

# Top Down Rainbow Cardigan



**Sizes:** 1 (2) 3-4 years.

Yarn: DK, 100gm ball each of

A: White  
B: Red 218  
C: Orange 215  
D: Yellow 223  
E: Green 279  
F: Turquoise 280  
G: Blue 249  
H: Purple 194  
Or a range of colours to suit you.

3½ mm (10) and 4 mm (8) needles,  
circular and straight.

## Approximate measurements:

Chest: 55 (60) 65 cm  
Raglan depth: 11 (14) 17 cm  
Underarm: 15.5 (18.5) 22 cm  
Sleeves from underarm: 18.5 (22) 25.5 cm

## Abbreviations:

**pm:** place marker

**mm:** move marker

**Ssk:** slip slip knit

**w&t (wrap & turn) on RS:** keep  
yarn in back, slip 1st from left  
needle to the right as if to purl.  
Bring yarn forward  
and put the slipped st back on the  
left needle. Turn.

**w&t on WS:** keep yarn in front, sl  
1 st from left needle to right needle  
as if to purl. Bring yarn back and  
put the slipped st back on left  
needle. Turn.

**M1L (make one left):** pick up the  
bar between the stitches, bringing  
your needle from the front to the  
back, and knit through the back of  
the stitch.

**M1R (make one right):** pick up the  
bar between the stitches, bringing  
your needle from the back to the  
front, and knit through the front of  
the stitch.

## Starting at Neck Rib

With 3 1/4 mm cast on 76 (84) 92sts with colour A (white). WS: p3, \*k2, p2\* k2, p3. RS: k3, \*p2, k2\* p2, k3. Continue to work these two rows until the ribbing measures 2.5 (3) 3.5cm, ending with a WS row and placing markers as follows: p10 (11) 12, pm, p 16 (18) 20, pm, p24 (26) 28, pm, p16 (18) 20, pm, p10 (11) 12.

Change to color B (red), and stocking stitch (st st). The stripes are knitted like this: 6 (8) 10 rows in rainbow colour, 2 white rows.

**Start increasing:** \*k to 1st before marker, M1R, k1, mm, k1, M1L\* repeat to end of row. 8 sts are increased each row.

## Short rows:

WS: p to 7sts before third marker, w&t. RS: k to 7sts before next marker, w&t.

WS: p to 3sts before next marker, pick up and knit the wrap together with the wrapped st as you work, w&t.

RS: k to 3sts before next marker, pick up and knit the wrap together with the wrapped st as you work, w&t. Purl until end of row, and knit back and forth from now on.

Continue working in st st and working increase row on every RS row a total of 11 (12) 13 times.

Sleeve sts for each arm = 38 (42) 46.

Total body sts: 88 (96) 104.

Continue to work in st st without making increases until you have finished knitting 3 colours of the rainbow (red, orange and yellow).

## Separate sleeves from body:

K to marker, put the 38 (42) 46 sleeve sts on a spare needle, cast on 2sts, k to next marker, put the 38 (42) 46 sleeve sts, on another spare needle, cast on 2sts, k to end. Place markers between cast on sts. Total body sts: 92 (100) 108 sts. Continue to work in st st.

## Increase for A-line:

K to 1st before marker, M1R, k1, mm, k1, M1L, repeat one more time and then knit to end of row. Repeat one time for each stripe = 4 increases x 4sts and 108 (116) 124 sts in total. Continue until you have used all the colours (green, turquoise, blue and purple)

Next row: Change to white and work ribbing:

RS: k to end.

WS: p3, \*k2, p2\*, k2, p3.

RS: k3, \*p2, k2\*, p2, k3.

Continue to work in pattern until the ribbing measures 2.5 (3) 3.5 cm.

Cast off in rib..

## Sleeves

The sleeves can be knitted in the round or on straight needles, It will be a little tight to start with but gets easier as the sleeve grows.

Put the 38 (42) 46 sleeves sts back on the needle. Pick up 2sts under each sleeve and pm between picked up sts. Start knitting in the round, or st st on straight needles.

To make the sleeves longer work:

10 (12) 14 rows in rainbow colour, 2 white rows.

Start decreasing after 5 rows as follows: k1, k2tog, k until 3 sts remain, ssk, k1. Then decrease every

8th (9th) 10th row 5 more times = 28

(32) 36 sts.

Continue until the whole rainbow is completed (green, turquoise, blue and purple).

Change to white and k 1 row. Then work \*k2,p2\* rib until the ribbing measures 2.5 (3) 3.5cm.

Cast off in rib.

Work the other sleeve in the same way.

## **Button bands:**

### **Left edge**

Pick up approx 46 (58) 70 sts with colour A, white.

WS: p2, \*k2, p2\*

RS: k2, \*p2, k2\*

Continue to work these two rows until the ribbing measures 2.5 (3) 3.5cm.

Bind off in established ribbing pattern.

### **Right edge:**

Pick up and knit just as on left edge.

Work 3 rows.

Next row (RS) is the buttonhole row: place 5 (6) 6 buttonholes evenly on your cardigan. .

Continue to knit ribbing until the buttonband measures 2.5 (3) 3.5cm.

Cast off in rib, sew up sleeve seams if necessary and sew in all ends.

Attach buttons to match buttonholes.