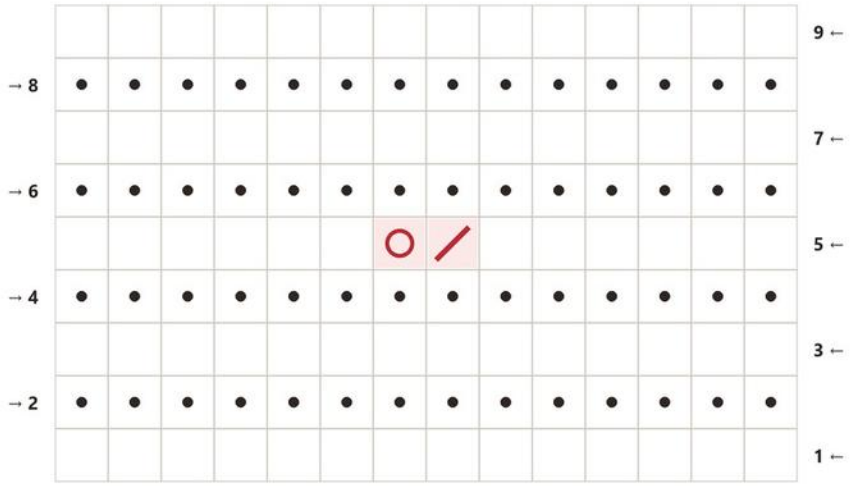
| **Collar** | With RS facing, pick up 69 / 72 / 72 / 74 sts around the neck, including the top of the bands. Knit 11 rows and BO loosely. Sew on 5 buttons opposite the buttonholes. |

# Garter Cardigan · Band & Buttonhole Chart

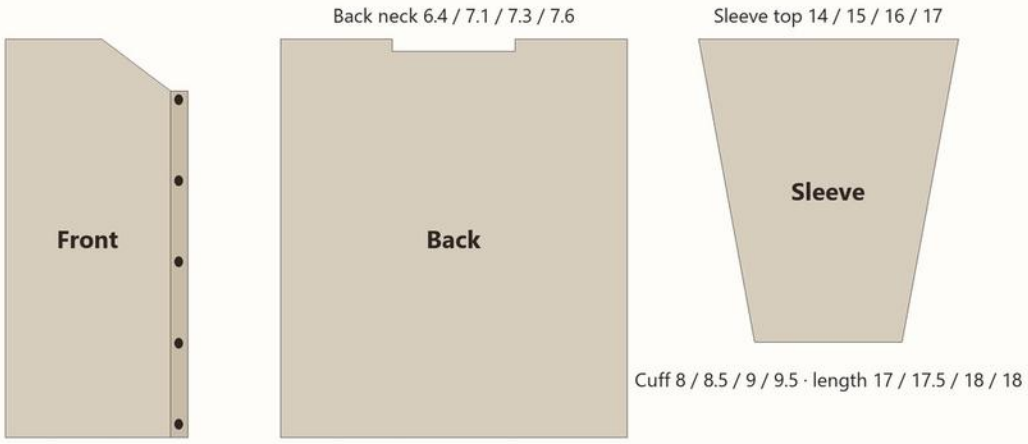
Garter stitch: knit every row. The chart shows the RS: blank = knit on RS, dot = knit on WS (a purl bump).




Buttonhole row (Row 5, RS): knit to the marked spot, yo, k2tog, knit to the end. On the next row knit the yo as a normal stitch.

red circle = yo  red slash = k2tog · bands: 9 rows (1 in), left band plain, right band with 5 buttonholes · cozymakery.com

# Schematic · S / M / L / XL (in)




Mandarin collar: pick up around the neck and knit 11 rows of garter (about 1.25 in), bind off loosely.

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