

## Opulent Silk Cardi

Skill level	Yarn	Needles & Notions	Gauge
Intermediate-Advanced.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>☉ 4 balls of Noro Silk garden in col. 8 or your chosen colour.</li> <li>☉ Approx. 50 grams / 100 metres per ball.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>☉ 36cm long straight needles, size 4.5mm</li> <li>☉ 80 &amp; 100cm circular needle, size 4.5 mm</li> <li>☉ A set of DPN's, size 4.5mm</li> <li>☉ Crochet hook, size 4mm</li> <li>☉ Yarn cutter</li> <li>☉ Tapestry needle</li> <li>☉ Measuring tape</li> </ul>	Approximately 21 sts and 29 rows = 10cm/4" over st st pattern using 4.5mm straight needles.
<p><b>Size</b> S-M(4-6yrs)</p> <p><b>Finished Measurements</b> Approximately 65 cm chest* 41 cm long.</p> <p>*Please note that the chest measurements are flexible due to the cardigan's open-fronted structure.</p>			



### Pattern:

(for straight needles)

**Row 1:** S11, K.

**Row 2:** S11, P.

(for circular needles)

**All Rows:** K.

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## To make the peplum:

Cast on 232 stitches onto straight needle size 4.5mm using crochet size 4mm and a crochet cast on.

Work in pattern for straight needles until the peplum measures 22cm ending with a WS row.

Next row: S11, K11, skpo 52 times, k2tog 52 times, k12; 128 sts. Transfer sts onto temporary thread.

## To make sleeves:

(Make two)

Cast on 52 stitches onto straight needle size 4.5mm using crochet size 4mm and a crochet cast on.

Transfer sts onto 3DPN's size 4.5mm and make sure that sts are divided evenly between the 3 needles (i.e. 18 + 18 + 16), as this will make your work easier.

Work in pattern for circular needles for 46 rnds or until the work measures 16cm.

**Next row in sleeve 1:** K10, k2tog to end. (21 times); 31 sts. Transfer sts onto temporary thread.

**Next row in sleeve 2:** k2tog to last 10 sts (21 times), k10; 31 sts. Transfer sts onto temporary thread.

## Joining peplum and sleeves:

Lay out the peplum on a flat surface with the RS facing you and mark 28<sup>th</sup> st counting from both edges. Then mark 37<sup>th</sup> st counting from both edges. You should have 54 sts in between the middle markers.

Now align both sleeves so that the 10 sts without decreases face the 10 sts between the markers (from 28<sup>th</sup> to 37<sup>th</sup> st inclusive).

Graft these sts using Kitchener St. To be able to do this you will need to break the yarn used to make the sleeves, allowing a generous tail for grafting. These tails will be woven in later.

Once grafting is done, transfer 27 sts of one front, 21 un-grafted sts of the first sleeve, 54 sts between the middle markers, 21 un-grafted sts of the second sleeve, and remaining 27 sts of second front onto 80cm long circular needle no. 4.5mm. 150 sts.

Whilst transferring the sts onto circular needle place 1<sup>st</sup> marker between 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> st, 2<sup>nd</sup> marker between 47<sup>th</sup> and 48<sup>th</sup> st counting from beginning of the row, 3<sup>rd</sup> marker between 47<sup>th</sup> and 48<sup>th</sup> st, and 4<sup>th</sup> marker – between 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> st counting from the end of the row.

**Next row and all WS rows:** S11, P to end (making sure that all sts are aligned correctly, this means facing to the left).

## Shaping shoulders:

**Next row (RS):** S11, k to 2 sts before 1<sup>st</sup> marker – skpo, k to 2<sup>nd</sup> marker – k2 first sts after 2<sup>nd</sup> marker tog, k to 2 sts before 3<sup>rd</sup> marker – skpo, k to 4<sup>th</sup> marker – k2 first sts after 4<sup>th</sup> marker tog, k to end. 4sts dec'd.

Rep last 2 rows 8 more times. 114Sts.

Work one more purl row.

**Next row:** S11, k10, place marker before decrease, skpo, k to last 2 sts before 2<sup>nd</sup> marker, skpo, k to 3<sup>rd</sup> marker – k2 first sts after 3<sup>rd</sup> marker tog, k to 2 sts before 4<sup>th</sup> marker – skpo, k to 5<sup>th</sup> marker – k2 first sts after 5<sup>th</sup> marker tog, k to last 13 sts, k2tog, place marker after decrease, k to end. 6 sts dec'd.

**Next row:** S11, P to end.

Rep last 2 rows once more ignoring notes regarding markers in the RS row. 102 sts.

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**Next row:** Sl1, k to 1<sup>st</sup> marker, skpo twice, k to 3<sup>rd</sup> marker – k2 first sts after the marker tog, k to 2 sts before next marker – skpo, k to next marker and remove it, k2tog before last marker, k to end. 6 sts dec'd.

Work purl row.

**Next row:** Sl1, k to 1<sup>st</sup> marker, skpo, remove 2<sup>nd</sup> marker, k to the next marker – k2 first sts after 3<sup>rd</sup> marker tog, k to 2 sts before 4<sup>th</sup> marker – skpo, k to 5<sup>th</sup> marker and remove it– k2tog before last marker, k to end. 4 sts dec'd. 92 sts.

**Next RS row:** Sl1, k to 1<sup>st</sup> marker, skpo, k to the 2<sup>nd</sup> marker – k2 first sts after 2<sup>nd</sup> marker tog, k to 2 sts before 3<sup>rd</sup> marker – skpo, k to 2 sts before 4<sup>th</sup> marker, k2tog, k to end. 4 sts dec'd. 88 sts.

Rep last RS row (working WS rows in between) five more times. 68 sts.  
End with a WS row.

### Shaping collar:

**Next row:** Sl1, k10, skpo. Turn.

**Next row:** Slip 1 st from LH needle onto RH needle. Turn first 2 sts 180 degrees, p2tog tbl, p to end. Turn.

**Next row:** Sl1, k to 1 st before the gap, skpo. Turn.

Rep last two rows until 24 sts remain on the needles. Divide sts evenly in two (i.e. 12 + 12). Align the two groups of 12 sts for grafting. Graft the sts.

### Finishing touches:

Secure and weave in all tails and enjoy!

### Abbreviations:

**K** – knit

**LH** – left hand

**P** – purl

**RH** – right hand

**RS** – right side

**Sl** – slip

**St /sts** - stitch/stitches

**Tog** – together

**WS** – wrong side



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