



## DROPS BESTSELLER

" - Sahara, An elegant cardigan that will bring out the woman in you"

**DROPS Cardigan in 2 threads Alpaca and crochet edges.**

**Size:** XS - S - M - L - XL - XXL

**Measurement around chest:** 32.2"-35½"-38½"-42½"-47.2"-51"

**Full length:** 21.5"-22½"-23.2"-24"-24.7"-25½"

**Materials:**

DROPS Alpaca from Garnstudio

450-500-550-600-650-700 g color no. 2915, orange

Drops pointed and circular needles size 5.5 mm [US 9]

- or the size you will need to obtain the correct knitting gauge.

Drops crochet hook size 5 mm [H/8]

**Gauge:**

16 sts x 20 rows with 2 threads of Alpaca in stockinette sts = 4" x 4".



**Back piece:** Cast on 58-64-70-78-88-96 sts (including 1 seam st at each side – all seam st are knitted in garter st) on needles size 5.5 [US 9] with 2 threads of Alpaca. Knit in stockinette sts with a seam st at each side. When the piece measures 2" inc. 1 st at each side on every 2"-2"-2"-2.4"-2.4"-2.4" a total of 5 times = 68-74-80-88-98-106 sts. When the piece measures 12½"-13"-13.4"-13.7"-14.2"-14½" bind off for armhole at each side on every other row as follows: 3 sts 1 time, 2 sts 0-1-1-2-4-5 times and 1 sts 2-2-3-4-4-5 times = 58-60-64-66-68-70 sts. When the piece measures 19"-19.7"-20½"-21.2"-22"-22.7" bind off the centre 14-16-16-16-18-18 sts for the collar. Continue to bind off 1 st on the next row at each neck side = 21-21-23-24-24-25 sts left on each shoulder piece. Bind off when the piece measures 19.7"-20½"-21.2"-22"-22.7"-23.6".

**Left front:** Cast on 5-6-7-8-9-10 sts (including 1 seam st at the side) on needles size 5.5 [US ] with 2 threads of Alpaca. Please read all of the next section before continuing. Knit in stockinette sts. At the same time cast on at the centre side on every other row as follows: 3 sts 2-3-3-4-5-6 times, 2 sts 4-4-5-5-5 times and 1 st 7-6-6-6-7-7 times. At the same time when the piece measures 2" inc. at the side as done for the back piece. When finished with all inc. following no. of sts should be on needle = 31-34-37-41-46-50 sts. When the piece measures 12½"-13"-13.4"-13.7"-14.2"-14½" bind off for armhole as done for the back piece. At the same time bind off for the collar at the centre edge as follows: 1 st on every 6th row 5-6-6-6-7-7 times. When finished with all binding off, following no. of sts should be left = 21-21-23-24-24-25 sts for each shoulder piece. Bind off when the piece measures 19.7"-20½"-21.2"-22"-22.7"-23.6"



**Right front:** Knit as left front, but reverse.

**Sleeve:** Cast on 34-36-36-38-40-40 sts (including 1 seam st at the side) on needles size 5.5 [US 9] with 2 threads of Alpaca. Knit in stockinette sts. When the piece measures 2" inc. 1 sts at each side on every 1½"-1.3"-1.1"-0.9"-0.9"-0.75" a total of 9-10-12-13-13-15 times = 52-56-60-64-66-70 sts. When the piece measures 16½"-16.1"-15.7"-15.2"-15"-14½" (shorter in larger size because of higher sleeve cap) bind off for the sleeve cap at each side on every other row: 3 sts 1 time, 2 sts 2 times and 1 st 2-3-4-5-6-7 times. Continue to bind off 2 sts at each side until the piece measures 19.2". Then bind off at each side 3 sts 1 time. Bind off the remaining sts when the piece measures 19.75". Knit the other sleeve.

**Assembly:** Sew the shoulders. Sew the sides and the sleeve together in the seam.

**Crochet edge:** Crochet with hook size 5 mm [H/8] with 2 threads of Alpaca along the whole edge - back as well as front - begin at the centre back.

Crochet as follows:

1st round: 1 sc in first st \* 5ch, miss appr ½", 1 sc in the next st\* repeat fom \*-\* and finish off with a sl st in the 1st sc from beginning of round.

2nd round: 4 ch, 4 tr around the ch loop, 5 ch,\* around the next ch loop crochet 5 tr, 5 ch\* repeat from \*-\*, finish off with a sl st in the 4th ch from beginning of round.

3rd round: 4 ch, 1 tr in each of next 4 tr's, 6 ch, \*1 tr in each of the next 5 tr, 6 ch\* repeat from \*-\*, finish off with a sl st in the 4th ch beginning of round.

**Crochet edge on the sleeves:** Crochet the same way along the edge of the sleeves but at the 1st round miss 0.75" between the sc's (instead of ½"). Sew in the sleeves. The cardigan can be held together with a pin, a kilt pin or a brooch.

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100% alpaca wool, 50g = 180m  
Needle size US 3-4 (3-3.5mm)  
Gauge: 23 sts x 30 rows = 4"x4"

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