

DWD Free Pattern #E – Simple Cardigan for Bleuette with Beret

Here is an easy and simple loose fitting cardigan your Bleuette can wear over modern or classic dresses, skirts, blouses and other tops. Easy simulated raglan design construction knits up quickly. Picot edge on the body adds a decorative touch. A simple K2, P2 ribbing is used on the sleeves with directions included if you wish to use this on the hem of the body as well. This makes it very versatile and one you can knit over and over for all of your Bleuette girls! Easy beret style hat can be made again and again to match all of her many outfits!

Rating: #1 – Easy. Although you only need to know how to knit and purl, you must be able to read instructions, increase and decrease stitches. Uses lace weight yarn on size 3/0 (1.5 mm) needles with gauge 14 stitches per inch and 18 rows per inch.



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Simple Cardigan for Bleuette

Doll Measurements:	Inches	cm
Height	11	28 cm
Chest	5.75	15.2 cm
Waist	5.5	15 cm
Hips (fullest part)	7	17.8
Arm Length:	3 5/16	8.7 cm
Back of neck to Waist:	3.25	5.5 cm

Measurements from antique reproduction body. Check these against your body, whether it is an original antique Bleuette body or the new resin Bleuette by Ruby Red Galleria.

Yarn: Jagger Spun Zephyr Wool/ Silk lace weight yarn, available from www.theknitter.com

Gauge: 14 stitches per inch, 18 rows per inch on 3/0 (1.5 mm) needles - Color shown on model is “**ruby**”, and for the picot edge I used “vanilla”. Approximately 200 yards or meters needed, And five, 1/8 inch buttons (4 mm)

Note: All odd number of rows are the **Right** side of the work, all even number of rows are the **Wrong** side of the work.

Sleeves:

With 3/0 (1.5 mm) needles, cast on 38 sts. Work ribbing as follows:

Row 1: (RS) [K2, P2]* Repeat to last 2 sts, K2

Row 2: (WS) [P2, K2]* Repeat to last 2 sts, P2

Rows 3 through 6: Repeat rows 1 and 2

Begin stockinette stitch pattern

Row 7: (RS) K all sts

Row 8: (WS) P all sts

Work even in pattern through row 50

Row 51: (RS) Bind off 3 sts, K to end (35 sts)

Row 52: (WS) Bind off 3 sts, P to end (32 sts)

Row 53: (RS) K1, SSK, K to last 3 sts, K2tog, K1 (30 sts)

Leave about an 8-inch yarn tail. Place on spare needle or stitch holder. Work second sleeve in same manner. While sleeves are flat, steam and block. Do **NOT** stretch out ribbing. Let dry thoroughly while you work on the body.

Body:

Using 3/0 (1.5 mm) needles, and contrasting color yarn, work picot cast on as follows:

*Cast on 5 sts using the “cable cast on” method. Cast off 2 sts. Slip st on RH needle back onto LH needle. (3 sts now on LH needle) Repeat from * until there are **102 sts** on your needle

Row 1: (RS) K all sts

Row 2: (WS) K all sts

Change to main color of yarn

Row 3: (RS) K all sts (102 sts)

Row 4: (WS) K all sts

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You will now begin stockinette stitch.

Row 5: (RS) K all sts

Row 6: (WS) P all sts

Rows 7 through row 38: Repeat rows 5 and 6, working even in stockinette stitch pattern

Alternate Rib for Body:

With 3/0 (1.5 mm) needles, cast on **102** sts. Work ribbing as follows:

Row 1: (RS) [K2, P2]* Repeat to last 2 sts, K2

Row 2: (WS) [P2, K2]* Repeat to last 2 sts, P2

Rows 3 through 8: Repeat rows 1 and 2

Row 9: (RS) K all sts (102 sts)

Row 10: (WS) P

Rows 11 through 38 Repeat rows 9 and 10, working even in stockinette stitch pattern

Both versions - Continue to work as follows:

Row 39: (RS) K22, Bind off 8 sts, K42, Bind off 8 sts, K22 (86 sts)

While body is flat, I like to steam and block it. If you worked the rib for the hem, do **NOT** stretch it out when you block it. If you did the picot edge, pin the sides even. Let it dry thoroughly.

Row 40: (WS) P to first cast off section, place marker, purl in first sleeve in the cast off section, place marker, P to second cast off section, place marker, purl in second sleeve in the cast off section, place marker, P to end. You should have four markers on your row. (146 sts)

Decrease for simulated raglan sleeve. Row count begins again. Knit as follows:

You are decreasing a total of 8 stitches for each KNIT (RS) row.

Row 1: (RS) K to 3 sts before first marker, K2tog, K1, sl marker, then SSK, K to 2 sts before second marker, K2tog, sl marker, K1, SSK, K to 3 sts before third marker, K2tog, K1, sl marker, then SSK, K to 2 sts before fourth marker K2tog, sl marker, K1, SSK, K to end. (138 sts)

Row 2: (WS) Purl all stitches.

Rows 3 through 22: Repeat rows 1 and 2, stitch count on row 22 = 58 sts

KEEP ALL LIVE STITCHES ON NEEDLE.

Work neckline ribbing as follows: (Row count begins again)

Row 1: (RS) [K2, P2]* Repeat to last 2 sts, K2

Row 2: (WS) [P2, K2]* Repeat to last 2 sts, P2

Rows 3 through 6: Repeat rows 1 and 2

Row 7: (RS) Bind off in pattern

Front Bands – Work each band as follows:

Left Front Band:

Starting at the top of your left front and working to the bottom, pick up 46 sts. Work rib as follows:

Row 1: (RS) [K2, P2]* Repeat to last 2 sts, K2

Row 2: (WS) [P2, K2]* Repeat to last 2 sts, P2

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Rows 3 through 6: Repeat rows 1 and 2

Row 7: (RS) Bind off in pattern

Right Front Band:

Starting at the bottom of your right front and working to the top, pick up 46 sts. Work rib as follows:

Row 1: (RS) [K2, P2]* Repeat to last 2 sts, K2

Row 2: (WS) [P2, K2]* Repeat to last 2 sts, P2

Row 3: (RS) Repeat row 1

Row 4: (WS) You will be making 5 buttonholes on this row. Work as follows:

P2, YO twice, K2tog, [P2, K2]* twice, YO twice, P2tog, [K2, P2]* twice, YO twice, K2tog, [P2, K2]* twice, YO twice, P2tog, [K2, P2]* twice, YO twice, K2tog, P2

Row 5: (RS) [K2, P2]* Repeat to last 2 sts, K2

NOTE: When you come to the double yarn over, drop one loop and work just one stitch. This will make an extra large hole for your button. If you choose to use a tiny button, you may wish to just use one yarn over. It is up to you. Practice on a scrap to see if you need one or two loops for the buttons you intend to use.

Row 6: (WS) [P2, K2]* Repeat to last 2 sts, P2

Row 7: (RS) Bind off in pattern

Sew up sleeves and underarm area. Weave in all yarn ends. Sew on your five buttons to line up with your buttonholes.

Steam and block sweater once again and let it dry thoroughly.

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BERET STYLE HAT

Yarn: Jagger Spun Zephyr Wool/ Silk lace weight yarn, available from www.theknitter.com

Gauge: 14 stitches per inch, 18 rows per inch on 3/0 (1.5 mm) needles - Color shown on model is “**ruby**”, approximately 100 yards or meters needed,

Cast on 102 stitches on 3/0 (1.5 mm) needles. Work a K2, P2 ribbing as follows:

Row 1: (RS) [K2, P2]* Repeat to end, K2

Row 2: (WS) [P2, K2]* Repeat to end, P2

Rows 3 through 8: Repeat rows 1 and 2

Row 9: (RS) [K1, KFB, K2, KFB]* Repeat to last 2 sts, K2 (142 sts)

Row 10: (WS) P all sts (142 sts)

Rows 11 through 30: Work even in stockinette stitch pattern.

Begin now to reduce stitches – Row count begins again:

Row 1: (RS) [K11, K2tog, Place marker]* repeat across to last 12 sts, K12 (132 sts), you will have 10 markers on your needle

Row 2: (WS) P

Row 3: (RS) [K to 2 sts before marker, K2tog]* repeat across to last 2 sts, K2tog (121 sts)

Row 4: (WS) P

Row 5: (RS) Repeat Row 3 (110 sts)

Row 6: (WS) P

Row 7: (RS) Repeat Row 3 (99 sts)

Row 8: (WS) P

Row 9: (RS) Repeat Row 3 (88 sts)

Row 10: (WS) P

Row 11: (RS) Repeat Row 3 (77 sts)

Row 12: (WS) P

Row 13: (RS) Repeat Row 3 (66 sts)

Row 14: (WS) P

Row 15: (RS) Repeat Row 3 (55 sts)

Row 16: (WS) P

Row 17: (RS) Repeat Row 3 (44 sts)

Row 18: (WS) P

Row 19: (RS) Repeat Row 3 (33 sts)

Row 20: (WS) P

Row 21: (RS) Repeat Row 3 (22 sts)

Row 22: (WS) P

Row 23: (RS) K2tog across row (11 sts)

Pull yarn through all 11stitches, pull taunt, and sew up seam. Weave in yarn ends. Steam and block hat

Make pom-pom and attach to top of hat.

To make pom-pom, wind yarn around a 1 inch square piece of cardboard. Remove from cardboard and tie a piece of yarn around the middle. Cut yarn loops and trim pom-pom to size. Attach pom-pom to top of hat. Weave in yarn ends.

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Abbreviations

Beg	Beginning
B/O	Bind off (cast off sts)
C4F	Slip 2 sts onto cn and hold at front of work, K2, K2 from cn
C4B	Slip 2 sts onto cn and hold at back of work, K2, K2 from cn
CC	Contrast Color
CN	Cable needle
C/O	Cast on
Cont	Continue
Dc	Double crochet
Dec	Decrease
DPN(s)	Double pointed needle(s)
Foll	Following
Inc	Increase
KFB	Knit 1 in front and back of stitch
K2tog	Knit 2 together
K3tog	Knit 3 together
M1	Make one
M1P	Make one Purl
MC	Main Color
P	Purl
P2tog	Purl 2 together
PFB	Purl1 in front and back of stitch
PM	Place Marker
PSSO	Pass slipped stitch over
Rem	Remaining
Rep	Repeat
RS	Right Side
Sc	Single crochet
S1	slip
SKP	Slip, Knit, Pass
SK2P	Slip 1, Knit 2 together, Pass slipped stitch over
SSK	Slip, Slip, Knit OR <i>slip 2 stitches one at a time, knit 2 slipped stitches together</i>
St(s)	Stitch(es)
St st	Stockinette stitch
WS	Wrong side
WYIB	With yarn in back
WYIF	With yarn in front
Yfwd	Yarn forward, or to the front, knit next stitch
YO	Yarn Over

NEEDLE SIZE

US Size	5/0	4/0	3/0	2/0	0	1	2
Metric size	1mm	1.2mm	1.5mm	1.75mm	2mm	2.5mm	3 mm

RULES TO KNIT BY

For successful doll knitting, I have found the following “Rules to Knit By” work every time to produce successful results.

1. Make a swatch and check your gauge. I knit up my swatch and let it “rest” over night. This way the yarn has a chance to relax and be more accurate. Also, and even more important, check your gauge (tension) while you are knitting. Keep an even tension and correct it early to avoid wasting hours of knitting only to have a sweater that does not quite fit!
2. Read through the instructions first, before you begin. Check all the terms and abbreviations used to make sure you understand how the garment is to be made. If there is a new technique in the pattern, practice it first on a scrap piece before you attempt it on your garment.
3. For doll knitting, I found knitting only with natural yarns work the best. I prefer wool, silk, alpaca or blends of these yarns. I do not like to waste my time on inferior yarns. I do not recommend “sock yarn” for any of my patterns.
4. Steam and block your sweater! This is like “pressing” when you sew. I do it several times while knitting. This insures a wonderful finished product that looks professional.