Plus size long cardigan with pockets

1X, to fit bust 45 in (114.5 cm) · US terms



Finished size
About 50½ in (128.5 cm) at the bust and about 42½ in (108 cm) long
To fit a bust of 45 in (114.5 cm)

Skill
Intermediate
Basic stitches, simple shaping, three colors in wide blocks, a ribbed band sewn on

Yarn
Medium (4), 3 colors

Hook
5.5 mm (US I-9)

Gauge
13 stitches and 7 rows to 4 in (10 cm)
In double crochet (UK treble).

What you need

Yarn A: deep wine, main color **about 925 yd (846 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: dusty rose, contrast **about 425 yd (389 m), an estimate**
Yarn C: pale oatmeal, color 3 **about 725 yd (663 m), an estimate**

By weight: about 1,050 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, stitch markers and pins.

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 bust	Yarn, an estimate	Bust	Length	Armhole depth	Sleeve	Upper sleeve	Cuff around	Back neck (before the band)	Side slit
L	41 in (104 cm)	about 1,925 yd (1,760 m)	46¾ in (118.5 cm)	41¼ in (105 cm)	9¼ in (23.5 cm)	22¼ in (56.5 cm)	18½ in (47 cm)	8½ in (21.5 cm)	8 in (20.5 cm)	9 in (23 cm)
1X (this file)	**45 in (114.5 cm)**	**about 2,075 yd (1,897 m)**	**50½ in (128.5 cm)**	**42½ in (108 cm)**	**9¼ in (23.5 cm)**	**22¼ in (56.5 cm)**	**18½ in (47 cm)**	**9¼ in (23.5 cm)**	**8 in (20.5 cm)**	**9 in (23 cm)**
2X	49 in (124.5 cm)	about 2,275 yd (2,080 m)	55½ in (141 cm)	42½ in (108 cm)	10¼ in (26 cm)	23¼ in (59 cm)	20¼ in (51.5 cm)	9¼ in (23.5 cm)	8 in (20.5 cm)	9 in (23 cm)
3X	53 in (134.5 cm)	about 2,400 yd (2,195 m)	59 in (150 cm)	42½ in (108 cm)	10¼ in (26 cm)	23¼ in (59 cm)	20¼ in (51.5 cm)	9¾ in (25 cm)	8½ in (21.5 cm)	9 in (23 cm)

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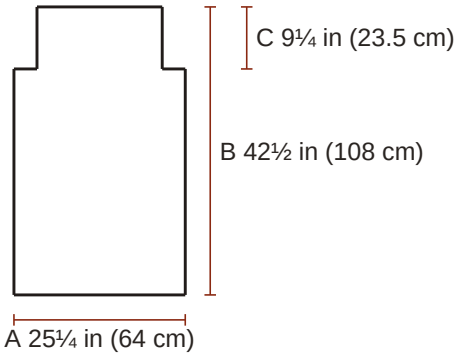
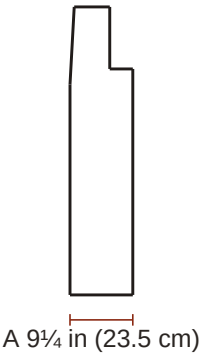
4X	57 in (145 cm)	about 2,500 yd (2,286 m)	62¾ in (159.5 cm)	42½ in (108 cm)	10¼ in (26 cm)	24½ in (62 cm)	20¼ in (51.5 cm)	9¾ in (25 cm)	8½ in (21.5 cm)	9 in (23 cm)
5X	61 in (155 cm)	about 2,750 yd (2,515 m)	66½ in (169 cm)	43½ in (110.5 cm)	11½ in (29 cm)	24½ in (62 cm)	22¾ in (58 cm)	10¼ in (26 cm)	8½ in (21.5 cm)	9 in (23 cm)

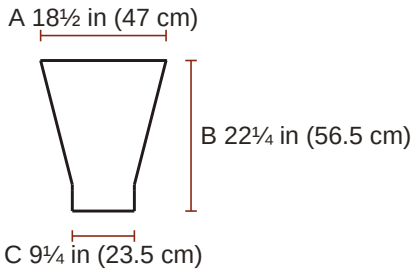
Schematic



Back
A half the bust
B the length
C the armhole



Left front
A the cuff around



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

Gauge

13 stitches and 7 rows to 4 in (10 cm) in double crochet.

> **The swatch.** A test piece to measure and pull out. It is not the start of the pattern. Ch 22; begin in the 3rd ch from the hook and work 10 rows of 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. Ribs: worked sideways, 14 rows and 13 sts to 4 in (10 cm), so a rib of 9 sts is about 2¾ in (7 cm) deep and a rib of 10 sts is about 3 in (7.5 cm) deep. Single crochet rows: about 15 rows to 4 in (10 cm).

Notes

- Women's plus sizes.
- The finished bust is from 5½ in (14 cm) to 6½ in (16.5 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 turning chain (ch 1 for single crochet, ch 2 for double crochet) never counts as a stitch. Work the first stitch of every row into the first stitch, at the base of the turning chain.
- Odd-numbered rows are right side rows. Mark the right side of each piece with a stitch marker or a scrap of yarn.
- A decrease counts as one stitch.
- The ribs are worked sideways in single crochet in the back loop (UK: double crochet). The pieces are worked up from a long edge of a rib. The rib draws in: it is a little narrower than the piece above it.
- The ribbed rows of the pocket: work around the post (the upright part) of the stitch below, not into its top.
- Sew with the yarn needle: the pockets with yarn A (their lengths are given with the pocket), the shoulders and the armholes with yarn C, each side and sleeve seam with the yarn of the rows it joins, and the front band with yarn A. For each seam cut a length about three times as long as the seam.

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- 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 within 6 rows and that edge is straight, carry it loosely up the edge.
- In back loop only: insert the hook under the loop of the stitch that is farther from you, and leave the nearer loop free.

Instructions

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ch chain, **sc** single crochet (UK double crochet), **dc** double crochet (UK treble), **st** stitch.

RS right side, the one that shows.

2 dc in next st: both in one stitch. **dc in next 60 sts**: one in each.

[ ] 4 times: work what is inside 4 times in all.

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

Special stitches

dc2tog (double crochet 2 stitches together (UK treble 2 together)): [yarn over, insert the hook in the next stitch and pull up a loop, yarn over and pull through 2 loops] twice (3 loops on the hook); yarn over and pull through all 3 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.

Back hem rib

Yarn A, deep wine.

☐ **Foundation**	With yarn A, ch 10.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across	(9 sc)
☐ **Rows 2 to 82**	Ch 1, turn; sc in back loop only of each st across	(9 sc)

2 3 4 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 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 65 66 67 68 69 70 71 72 73 74 75 76 77 78 79 80 81 82

☐ **End**	Fasten off.	

Back

Yarns in order of use: A, deep wine; C, pale oatmeal.

☐ **Foundation**	Colors: rows 1 to 26 yarn A; rows 27 to 40 yarn B; rows 41 to 70 yarn C. Hold a back hem rib with one long edge at the top. Join yarn A at the right-hand end of that edge; ch 1, sc in the end of each rib row across (82 sc). This is row 1, and a right side row.	
☐ **Rows 2 to 54**	Ch 2, turn; dc in each st across	(82 dc)

2 3 4 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 35 36 37 38 39 40 41 42 43 44 45 46 47 48 49 50 51 52 53 54

☐ **Row 55**	Fasten off and turn. Skip the first 11 sts and join yarn C in the next st; ch 2, and beginning in that st, dc in next 60 sts, leave the last 11 sts unworked	(60 dc)

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☐ **Rows 56 to 70**	Ch 2, turn; dc in each st across	(60 dc)

56 57 58 59 60 61 62 63 64 65 66 67 68 69 70

☐ **End**	The back measures about 25¼ in (64 cm) wide and 42½ in (108 cm) long, with the rib, and 18½ in (47 cm) across above the armholes. Fasten off.	

Front hem rib: make 2, one for each front

Yarn A, deep wine.

☐ **Foundation**	With yarn A, ch 10.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across	(9 sc)
☐ **Rows 2 to 30**	Ch 1, turn; sc in back loop only of each st across	(9 sc)

2 3 4 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

☐ **End**	Fasten off.	

Left front

Yarns in order of use: A, deep wine; C, pale oatmeal.

☐ **Foundation**	As worn. On right side rows the side edge is at the beginning of the row and the front edge at its end. The neck edge slants from row 51: place a marker in the end of row 50 at the front edge. Colors: rows 1 to 26 yarn A; rows 27 to 40 yarn B; rows 41 to 70 yarn C. Hold a front hem rib with one long edge at the top. Join yarn A at the right-hand end of that edge; ch 1, sc in the end of each rib row across (30 sc). This is row 1, and a right side row.	
☐ **Rows 2 to 50**	Ch 2, turn; dc in each st across	(30 dc)

2 3 4 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 35 36 37 38 39 40 41 42 43 44 45 46 47 48 49 50

☐ **Row 51**	Ch 2, turn; dc in each st across to last 2 sts, dc2tog	(29 dc)
☐ **Rows 52 to 54**	Ch 2, turn; dc in each st across	(29 dc)

52 53 54

☐ **Row 55**	Fasten off and turn. Skip the first 11 sts and join yarn C in the next st; ch 2, and beginning in that st, dc in next 18 sts	(18 dc)
☐ **Rows 56 to 60**	Ch 2, turn; dc in each st across	(18 dc)

56 57 58 59 60

☐ **Row 61**	Ch 2, turn; dc in each st across to last 2 sts, dc2tog	(17 dc)
☐ **Rows 62 to 70**	Ch 2, turn; dc in each st across	(17 dc)

62 63 64 65 66 67 68 69 70

☐ **End**	The front measures about 9¼ in (23.5 cm) wide above the hem rib; the band adds about 3½ in (9 cm) to it later (the bust in the size list counts it). The 17 sts left are the shoulder. Fasten off.	

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Right front

Yarn A, deep wine.

☐ **Foundation**	As worn. On right side rows the front edge is at the beginning of the row and the side edge at its end. The neck edge slants from row 51: place a marker in the end of row 50 at the front edge. Colors: rows 1 to 26 yarn A; rows 27 to 40 yarn B; rows 41 to 70 yarn C. Hold a front hem rib with one long edge at the top. Join yarn A at the right-hand end of that edge; ch 1, sc in the end of each rib row across (30 sc). This is row 1, and a right side row.	
☐ **Rows 2 to 50**	Ch 2, turn; dc in each st across	(30 dc)
	2 3 4 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 35 36 37 38 39 40 41 42 43 44 45 46 47 48 49 50	
☐ **Row 51**	Ch 2, turn; dc2tog, dc in each st across	(29 dc)
☐ **Rows 52 to 54**	Ch 2, turn; dc in each st across	(29 dc)
	52 53 54	
☐ **Row 55**	Ch 2, turn; dc in next 18 sts, leave the last 11 sts unworked	(18 dc)
☐ **Rows 56 to 60**	Ch 2, turn; dc in each st across	(18 dc)
	56 57 58 59 60	
☐ **Row 61**	Ch 2, turn; dc2tog, dc in each st across	(17 dc)
☐ **Rows 62 to 70**	Ch 2, turn; dc in each st across	(17 dc)
	62 63 64 65 66 67 68 69 70	
☐ **End**	The front measures about 9¼ in (23.5 cm) wide above the hem rib; the band adds about 3½ in (9 cm) to it later (the bust in the size list counts it). The 17 sts left are the shoulder. Fasten off.	

Cuff rib: make 2

Yarn A, deep wine.

☐ **Foundation**	With yarn A, ch 11.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across	(10 sc)
☐ **Rows 2 to 32**	Ch 1, turn; sc in back loop only of each st across	(10 sc)
	2 3 4 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	
☐ **End**	Fasten off.	

Sleeve: make 2

Yarn B, dusty rose.

☐ **Foundation**	Colors: rows 1 to 16 yarn B; rows 17 to 34 yarn C. Hold a cuff rib with one long edge at the top. Join yarn B at the right-hand end of that edge; ch 1, sc in the end of each rib row across (32 sc). This is row 1, and a right side row.	
☐ **Row 2**	Ch 2, turn; **[**dc in next 7 sts, 2 dc in next st**] 4 times**	(36 dc)
☐ **Row 3**	Ch 2, turn; 2 dc in first st, dc in each st across to last st, 2 dc in last st	(38 dc)

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☐ **Row 4**	Ch 2, turn; dc in each st across	(38 dc)
☐ **Rows 5 to 26**	Repeat Rows 3 and 4, 11 more times (40, 42, 44, 46, 48, 50, 52, 54, 56, 58, 60 dc at the ends of the repeats)	(60 dc)

5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26

☐ **Rows 27 to 34**	Ch 2, turn; dc in each st across	(60 dc)

27 28 29 30 31 32 33 34

☐ **End**	The sleeve measures about 18½ in (47 cm) across the top and 22¼ in (56.5 cm) long, with the cuff. Fasten off.	

Pocket: make 2

Yarn A, deep wine.

☐ **Foundation**	With yarn A, ch 24. Colors: rows 1 to 12 yarn A; rows 13 to 16 yarn C.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Dc in 3rd ch from hook and in each ch across	(22 dc)
☐ **Rows 2 to 13**	Ch 2, turn; dc in each st across	(22 dc)

2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13

☐ **Rows 14 to 16**	Ch 2, turn; **[**fpdc around next st, bpdc around next st**] 11 times**	(11 fpdcs, 11 bpdcs)

14 15 16

☐ **End**	Row 13 and the 3 ribbed rows above it are the top of the pocket. The pocket measures about 6¾ in (17 cm) wide and 9 in (23 cm) high. Fasten off. For sewing on each pocket, cut about 75 in (190 cm) of yarn A, three times the 24¾ in (63 cm) of its two sides and its foundation chain.	

Front band

Yarn A, deep wine.

☐ **Foundation**	One long strip, worked sideways in rib: it goes from the lower corner of the left front up, round the back neck and down the right front. Place a marker in the end of rows 110, 150, 178 and 218, all four on the same long edge: the edge where the odd-numbered rows begin. That edge is sewn on. With yarn A, ch 12.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across	(11 sc)
☐ **Rows 2 to 328**	Ch 1, turn; sc in back loop only of each st across	(11 sc)

2 3 4 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 35 36 37 38 39 40 41 42 43 44 45 46 47 48 49 50 51 52 53 54 55 56 57
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☐ **End** The band is about 3½ in (9 cm) wide and about 93¾ in (238 cm) long, unstretched. Fasten off.

Assembly

1. Pockets: lay each front with its right side up and a pocket on it, right side up, with its foundation chain along row 10 of the front, counted from row 1 just above the rib. Leave 4 sts of the front free at its front edge and 4 sts at its side edge, and sew on the pocket along its two sides and its foundation chain with one of the lengths of yarn A. The top stays open.

2. Shoulders: lay the fronts on the back with right sides together and the side edges level. Sew the 17 shoulder sts of each front to the 17 sts at that end of the back. The middle 26 sts of the back stay open for the neck.

3. Sleeves: with right sides together, put the middle of the top edge of a sleeve at a shoulder seam. Sew 30 sts of the top edge to the 16 row ends of the armhole of the front and the other 30 sts to the 16 row ends of the armhole of the back, about 11 sts to every 6 row ends. Then sew the last 6 row ends of each side edge of the sleeve to the 11 sts left at the underarm of the body.

4. Sides and sleeves: fold the cardigan at the shoulders, right sides together. Sew each sleeve seam from the cuff edge to the underarm, and each side seam from the underarm down to 9 in (23 cm) above the lower edge. The rest of each side stays open as a slit.

5. Front band: pin the marked edge of the strip to the front and neck edges, both right side up and edge to edge: row 1 at the lower corner of the left front, the marker of row 110 at the marker of row 50 of the left front, the marker of row 150 at the left shoulder seam, row 178 at the right shoulder seam, row 218 at the marker of the right front, and row 328 at the lower corner of the right front. Sew it on with yarn A from row 1 to row 328: 10 rows of the strip to the 9 sts of the end of each front hem rib, about 9 rows of the strip to every 8 sts; 100 rows to the 50 row ends of each straight front edge, 2 rows of the strip to each row end; 40 rows to the 20 row ends of each slanted neck edge, 2 rows of the strip to each row end; and 28 rows to the 26 sts of the back neck, about 12 rows of the strip to every 11 sts.

Finishing

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

In all: 5 pieces.

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