





# Lace Leaf Cardigan

Designed exclusively for Brown Sheep Company by E. J. Slayton

## SIZE

Woman's small (medium, large, extra-large) Instructions are given for smallest size, with larger sizes in parentheses. When only 1 number is given, it applies to all sizes. Model shown in size small.

## **FINISHED MEASUREMENTS**

Chest: 36 (42, 46, 50)"

Length: 241/2"

## **MATERIALS**

- Brown Sheep Cotton Fleece, 80% cotton/20% Merino wool (100g/215 yds per skein): 5 (5, 6, 6) skeins #CW375 Rue
- Size 5 (3.75mm) needles or size needed to obtain gauge
- Size F/5 (3.75mm) crochet hook
- 2" heart clasp from Schoolhouse Press

# GAUGE

16 sts x 26 rows = 4" in Lace Leaf pat 1 pat rep (9 sts x 16 rows) = ½" To save time and ensure proper fit, take time to check gauge.

# **DESIGNER NOTES**

Stitch count on chart does not remain constant. Pattern repeat increases from 9 to 15 stitches, then returns to original count on Row 17. Measure gauge over Rows 2-4.

Instructions include 1 selvage stitch on each side which is not shown on chart. Work edge stitches

in garter stitch.

Work all increases and decreases 1 stitch in from edge.

When working shaping, omit any full or half leaf that can't be completed; repeat Rows 2 and 3 over these stitches.

To lengthen or shorten body, add or subtract 1 full pattern repeat.

## BACK

Cast on 74 (84, 92, 102) sts.

Beg and end with a WS row, knit 5 rows.

Referring to chart for chosen size, work even in pat until back measures approx 16 (16, 13½, 13½)", ending with Row 1.

## Shape armholes

Next row (RS): Bind off 4 (6, 9, 11) sts at beg of next 2 rows. Dec 1 st at each end every RS row 5 times—56 (62, 64, 70) sts.

Work even in pat until armhole measures approx 7½, (7½, 10, 10)" above bound-off underarm sts, ending with Row 1 of chart.

#### Shape shoulders

Bind off 7 (8, 8, 9) sts at beg of next 2 rows, then 6 (7, 7, 8) sts at beg of following 2 rows.

Bind off remaining 30 (32, 34, 36) sts for back neck.





#### LEFT FRONT

Cast on 38 (43, 47, 52) sts. Beg and ending with a WS row, knit 5 rows.

Referring to chart for chosen size, work even in pat until front measures same as back to armhole, end with a WS row.

#### Shape armhole

**Next row (RS):** Bind off 4 (6, 9, 11) sts, work to end of row. Dec 1 st at armhole edge every RS row 5 times—29 (32, 33, 36) sts.

Work even in pat until armhole measures approx 5 (5,  $7\frac{1}{2}$ ,  $7\frac{1}{2}$ )" above bound-off underarm sts, ending with Row 17.

#### Shape neck

Next row (WS): Bind off 11 (12, 13, 14) sts, work to end of row.

Dec 1 st at neck edge every RS row 5 times—13 (15, 15, 17) sts rem for shoulder.

Work even in pat until front measures same as back above bound-off underarm sts, ending with a WS row.

### Shape shoulders

Bind off at arm edge 7 (8, 8, 9) sts once, then 6 (7, 7, 8) sts once.

## **RIGHT FRONT**

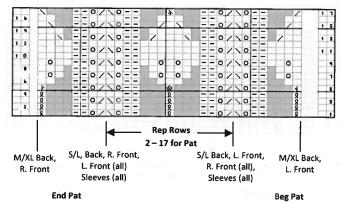
Work as for left front, reversing pat placement and shaping by beg armhole shaping on a WS row, and neck shaping on a RS row.

#### **SLEEVES**

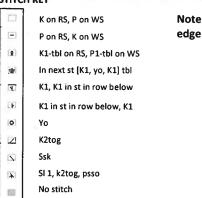
Cast on 56 (56, 74, 74) sts. Beg and end with a WS row, knit 5 rows.

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#### LACE LEAF CHART



#### STITCH KEY



Note: One Selvage st at each edge NOT shown on chart.

Rows 1-33: Referring to chart for chosen size, work in pat *at the same time* inc 1 st each end every 6th row 4 times, working added sts into pat—64 (64, 82, 82) sts.

Rows 34-42: Rep rows 2-10.

Rows 43–52: Rep rows 11–17, then rows 2–4, at the same time dec 1 st each end every RS row 5 times—54 (54, 72, 72) sts.

Bind off all sts purlwise on RS.

# **BORDERS**

Sew shoulder seams.

With crochet hook and RS facing, beg at bottom corner of right front, work 1 row of sc up right front, around neck and down left front, making sure to keep work flat; *do not turn*. Working from left to right, work 1 sc in each sc of previous row.

## **ASSEMBLY**

Place a marker on each side of sleeve 1 (1½, 2¼, 2¾)" below beg of first dec to denote underarm.

Sew sleeves into armholes, matching underarm markers to first bound-off sts of body. Sew sleeve and side seams. Sew clasp at front neck.

Block lightly. ~~

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