Men's raglan cardigan with a zipper

M, to fit chest 39 in (99 cm) · US terms



Finished size

About 44¼ in (112.5 cm) at the chest and about 26½ in (67.5 cm) long

To fit a chest of 39 in (99 cm)

Skill

Intermediate

Raglan shaping in rows, sleeves in rounds, picked-up edges, a zipper sewn in by hand

Yarn

Medium (4), 3 colors

Hook

5.5 mm (US I-9)

Gauge

13 stitches and 11 rows to 4 in (10 cm)

In half double crochet (UK half treble).

What you need

Yarn A: charcoal, main color — **about 1,525 yd (1,394 m), an estimate**

Yarn B: cream, contrast — **about 90 yd (82 m), an estimate**

Yarn C: rust, color 3 — **about 50 yd (46 m), an estimate**

By weight: about 830 g in all, an estimate, where 100 g is 200 yd (183 m).

Hook: 5.5 mm (US I-9), or the size that gives you the gauge. Also: yarn needle, scissors, tape measure, pins, a separating zipper (for its length see step 3 of the finishing) and sewing thread and a sewing needle.

To find how many balls: divide by the length on your yarn's label and round up. Buy them from one dye lot. The estimate is from the stitches of this size at this gauge.

Sizes

Size	To fit chest	Yarn, an estimate	Chest (zipped)	Length from the back neck	Yoke depth	Collar height	Neck around, zipped	Sleeve from the underarm, with the cuff	Upper sleeve	Cuff around	Front edge, for the zipper
S	35 in (89 cm)	about 1,500 yd (1,372 m)	40½ in (103 cm)	25¾ in (65.5 cm)	10¼ in (26 cm)	3 in (7.5 cm)	18¼ in (46.5 cm)	17 in (43 cm)	15½ in (39.5 cm)	9¾ in (25 cm)	27 in (68.5 cm)
M (this file)	**39 in (99 cm)**	**about 1,665 yd (1,522 m)**	**44¼ in (112.5 cm)**	**26½ in (67.5 cm)**	**10¼ in (26 cm)**	**3 in (7.5 cm)**	**19½ in (49.5 cm)**	**17½ in (44.5 cm)**	**16½ in (42 cm)**	**9¾ in (25 cm)**	**27¾ in (70.5 cm)**
L	43 in (109 cm)	about 1,830 yd (1,673 m)	47¾ in (121.5 cm)	27¼ in (69 cm)	11 in (28 cm)	3 in (7.5 cm)	19½ in (49.5 cm)	18½ in (47 cm)	18½ in (47 cm)	9¾ in (25 cm)	28¼ in (72 cm)

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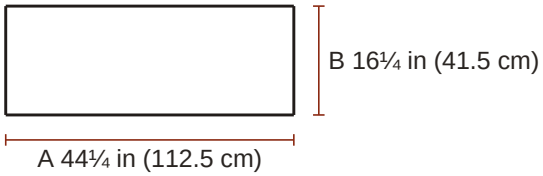
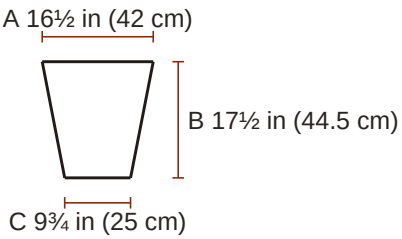
XL	47 in (119.5 cm)	about 2,010 yd (1,838 m)	51½ in (131 cm)	28 in (71 cm)	11¾ in (30 cm)	3 in (7.5 cm)	20¾ in (52.5 cm)	18¾ in (47.5 cm)	19¾ in (50 cm)	10½ in (26.5 cm)	29 in (73.5 cm)
2X	51 in (129.5 cm)	about 2,170 yd (1,984 m)	56½ in (143.5 cm)	28¾ in (73 cm)	11¾ in (30 cm)	3 in (7.5 cm)	22 in (56 cm)	19½ in (49.5 cm)	20¼ in (51.5 cm)	10½ in (26.5 cm)	29¾ in (75.5 cm)
3X	55 in (139.5 cm)	about 2,410 yd (2,204 m)	60¼ in (153 cm)	30 in (76 cm)	12¼ in (31 cm)	3 in (7.5 cm)	23¼ in (59 cm)	20 in (51 cm)	21½ in (54.5 cm)	11 in (28 cm)	31¼ in (79.5 cm)

Schematic



Body, laid open
A the whole width
B the upper sleeve



Sleeve (make 2)
A the top of the sleeve, opened flat
B the sleeve
C around the cuff

Gauge

13 stitches and 11 rows to 4 in (10 cm) in half double crochet.

> **The swatch.** A test piece to measure and pull out. It is not the start of the pattern. Ch 21; begin in the 2nd ch from the hook and work 16 rows of half double crochet on 20 sts, about 6¼ in (16 cm) wide and 5¾ in (14.5 cm) high, and measure 4 in (10 cm) in the middle. Use a larger hook if your swatch is small, a smaller one if it is large. Rib of the hem, the cuffs and the collar: 7.5 rows to 4 in (10 cm). Single crochet rows of the front edges: 15 rows to 4 in (10 cm).

Notes

- The finished chest is from 4½ in (11.5 cm) to 5½ in (14 cm) wider than the body measurement, by the size. Choose by the finished measurement you like; no fit is promised beyond the measurements given.
- The yoke, the body and the collar are worked in rows that are turned; odd-numbered rows are right side rows. The sleeves are worked in rounds that are not turned, with the right side facing.
- The chain at the start of a row or round (ch 1 for single and half double crochet, ch 2 for double crochet) never counts as a stitch. Work the first stitch into the first stitch, at the base of that chain.
- A ch-1 sp marks each of the four raglan lines. The ch-1 sps are counted apart from the stitches. To work into one, insert the hook under the chain.
- (hdc, ch 1, hdc) in a ch-1 sp makes a new ch-1 sp in the line and one st more on each side of it. "Ch 1, skip next ch-1 sp" keeps the line with no new st.
- At the underarms work into each of the new chains as into a stitch on the next row. The sleeves are worked into the free side of these chains.
- Rib: each row begins with an fpdc and ends with a bpdc, worked around the posts of the stitches below. In rows that are turned a st that stood out toward you lies back on the next row, so the lines run on.

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- A decrease counts as one stitch.
- Left and right are those of the person who wears the cardigan.
- Color changes in rows: work the last yarn over of the last stitch of the row before with the new yarn. Cut the old yarn, leaving an end of about 6 in (15 cm), or, if it is needed again at the same edge after 6 rows or fewer and that edge is straight, carry it loosely up the edge.
- Length from the back neck, without the collar 26½ in (67.5 cm).

Instructions

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ch chain, **sl st** slip stitch, **sc** single crochet (UK double crochet), **hdc** half double crochet (UK half treble), **dc** double crochet (UK treble), **Rnd** round, **st** stitch, **sp** space.

RS right side, the one that shows.

ch-1 sp: the gap under the one chain; the hook goes in the gap.

[ ] 4 times: work what is inside 4 times in all. **( )**: all of it goes into the one place.

(40 hdc): the stitches you have when the row is done. **How to read a pattern**.

Special stitches

hdc2tog (half double crochet 2 stitches together (UK half treble 2 together)): [yarn over, insert the hook in the next stitch and pull up a loop] twice (5 loops on the hook); yarn over and pull through all 5 loops.

fpdc (front post double crochet (UK front post treble)): Yarn over, insert the hook from the front to the back and to the front again around the post of the stitch named, pull up a loop, [yarn over and pull through 2 loops] twice. The front is the side that faces you. A post stitch takes the place of the stitch it is worked around: do not work into the top of that stitch as well.

bpdc (back post double crochet (UK back post treble)): As fpdc, but insert the hook from the back to the front and to the back again around the post.

Yoke

Yarn A, charcoal.

☐ **Foundation**	The yoke is worked from the neck down, in rows. As you work, the neck edge hangs down; with the right side facing, a row begins at the left front edge and ends at the right front edge, as worn. Rows 2 to 5 are also shaped at the two front edges, for the neck. The four ch-1 sps are the raglan lines: between them lie, in the order of a right side row, the left front, the left sleeve, the back, the right sleeve and the right front. With yarn A, ch 41. Colors: rows 1 to 18 yarn A; rows 19 and 20 yarn B; rows 21 and 22 yarn A; rows 23 and 24 yarn C; rows 25 and 26 yarn A; rows 27 and 28 yarn B. Work the last yarn over of row 28, the last of the yoke, with yarn A, which the body begins with.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Hdc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across	(40 hdc)
☐ **Row 2**	Ch 1, turn; 3 hdc in first st, hdc in next 2 sts, ch 1, hdc in next 6 sts, ch 1, hdc in next 22 sts, ch 1, hdc in next 6 sts, ch 1, hdc in next 2 sts, 3 hdc in last st	(44 hdc, 4 ch-1 sps)
☐ **Rows 3 to 5**	Ch 1, turn; 3 hdc in first st, **[**hdc in each st to next ch-1 sp, (hdc, ch 1, hdc) in next ch-1 sp**] 4 times**, hdc in each st across to last st, 3 hdc in last st	(80 hdc; 4 ch-1 sps)

3 4 5

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☐ **Rows 6 to 14**	Ch 1, turn; **[**hdc in each st to next ch-1 sp, (hdc, ch 1, hdc) in next ch-1 sp**] 4 times**, hdc in each st across	(152 hdc; 4 ch-1 sps)

6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14

☐ **Row 15**	Ch 1, turn; [hdc in each st to next ch-1 sp, (hdc, ch 1) in next ch-1 sp, hdc in each st to next ch-1 sp, (ch 1, hdc) in next ch-1 sp] twice, hdc in each st across	(156 hdc, 4 ch-1 sps)
☐ **Row 16**	Ch 1, turn; **[**hdc in each st to next ch-1 sp, (hdc, ch 1, hdc) in next ch-1 sp**] 4 times**, hdc in each st across	(164 hdc, 4 ch-1 sps)
☐ **Row 17**	Ch 1, turn; **[**hdc in each st to next ch-1 sp, ch 1, skip next ch-1 sp**] 4 times**, hdc in each st across	(164 hdc, 4 ch-1 sps)
☐ **Rows 18 to 27**	Repeat Rows 16 and 17, 5 more times (172, 180, 188, 196, 204 hdc; 4 ch-1 sps at the ends of the repeats)	(204 hdc; 4 ch-1 sps)

18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27

☐ **Row 28**	Ch 1, turn; **[**hdc in each st to next ch-1 sp, (hdc, ch 1, hdc) in next ch-1 sp**] 4 times**, hdc in each st across	(212 hdc, 4 ch-1 sps)
☐ **End**	There are 31 sts for each front, 44 for each sleeve and 62 for the back. Do not fasten off.	

Body

Yarn A, charcoal.

☐ **Foundation**	Go on from row 28 of the yoke.	
☐ **Row 29**	Ch 1, turn; hdc in each st to next ch-1 sp, ch 8 (underarm), skip next ch-1 sp, next 44 sts and next ch-1 sp (one sleeve), hdc in each st to next ch-1 sp, ch 8 (underarm), skip next ch-1 sp, next 44 sts and next ch-1 sp (one sleeve), hdc in each st across	(124 hdc, 16 ch)
☐ **Rows 30 to 64**	Ch 1, turn; hdc in each st across	(140 hdc)

30 31 32 33 34 35 36 37 38 39 40 41 42 43 44 45 46 47 48 49 50 51 52 53 54 55 56 57 58 59 60 61 62 63 64

☐ **Rows 65 to 70**	Ch 2, turn; **[**fpdc around next st, bpdc around next st**] 70 times**	(70 fpdcs, 70 bpdcs)

65 66 67 68 69 70

☐ **End**	Fasten off.	

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Sleeve: make 2

Yarn A, charcoal.

☐ **Foundation**	With the right side facing, join yarn A in the left one of the two middle chs of an underarm; ch 1, hdc in that ch and in each of the next 3 underarm chs, hdc in the ch-1 sp, hdc in each of the 44 sleeve sts, hdc in the next ch-1 sp and hdc in each of the 4 underarm chs left (54 hdc); join with sl st in first hdc. This is rnd 1.	
☐ **Rnds 2 to 3**	Ch 1; hdc in each st around; join with sl st in first hdc	(54 hdc)
	2 3	
☐ **Rnd 4**	Ch 1; hdc2tog, hdc in each st around to last 2 sts, hdc2tog; join with sl st in first hdc2tog	(52 hdc)
☐ **Rnds 5 to 34**	Repeat Rnds 2 to 4, 10 more times (50, 48, 46, 44, 42, 40, 38, 36, 34, 32 hdc at the ends of the repeats)	(32 hdc)
	5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31 32 33 34	
☐ **Rnds 35 to 39**	Ch 1; hdc in each st around; join with sl st in first hdc	(32 hdc)
	35 36 37 38 39	
☐ **Rnds 40 to 45**	Ch 2; **[**fpdc around next st, bpdc around next st**] 16 times**; join with sl st in first fpdc	(16 fpdcs, 16 bpdcs)
	40 41 42 43 44 45	
☐ **End**	The sleeve is about 17½ in (44.5 cm) long. Fasten off.	

Collar

Yarn A, charcoal.

☐ **Foundation**	With the right side facing, join yarn A in the end of row 5 of the yoke, at the right front edge; ch 1, then work these edges in order: up the right front, along rows 1 to 5 of the yoke, met from the last of them, 2 sc in the end of each of the next 5 rows (10 sc); sc in each of the 40 chs of the foundation chain of the yoke, along their free side (40 sc); down the left front, along rows 1 to 5 of the yoke, 2 sc in the end of each of the next 5 rows (10 sc). There are 60 sc in all. This is row 1, a right side row.	
☐ **Row 2**	Ch 2, turn; dc in each st across	(60 dc)
☐ **Rows 3 to 6**	Ch 2, turn; **[**fpdc around next st, bpdc around next st**] 30 times**	(30 fpdcs, 30 bpdcs)
	3 4 5 6	
☐ **End**	The collar is about 3 in (7.5 cm) high. Fasten off.	

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Right front edge

Yarn A, charcoal.

☐ **Foundation**	With the right side facing, join yarn A in the end of row 70 of the body, at the lower corner of the right front edge; ch 1, then work these edges in order: along rows 65 to 70 of the body, met from the last of them, [sc in the end of the next row, 2 sc in the end of each of the next 2 rows] twice (10 sc); along rows 29 to 64 of the body, met from the last of them, sc in the end of the next row, [2 sc in the end of the next row, sc in the end of each of the next 4 rows] 7 times (43 sc); along rows 6 to 28 of the yoke, met from the last of them, sc in the end of each of the next 3 rows, [2 sc in the end of the next row, sc in the end of each of the next 4 rows] 4 times (27 sc); along row 1 of the collar, sc in the end of the next row (1 sc); along rows 2 to 6 of the collar, 2 sc in the end of each of the next 4 rows, sc in the end of the next row (9 sc). There are 90 sc in all. This is row 1, a right side row.	
☐ **Row 2**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	(90 sc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off.	

Left front edge

Yarn A, charcoal.

☐ **Foundation**	With the right side facing, join yarn A in the end of row 6 of the collar, at its upper corner, at the left front edge; ch 1, then work these edges in order: along rows 2 to 6 of the collar, met from the last of them, sc in the end of the next row, 2 sc in the end of each of the next 4 rows (9 sc); along row 1 of the collar, sc in the end of the next row (1 sc); along rows 6 to 28 of the yoke, [sc in the end of each of the next 4 rows, 2 sc in the end of the next row] 4 times, sc in the end of each of the next 3 rows (27 sc); along rows 29 to 64 of the body, [sc in the end of each of the next 4 rows, 2 sc in the end of the next row] 7 times, sc in the end of the next row (43 sc); along rows 65 to 70 of the body, [2 sc in the end of each of the next 2 rows, sc in the end of the next row] twice (10 sc). There are 90 sc in all. This is row 1, a right side row.	
☐ **Row 2**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	(90 sc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off.	

Pocket: make 2, alike

Yarn A, charcoal.

☐ **Foundation**	Both pockets are worked from these words. With the odd-numbered rows on the outside the piece is the left pocket, as worn; turn the second piece over, so that its even-numbered rows are on the outside, and it is the right pocket. The slanted edge, rows 7 to 18, is the opening for the hand. With yarn A, ch 23.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Hdc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across	(22 hdc)
☐ **Rows 2 to 6**	Ch 1, turn; hdc in each st across	(22 hdc)
	2 3 4 5 6	
☐ **Row 7**	Ch 1, turn; hdc2tog, hdc in each st across	(21 hdc)
☐ **Row 8**	Ch 1, turn; hdc in each st across to last 2 sts, hdc2tog	(20 hdc)

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☐ **Rows 9 to 18**	Repeat Rows 7 and 8, 5 more times (18, 16, 14, 12, 10 hdc at the ends of the repeats)	(10 hdc)
	9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18	
☐ **Rows 19 to 20**	Ch 1, turn; hdc in each st across	(10 hdc)
	19 20	
☐ **End**	The pocket is about 6¾ in (17 cm) wide at the lower edge, 3 in (7.5 cm) wide at the top and 7¼ in (18.5 cm) high. Fasten off.	

Assembly

1. Edging of the left pocket: Hold the left pocket with its odd-numbered rows, its outside, facing you and the slanted edge uppermost. Join yarn C in the end of row 7; ch 1, then work this edge: along rows 7 to 18 of the pocket, [sc in the end of the next row, 2 sc in the end of the next row] 6 times (18 sc). This is row 1, and the only row. Fasten off.

2. Edging of the right pocket: Hold the right pocket with its even-numbered rows, its outside, facing you and the slanted edge uppermost. Join yarn C in the end of row 18; ch 1, then work this edge: along rows 7 to 18 of the pocket, met from the last of them, [2 sc in the end of the next row, sc in the end of the next row] 6 times (18 sc). This is row 1, and the only row. Fasten off.

3. Underarms: close any small gaps at the two ends of the underarms with the yarn ends there.

4. Pockets: lay each pocket, its outside up, on the right side of the front on its own side, with the slanted edge toward the side of the body and the 22 chs of its foundation chain along the top of the rib (the line between rows 64 and 65 of the body), and with 3 sts of the front free between the pocket and the front edging. The pocket is worked upward and the body downward, so row 20 of the pocket is its upper edge and lies nearest the neck. Pin it and sew with a new length of yarn A of about 52 in (130 cm): the straight edge toward the front, the upper edge (the 10 sts of row 20), the lower edge, and the ends of rows 1 to 6 toward the side of the body. The slanted edge and the ends of rows 19 and 20 above it stay open.

5. Zipper: you need a separating zipper about as long as the front edge, 27¾ in (70.5 cm) (its teeth, not its tape). One up to 1 in (2.5 cm) shorter will do: begin at the lower edge, and leave the rest at the top of the collar. A longer one is cut at the top: pull off the teeth above the length you want with pliers, and sew a new stop of a few stitches of thread round each tape.

6. To sew the zipper in: wash the cardigan and let it dry flat before the zipper goes in. Close the zipper and lay it, right side up, under the two front edges, so that the edges meet over the middle of the teeth, the lower end of the zipper is level with the lower edge, and the stripes and the rib of the two fronts are level. Pin along both tapes, each pin across the zipper, and baste with sewing thread in a color you see well. Open the zipper.

7. With sewing thread in the color of yarn A sew each side with small backstitches, along the line between the two rows of the front edge, through the edge and the tape. Do not stretch the edge and do not gather it: the edge is as long as the tape. Then, on the inside, sew the outer border of each tape to the wrong side of the front with slanting stitches that do not show on the right side. At the top fold the end of each tape under, away from the teeth, and sew it down. Take out the basting.

Finishing

- Weave in all the ends. Wash as the yarn label says and lay flat to the measurements to dry.

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