



# Cardi to Love

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**Directions are for size S; changes for sizes M, L, 1X and 2X are in parentheses.**

**RED HEART® “Eco-Ways™ Bamboo Wool”:** 10 (12, 14, 16, 18) Balls 3525 Peacock.

**Circular Knitting Needle:** 5.5mm [US 9] – 29”.  
8 Stitch markers (4 of one color and 4 of a different color),  
stitch holders, three  $\frac{9}{16}$ ” buttons, yarn needle.

**GAUGE:** 18 sts = 4”; 25 rows = 4” in St st. **CHECK YOUR GAUGE.** Use any size needles to obtain the gauge.

**Finished Bust:** 34 (39, 43, 48, 53)”.

**Length:** 23 (24, 24, 25, 26)”.

**SPECIAL ABBREVIATIONS:**

**ssk (slip, slip, knit)** = Slip next 2 sts knitwise, one at a time, to right needle; insert point of left needle into the fronts of these 2 sts and knit them together from this position.

**M1 (make one stitch)** = Lift running thread before next stitch onto left needle and knit into the back loop.

**SLEEVE (Make 2):** Cast on 58 (67, 76, 85, 94) sts. Do not join but work back and forth in rows. Knit 4 rows.

**Row 1 (Right Side):** K2, \* yo, K2, ssk, K2tog, K2, yo, K1; repeat from \* to last 2 sts; K2.

**Row 2:** Purl.

**Row 3:** K3, \* yo, K2, ssk, K2tog, K2, yo, K1; repeat from \* to last st; K1.

**Row 4:** Purl.

Repeat Rows 1-4 for pattern until 7 (7, 7, 7½, 7½)” from beginning, end P row.

**Next Row:** Work next row in pattern EXCEPT omit all yo’s AND for sizes Medium and 1X ONLY, inc 1 in last st – 46 (54, 60, 68, 74) sts.

Work 5 rows even in Stockinette st, begin P row.

**Next Row:** K1, M1, K to last st, M1, K1 – 48 (56, 62, 70, 76) sts.

Repeat last 6 rows 4 (5, 6, 7, 7) times – 56 (66, 74, 84, 90) sts. Work even until 14 (14½, 15, 15½, 15½)” from beginning, end P row.

Bind off 5 (5, 6, 6, 6) sts at beginning of next 2 rows – 46 (56, 62, 72, 78) sts. Place sts on holder.

**BODY (Worked in one piece to underarms):** Cast on 206 (233, 260, 287, 314) sts. Do not join. **NOTE:** Slip the first st of EVERY row as if to Purl. This slipped st is part of the 3 sts of Garter st at each front edge. Knit 4 rows.

**Row 1 (Right Side):** K4, \* yo, K2, ssk, K2tog, K2, yo, K1; repeat from \* to last 4 sts; K4.

**Row 2:** K3, P to last 3 sts; K3.

**Row 3:** K5, \* yo, K2, ssk, K2tog, K2, yo, K1; repeat from \* to last 3 sts; K3.

**Row 4:** Purl.

Repeat Rows 1-4 for pattern until 12 (12½, 12½, 13, 13½)” from beginning, end P row.

**Next Row:** Work next row in pattern EXCEPT omit all yo’s – 162 (183, 204, 225, 246) sts. Purl 1 row.



**Begin 4-row Vertical Buttonhole:**

**\*\* Right Side of Buttonhole:** K4, *turn*; P1, K3, *turn*; K4, yo, K to end.

**Left Side of Buttonhole:** K3, P to last st before yo; P next st together with the yo, do not drop yo but leave on left needle, *turn*; K across, *turn*; K3, P to last st before yo; P next st together with the yo, drop yo, P1, K3 – buttonhole completed. \*\*

**Next Row:** Knit.

**Next Row:** K3, P to last 3 sts; K3.

Repeat last 2 rows for pattern 2 (2, 2, 3, 4) more times.

Repeat from \*\* to \*\* once more – 2nd buttonhole completed.

**Divide for Fronts and Back:** Knit 1 row.

**Next Row:** K3, P35 (40, 45, 50, 55) for Left Front, bind off 8 (8, 10, 10, 10) for underarm, P70 (81, 88, 99, 110) for Back, bind off 8 (8, 10, 10, 10) for underarm, P35 (40, 45, 50, 55), K3 for Right Front.

**Next Row:** Using all the same color markers, K across Right Front, pm, K across sts from holder for Right Sleeve, pm, K across Back, pm, K across sts from holder for Left Sleeve, pm, K across Left Front – 238 (279, 308, 349, 383) sts.

**Next Row (and all wrong side rows):** K3, P to last 3 sts; K3.

**NOTE:** Read *all* the following shaping instructions before proceeding – the 3rd buttonhole will be worked when 6 (6, 6, 8, 10) rows have been completed after the 2nd buttonhole while the armhole shaping is in progress, and the neck shaping begins when 2 rows have been completed after the 3rd buttonhole. Paper and pencil might be handy to help you keep track.

**Armhole Shaping-Dec Row:** [K to 2 sts before marker, ssk, slip marker, K2tog] 4 times, K across.

Work 3 (1, 1, 1, 1) rows even.

Repeat Dec Row.

Work 1 row even.

**Size S Only:** Repeat last 6 rows for armhole shaping.

**Size M Only:** Repeat last 2 rows twice. Work 2 rows even.

Repeat last 10 rows for armhole shaping.

**Size L Only:** Repeat last 2 rows 4 times. Work 2 rows even. Repeat last 14 rows for armhole shaping.

**Sizes 1X and 2X Only:** Repeat last 2 rows for armhole shaping.

**Neck Edge Shaping:** Keeping continuity of armhole shaping, when 2 rows after 3rd buttonhole are completed at Right edge, begin shaping neck edges as follows: At beginning of every right side row, slip 1 purlwise, ssk, work

to last 3 sts; K2tog, K1.

**Shoulder Cap and Back Shaping:** When 28 (30, 30, 36, 38) sts remain from sleeve between markers on a right side row, work next wrong side row as follows using markers that contrast with those already placed: Work to first sleeve marker, P14 (15, 15, 18, 19) sts, pm, P to next marker, P15 (16, 17, 19, 22) sts, pm, P22 (23, 22, 25, 26) sts, pm, P15 (16, 17, 19, 22) sts, P14 (15, 15, 18, 19) sts, pm, work to end of row.

**Next Shaping Row:** Keeping continuity of Neck and Armhole shaping, work to 2 sts before each **new** marker, ssk, slip marker, K2tog; repeat for all **new** markers. Work 7 rows even. Repeat Next Shaping Row. Work 5 rows even. Repeat Next Shaping Row. Continue to work all shaping as established until 2 (2, 3, 2, 2) sts remain before first marker. There will be 6 (10, 10, 10, 10) sts at top of each sleeve and 22 (29, 30, 31, 36) sts at top of back. Bind off all stitches.

**FINISHING:** Lightly steam block garment, stretching lace sections to full width at bottom edges. Sew sleeve and underarm seams.

**Neckband:** With *wrong* side facing, pick up and K126 (133, 142, 143, 156) sts evenly spaced around neck opening. Work 5 rows in Reverse St st. Bind off all sts. Sew buttons to left front opposite buttonholes.



**RED HEART® “Eco-Ways™ Bamboo Wool”:** Art. E754 available in 1.76 oz (50 g), 87yd (80 m) balls.

**ABBREVIATIONS:** **dec** = decrease; **inc** = increase; **K** = knit; **mm** = millimeters; **P** = purl; **pm** = place marker; **pssso** = pass the slipped st over; **St st** = Stockinette stitch (Knit on right side rows; Purl on wrong side rows.); **st(s)** = stitch(es); **tog** = together; **yo** = yarn over; \* = repeat whatever follows the \* as indicated; [ ] = work directions in brackets the number of times specified.