

FRIDAREY SLEEVELESS CARDIGAN

The ribbing on this sleeveless cardigan forms an opposed sequence, with turquoises shading from dark to light adjacent to red-violets shading from light to dark. I enjoy creating this shimmering effect when I can—the ribbing in the Isleburgh cardigan (page 134) does the same thing. It reminds me of the fascinating refracted quality of a hologram, or glitter, or tinsel, or bubbles—more colors in more places than are logically possible, continuity vying with discontinuity. In the body of the sweater, the patterns are all light on dark. The large patterns shade in parallel sequences, light at the outside and dark at the center, except for a zingy center round in a lighter turquoise. The wide bands and the tiniest bands are pink and red-violet patterns on turquoise backgrounds; they are adjacent to small bands where the red-violet shifts to the background. Reversing pattern and background counters the eye's expectations. The more ways you can use a color, the more interesting the garment.

Finished Size: Small (Medium, Large). Shown in size Small.

Bust/chest circumference, buttoned: 40½ (44¼, 48)" (103 (112.5, 122) cm).

Body length: 21 (23¼, 24¾)" (53.5 (59, 63) cm).

Materials

Yarn: Jamieson & Smith 2-ply jumper weight Shetland yarn (100% wool; 150 yd/oz (137 m/28 g)): #123 light red-violet heather, #142 medium turquoise, #FC41 dark turquoise, 3 (4, 4) oz (85 (113, 113) g) each; #72 light red heather, #75 pale turquoise, #131 blue-violet, #133 medium red-violet heather, #1283 medium pink heather, #FC34 medium turquoise heather, #FC49 light denim heather, 1 oz (28 g) each.

Needles: Body—Size 3 (3 mm): 29"/80 cm circular; Ribbings—Size 1 (2.25 mm): 16"/40 cm and 29"/80 cm circular. Adjust needle sizes if necessary to obtain the correct gauge.

Crochet hook: Size C (2.5 mm).

Notions: Marker; three stitch holders; tapestry needle; six 5/8" (1.5 cm) buttons.

Gauge: 32 sts and 32 rows = 4" (10 cm) with larger needle over St st in color pattern.

Note: Each size begins at a different round and at times at a different stitch in the pattern repeat.

Body: With dark turquoise and longer ribbing needle, CO 302 (330, 362) sts—290 (318, 350) body sts (and 12 extra sts to be cut later for the center front opening). Place marker at beg of rnd (center front). Join, being careful not to twist sts. **Ribbing:** Work 6 extra sts alternating colors [k1 dark turquoise, k1 light red-violet heather] 3 times, *k2 light red-violet heather, p2 dark turquoise; rep from * to last 8 sts, end k2 light red-violet heather and work rem 6 extra sts [k1 light red-violet heather, k1 dark turquoise] 3 times. Work to end of Body Ribbing chart, always working the extra sts next to the body of the sweater in the knit color, the 2 center extra sts in the purl color, and the rem extra sts in the established striped pattern. Change to longer body needle and blue-violet (medium turquoise, dark turquoise). **Increase rnd:** Work 6 extra sts, k2 (4, 6), M1, *k11 (12, 13), M1; rep from * 26 times total, end k2 (4, 6), then work rem 6 extra sts—317 (347, 377) body sts (and 12 extra sts). Except when only one color is used in the rnd, always work the extra sts next to the body of the sweater in the background color, the 2 center extra sts in the pattern color, and the rem extra sts in the established striped pattern. Beg on rnd 1 (20, 8) of

Main Chart, work through rnd 72, then rnds 1 through 6 (35, 35), for a total of 78 (88, 100) rnds.

Shape Armholes and V-Neck: Rnd 7 (36, 36) of chart: Work 6 extra sts, k2tog (the dec slants towards the extra sts), work 58 (65, 71) right front sts in color pattern, ssk (the dec slants towards the extra sts), place 31 (35, 39) sts on holder for right underarm, CO 12 extra sts with backward loops, k2tog, work 127 (135, 145) back sts in color pattern, ssk, place 31 (35, 39) sts on holder for left underarm, CO 12 extra sts as for right underarm, k2tog, work 58 (65, 71) left front sts in color pattern, ssk, then work rem 6 extra sts—249 (271, 293) body sts (and 36 extra sts). Work extra sts as for the center front. Being careful to keep the pattern motifs in established vertical alignment, dec 1 st at each armhole edge in this manner every rnd 10 (11, 12) times total and *at the same time*, dec 1 st at each side of V-neck extra sts every other rnd 0 (5, 9) times, and then every 3rd rnd 25 (22, 22) times total, ending on rnd 5 (41, 41) of the chart, for a total of 149 (166, 178) rnds—27 (29, 32) sts rem on each shoulder. Work rnd 6 (42, 42) of chart across front sts only (slip left front sts and 6 left armhole extra sts back to the left end of the circular needle and beg knitting there). Work rows 7–10 (43–46, 43–46) of the chart back and forth on the front sts only.

Shoulder Seam: With RS facing, dark turquoise, and beg at center of right armhole extra sts, *graft 6 extra sts and 27 (29, 32) front shoulder sts to corresponding 6 extra sts and 27 (29, 32) back shoulder sts. Begin again at the other side and rep from *. BO front neck extra sts singly. Place rem 57 (57, 61) sts on holder for back neck.

Front Band: Cut center front extra sts up the center. With RS facing, longer ribbing needle, and beg at right front bottom edge alternating k2 medium red-vi