

## Hot Lava Cardigan



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## Pattern for Hot Lava Cardigan

Method: Knit cuff-to-cuff, and in round.

Needles: Size 11 US standard circular needle, 36" wire or longer (47" used to knit sample)

Technique: Magic Loop

Yarn: Manos del Uruguay wool, multicolor in Lava (#105). 4[5,6] skeins @ ~ 139 yds/skein

Gauge: St st - 3 st/5 rows per 1"

### Finished measurements:

Cuff Circumference = 10" (10:10) [small (med:large)]

Elbow Circ. = 11.5" (12:12.5)

Bicep Circ. = 13" (13.5:14)

Length of seed cuff = 3-4"

Total length of sleeve, including cuff (end to underarm) = 19.5"

Total length of back and shoulders (underarm to underarm, across top of shoulders) = 23"  
(23: ~24)

*These sleeves are meant to have some length to them – “fingertip length”, as it’s called. They fall around the knuckles for added warmth.*

### First part: make the basic shrug

#### Sleeve 1:

Right or left sleeve, won't matter when you're done.

CO 30 (30:30) – pm, then join circle.

*I use magic loop to do this, but you can use dpns, or two circulars, just as well to do this.*

*If you want to learn magic loop, go here: <http://www.az.com/~andrade/knit/mloop.html>.*

*Also there are many classes offered by local yarn stores for this technique.*

Work 20 rows in a 2x2 seed pattern (k2, p2, first round, p2, k2 next round)

In other words, just k2, p2, without stopping, until you have 20 rows, because the odd number of sets in a CO of 30 allows for an automatic double seed stitch.

*NOTE: If you prefer a more traditional sleeve length, I suggest you only work 10-14 rows of seed stitch for the cuff.*

Start increases from cuff to elbow:

**Small:** Work 1 round St st. Repeat this pattern 5 times, for a total of 25 rows:  
[K 4 rounds, K 5<sup>th</sup> round until second to last stitch before marker, M1, K last 2 stitches]

**Medium:** Same as for small, but on last round of last pattern repeat, M1, K1, M1, K last stitch. (instead of only making 1 stitch)

**Large:** Work 1 round St st.

Repeat this pattern 8 times, for a total of 24 rows:

[K 2 rounds, K 3<sup>rd</sup> round until second to last stitch before marker, M1, K last 2 stitches]

Work 1 round St st.

You should now have 35 (36: 38) stitches in your round, and 46 rows.

Start increases from elbow to top of bicep:

**Small, Medium, and Large:**

Work 1 round St st.

Repeat this pattern 5 times: [K 6 rounds, K 7<sup>th</sup> row until second to last stitch before marker, M1, K last 2 stitches].

You should now have 40 (41:43) stitches in your round, and 82 total rows.

Finish from bicep to underarm:

Work 19 rounds St st.

Start back:

Now you will stop knitting in the round and begin knitting in the flat.

K across row until marker. Now instead of continuing, turn and P a WS row back.

Continue knitting RS, WS rows for a total of 51 (51, 53) rows of St st from the break point (i.e., where you began knitting in the flat). You will be ready to start row 52 (52: 54), which should be a WS row.

Now, to get the spine, it's really easy – Just work this next WS row (row 52) in a K2 P2 pattern.

Next row (row 53 (53, 55)), with the RS facing you, do the opposite – K any purls you see, and P any Ks you see. I.e., P2, K2 to the end of the row. The third row in the pattern (row 54 (54, 56)), do the same as for row one of the spine (row 52 (52, 54)).

To simplify that, you are going to work rows 52, 53, and 54 (52, 53, 54:54, 55, 6) (ws, rs, ws), in a 2x2 seed stitch, just like the cuffs.

To finish the back, work rows 55-105 (55-105: 57-109) in St st. Row 55 (55:57) should be a RS row. At the end of the back, you will have just completed a RS row (105: 105:109).

## Sleeve 2:

Now, for row 106 (106, 110), instead of turning around you will join and begin to knit in the round again.

Underarm to bicep: Work 19 rounds St st.

Bicep to elbow: This is the opposite of the pattern for sleeve 1.

Repeat this pattern 5 times, for a total of 35 rounds: [Knit the next round in St st, and at the last two stitches before the marker, K2tog. Then K those last 2 stitches. Knit 6 rounds St st.]  
K one round St st.

Elbow to cuff: Also opposite of sleeve 1.

### **Small:**

Repeat the pattern in brackets 5 times: [Knit the next round in St st, but at the last two stitches before the marker, K2tog. Knit 4 rounds St st.]  
K one round St st.

### **Medium:**

Same as for small, but on the very first round only, K2tog, K1, K2tog, K last stitch in round. Then continue with the pattern as written.

### **Large:**

K one round St st  
Repeat the pattern in brackets 8 times: [Knit the next round in St st, but at the last two stitches before the marker, K2tog. Knit 2 rounds St st.]  
K one round St st.

Cuff: Knit 20 rounds of a 2x2 seed pattern (see Sleeve 1).

BO **loosely**, work in all loose ends.

## Second Part: creating the bolero

To create the front and back of this sweater, I started at one of the underarms of the shrug and picked up every other stitch (i.e., the edge of every other row). This results in approx. 105 (105:110) stitches over the entire round. Place a marker before you start, pick up approx. 52 (52, 55) stitches, then place a marker when you get to the next under arm, pick up another 53 (53, 55) stitches, and your round is complete.

*This way you will always be able to distinguish where your front and back end, because from here on out, we will work the two sides differently, even though we will be knitting in the round. It may help you to use markers that are 2 different colors.*

Now the first half of each round (from 1<sup>st</sup> marker to second marker) is the front of the sweater, and the second half (from second marker onward) is the back.

First round:

K from 1<sup>st</sup> marker to second marker.

**Small:**

After second marker, K 5, [K2tog, K1] – repeat in brackets 7 times.

K until you have 26 stitches left before the marker, then [K1, K2tog] 7 times, K last 5 stitches.

**Medium:**

After second marker, K 6, [K2tog, K1] – repeat in brackets 6 times.

K until you have 24 stitches left before the marker, then [K1, K2tog] 6 times, K last 6 stitches.

**Large:**

After second marker, K 6, [K2tog, K2] – repeat in brackets 4 times.

K until you have 22 stitches left before the marker, then [K2, K2tog] 4 times, K last 6 stitches.

Now that you have nipped in the back, K full rounds of St st (front and back) until the piece measures 3” (approx. 15 rows) from start.

Bust shaping:

*From this point, all shaping takes place in the front half of the round. After you complete the given round's front instructions, you will k straight across the back half of every round.*

**All cups:**

Starting at the first marker, K5, M1, K3, M1. Then K across the front until you have 8 stitches left before the second marker. Now M1, K3, M1, and K the last 5. Then K across the back.

K front and back in the round until the piece measures 4” total (approx. 20 rows)

Starting at the first marker, K6, M1, K2, M1, K2, M1, K2, M1. K across until the last 12 stitches before the second marker. Then M1, K2, M1, K2, M1, K2, M1, K last 6.

K front and back in the round until the piece measures 5” total (approx. 25 rows)

Starting at the first marker, K7, M1, K4, M1. Then K across the front until you have 11 stitches left before the second marker. Now M1, K4, M1, and K the last 7. Then K across the back.

K front and back in the round until the piece measures 6” total (approx. 30 rows)

You will repeat the following 2-round pattern (in brackets) **11 times for A&B cups, 13 times for C cups, and 15 times for D cups:**

[First round: Starting at the first marker, K10, M1, K1, M1. Then K to 11 stitches before second marker, M1, K1, M1, K last 10. Then K across back.

Second round: K across front and back]

Finished edge:

Knit around, front and back, in a 2x2 seed stitch for 6 rounds. Then BO, in pattern, **VERY LOOSELY**, and work in any loose ends.

*I can't stress that last part enough. Your edge has to have the same amount of stretch as your fabric, otherwise the front of the sweater will not stretch up and around your neck, and over your breasts. And it's that stretch that gives the sweater its shape.*

*To help the sweater maintain its shape while wearing it, I added two buttons to the front. You can do this by putting on the sweater and marking with pins where you want your buttons. Then after you've sewn on the buttons, add some loops of the same yarn you knit with to the opposite side, to act as free-standing button holes. I did not design button holes into this sweater because there are so many lovely ways you could choose to close it – with a brooch, a toggle clasp, a buckle, etc. It's up to you!*



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