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# NICO

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featuring Ara (C549), Chara (C6108), and Vela (C2614)

## OVERVIEW

Cropped jewel-neck cardigan is worked from the bottom up in pieces, with set-in sleeve shaping, then sewn together. Pieces are worked in stranded Stockinette stitch pattern.

## SIZES

Small (Medium, Large, X-Large, XX-Large, XXX-Large)

**To fit bust:** 32 (36, 40, 44, 48, 52)in/81.5 (91.5, 101.5, 112, 122, 132)cm.

**Positive Ease:** 5-7in (12.5-18cm).

## FINISHED MEASUREMENTS

**Bust, buttoned:** 38¼ (41½, 46, 51¼, 55¼, 58½)in/97 (105.5, 117, 130, 140.5, 148.5)cm.

**Length:** 19½ (20, 20½, 21, 21½, 22)in/49.5 (51, 52, 53.5, 54.5, 56)cm.

## YARN

Juniper Moon Farm **PATAGONIA ORGANIC MERINO**

**A** color 141 Persimmon 1 (1, 1, 1, 1, 1) x 100g

**B** color 103 Anthracite 1 (2, 2, 2, 2, 2) x 100g

Juniper Moon Farm **MOONSHINE FINE**

**C** color 1032 Plum Tree 1 (1, 1, 1, 1, 1) x 100g

**D** color 1001 Cocoa 1 (1, 1, 1, 1, 1) x 100g

**J** color 1029 Antique Bronze 1 (1, 1, 1, 1, 1) x 100g

Juniper Moon Farm **MOONSHINE FINE HAND PAINTS**

**E** color 2003 Mardi Gras 1 (1, 1, 1, 1, 1) x 100g

**F** color 2010 Coffee House 1 (1, 1, 1, 1, 1) x 100g

Moda Fibre Co. **CHARA (C6108)**

**G** color 05 Chocolate Cosmo 4 (5, 5, 6, 6, 6) x 20g

Moda Fibre Co. **ARA (C549)**

**H** color 08 Cayenne 3 (4, 4, 4, 5, 5) x 50g

Moda Fibre Co. **VELA (C2614)**

**I** color 09 Impulse 4 (5, 5, 6, 6, 6) x 25g

## NEEDLES + NOTIONS

Size US 7 (4.5mm) needles, for body.

Size US 5 (3.75mm) needles, for hem, cuffs, and neckband.

Stitch markers.

Stitch holders or waste yarn.

6 buttons, ¾in (19mm).

## GAUGE

19 sts and 24 rows = 4in (10cm) in Stranded Pattern, using larger needles.

*Change needle size if necessary to obtain the correct gauge.*

## ABBREVIATIONS

**beg:** begin(ning)(s); **BO:** bind off; **CO:** cast on; **inc:** increase(e)(s)(ing); **k:** knit; **p:** purl; **patt:** pattern(s); **pm:** place marker; **rem:** remain(ing)(s); **rep:** repeat(ing)(s); **RS:** right side; **st(s):** stitch(es); **St st:** Stockinette stitch; **tbl:** through back loop(s); **WS:** wrong side.

## STITCH GLOSSARY

**M1L (make one left):** insert left needle tip from front to back under strand between last st worked and next st and knit strand through the back loop.

**M1R (make one right):** insert left needle tip from back to front under strand between last st worked and next st and knit strand through the front loop.

## CARDIGAN

### YARN PAIRINGS

**Color 1:** Work with 1 strand each of **B** and **D** held together.

**Color 2:** Work with 2 strands of **F** held together.

**Color 3:** Work with 1 strand each of **E** and **H** held together.

**Color 4:** Work with 1 strand each of **A** and **I** held together.

**Color 5:** Work with 1 strand each of **G** and **J** held together.

**Color 6:** Work with 1 strand each of **C** and **I** held together.

### HALF TWISTED RIB (even number of sts)

**Row 1 (RS):** \*K1tbl, p1; rep from \* to end.

**Row 2 (WS):** \*K1, p1; rep from \* to end.

Rep Rows 1 and 2 for patt.

### 1X1 RIB (even number of sts)

**All Rows:** \*K1, p1; rep from \* to end.

### BACK

Using smaller needles and Color 1, CO 88 (96, 108, 116, 128, 136) sts. Beg Half Twisted Rib; work 6 rows even.

Change to larger needles.

Beg Stranded Pattern; work even until piece measures 10.5in/26.5cm, ending with a WS row. Make note of last row worked in Stranded Pattern.

### Shape armholes

BO 0 (4, 4, 4, 4, 4) sts at beg of next 2 rows, 3 sts at beg of next 2 (2, 2, 4, 4, 4) rows, 2 sts at beg of next 2 (2, 4, 2, 6, 8) rows, then 1 st at beg of next 6 (2, 6, 10, 12, 12) rows—72 (76, 80, 82, 84, 88) sts rem.

Work even until armholes measure 8 (8½, 9, 9½, 10, 10½)in/20.5 (21.5, 23, 24, 25.5, 26.5)cm, ending with a WS row. Pm on either side of center 24 (24, 26, 30, 32, 34) sts on final row.

### Shape shoulders and neck

**Note:** Shoulder and neck shaping are worked at the same time; please read ahead.

BO 8 (8, 9, 8, 8, 9) sts at beg of next 2 (6, 2, 6, 6, 2) rows, then 7 (0, 8, 0, 0, 8) sts at beg of next 4 (0, 4, 0, 0, 4) rows.

**AT THE SAME TIME,** beg on first shoulder shaping row, work to marker and place center 24 (24, 26, 30, 32, 34) sts on st holder or waste yarn, join a second ball of yarn and work to end.

Working both sides at the same time with separate balls of yarn, BO 1 st at each neck edge twice.

### RIGHT FRONT

Using smaller needles and Color 1, CO 44 (48, 52, 60, 64, 68) sts. Beg Half Twisted Rib; work 6 rows even.

Change to larger needles.

Beg Stranded Pattern; work even until piece measures 10.5in/26.5cm, ending with row following last row worked in Stranded Pattern for back.

### Shape armhole

BO 4 sts at armhole edge 0 (1, 1, 1, 1, 1) time(s), 3 sts 1 (1, 1, 2, 2, 2) time(s), 2 sts 1 (1, 2, 1, 3, 4) time(s), then 1 st 3 (1, 3, 4, 5, 6) time(s)—36 (38, 38, 43, 42, 44) sts rem.

Work even until armhole measures 5½ (6, 6, 6½, 6½, 7)in/14 (15, 15, 16.5, 16.5, 18)cm, ending with a WS row.

### Shape neck and shoulder

**Note:** Neck and shoulder shaping are worked at the same time; please read ahead.

BO 6 (6, 6, 7, 7, 7) sts at neck edge once, 3 sts 1 (1, 1, 2, 1, 1) time(s), 2 sts 1 (1, 1, 2, 1, 2) time(s), then 1 st 3 (3, 2, 2, 6, 5) times—22 (24, 25, 24, 24, 25) sts rem.

**AT THE SAME TIME**, when armhole measures 8 (8½, 9, 9½, 10, 10½)in/20.5 (21.5, 23, 24, 25.5, 26.5)cm, ending with a RS row, BO 8 (8, 9, 8, 8, 9) sts at armhole edge 1 (3, 1, 3, 3, 1) time(s), then 7 (0, 8, 0, 0, 8) sts 2 (0, 2, 0, 0, 2) times.

### LEFT FRONT

Using smaller needles and Color 1, CO 44 (48, 52, 60, 64, 68) sts. Beg Half Twisted Rib; work 6 rows even.

Change to larger needles.

Beg Stranded Pattern; work even until piece measures 10.5in/26.5cm, ending with same row of Stranded Pattern as for back.

### Shape armhole

BO 4 sts at armhole edge 0 (1, 1, 1, 1, 1) time(s), 3 sts 1 (1, 1, 2, 2, 2) time(s), 2 sts 1 (1, 2, 1, 3, 4) time(s), then 1 st 3 (1, 3, 4, 5, 6) time(s)—36 (38, 38, 43, 42, 44) sts rem.

Work even until armhole measures 5½ (6, 6, 6½, 6½, 7)in/14 (15, 15, 16.5, 16.5, 18)cm, ending with a RS row.

### Shape neck and shoulder

**Note:** Neck and shoulder shaping are worked at the same time; please read ahead.

BO 6 (6, 6, 7, 7, 7) sts at neck edge once, 3 sts 1 (1, 1, 2, 1, 1) time(s), 2 sts 1 (1, 1, 2, 1, 2) time(s), then 1 st 3 (3, 2, 2, 6, 5) times—22 (24, 25, 24, 24, 25) sts rem.

**AT THE SAME TIME**, when armhole measures 8 (8½, 9, 9½, 10, 10½)in/20.5 (21.5, 23, 24, 25.5, 26.5)cm, ending with a WS row, BO 8 (8, 9, 8, 8, 9) sts at armhole edge 1 (3, 1, 3, 3, 1) time(s), then 7 (0, 8, 0, 0, 8) sts 2 (0, 2, 0, 0, 2) times.

### SLEEVES

Using smaller needles and Color 1, CO 40 (40, 40, 44, 44, 44) sts. Beg Half Twisted Rib; work 6 rows even.

Change to larger needles.

Beg Stranded Pattern; work 4 rows even.

### Shape sleeve

**Inc Row (RS):** K1, M1R, work in patt to last st, M1L, k1.

Rep every 4th (4th, 2nd, 2nd, 2nd, 2nd) row 17 (20, 8, 12, 12, 16) more times, then every 6th (0, 4th, 4th, 4th, 4th) row 1 (0, 16, 14, 14, 12) time(s), working new sts into st patt—78 (82, 90, 98, 98, 102) sts. Work even until piece measures 15½ (16½, 16¾, 16¾, 16¾, 16¾) in/39.5 (42, 42.5, 42.5, 42.5, 42.5)cm, ending with a WS row.

### Shape cap

BO 8 sts at beg of next 2 rows, 4 sts at beg of next 2 rows, 3 sts at beg of next 2 (4, 4, 6, 6, 6) rows, 2 sts at beg of next 4 (4, 10, 12, 10, 12) row, then 1 st at beg of next 16 (14, 10, 6, 10, 10) rows—24 (24, 24, 26, 26, 26) sts rem.

BO all sts.

### FINISHING

Block pieces to measurements.

Sew shoulder seams. Set in sleeves; sew side and sleeve seams.

### Neckband

With RS facing, using smaller needles and Color 1, and beg at right front neck edge, pick up and knit 21 (21, 22, 24, 25, 26) sts to right shoulder seam, 30 (30, 32, 36, 38, 40) sts across back neck,

then 21 (21, 22, 24, 25, 26) sts to left front neck edge—72 (72, 76, 84, 88, 92) sts. **Note:** Exact st count is not essential.

Knit 1 row.

Change to Color 4. Work 8 rows in St st.

BO all sts. Neckband will roll to RS.

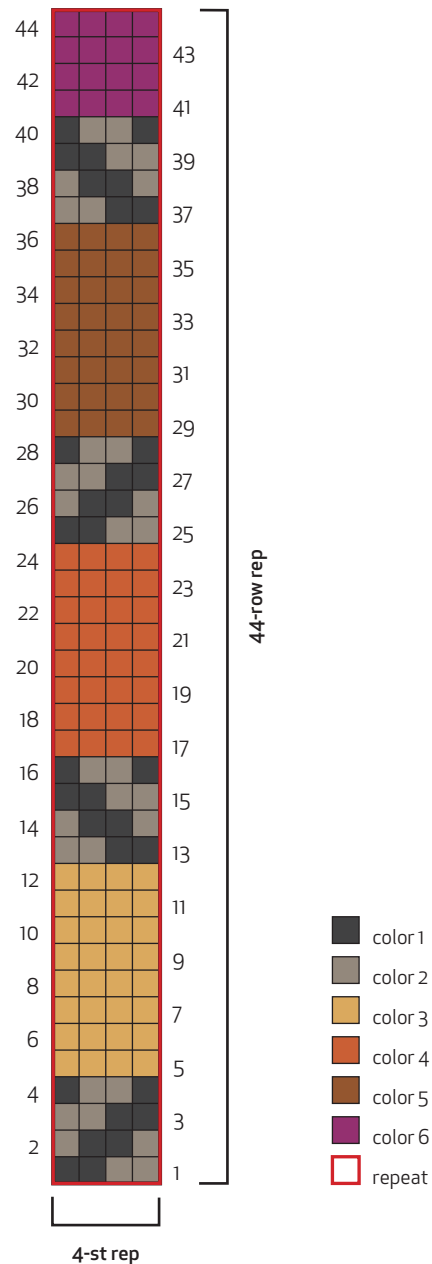
### Button band

With RS facing, using smaller needles and Color 1, CO 8 sts.

Beg 1x1 Rib; work even until piece is long enough to fit left front from lower edge to base of neckband, slightly stretched.

Beg 1x1 Rib; work 8 rows even. BO in patt. Pin button band to lower left front corner and base of neckband; sew in place, easing band as necessary. Pm on band for 6 buttons, the first 4 rows above bottom edge of band, the last 4 rows below top of band, and the rem 4 evenly spaced between.

### Stranded Pattern





### Buttonhole Band

Work same as button band, working buttonholes opposite markers, as follows:

**Buttonhole Row 1 (RS):** Work 2 sts, BO 2 sts, work to end.

**Next Row (WS):** Work 4 sts, CO 2 sts over BO sts, work to end.

Pin buttonband to lower right front corner and base of neckband; sew in place, easing band as necessary.

Sew buttons at markers.

