

# Amber Beaded Cardigan

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## FINISHED SIZE

34 (40, 46, 52)" (86.5 [101.5, 117, 132] cm) bust circumference, tied with 1¾" (4.5 cm) gap at center front (see Notes).  
Sweater shown measures 40" (101.5 cm).

## YARN

DK weight (#3 Light).

**SHOWN HERE:** Fiesta Yarns La Luz  
(100% silk; 220 yd [201 m]/2 oz [56.7 g]):  
palomino (MC; gold) 7 (8, 9, 10) skeins;  
vanilla bean (CC; brown), 1 skein for all sizes.

## NEEDLES

Size 5 (3.75 mm): straight and 32" (80 cm) circular (cir). Adjust needle size if necessary to obtain the correct gauge.

## NOTIONS

Markers (m); stitch holder; 190 (200, 205, 210) size 8/0 matte gold rocaille beads; 380 (390, 400, 410) size 10/0 matte brown beads; tapestry needle; sharp-point sewing needle small enough to pass through smaller beads; sewing thread to match MC for attaching beads.

## GAUGE

21 stitches and 31 rows = 4" (10 cm) in stockinette and dot patterns and in body pattern from chart.

### { designer notes }

My original sketch for this style was a very cropped shrug that tied at the front. But thinking that a longer style might be more widely appealing to knitters, I added a "skirt" below the shrug silhouette. The beads help give the cardigan texture, but because they're sewn on after the garment is complete, you can decide whether to include them after you finish knitting.

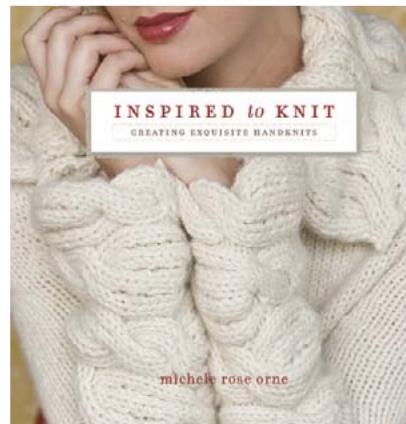
### { make it your own }

If you like the cropped shrug in the original sketch (shown above), simply omit the bottom half of the sweater. To prevent the lower edge from rolling, begin by working a small lace border.



# amber BEADED CARDIGAN

*My goal was to design a cardigan in a shade of gold that captured the look of hay fields drying in the September sun. Apparently, this gold isn't easy to capture with dye on fiber. I found the answer in a handdyed silk yarn with just the right uneven luminosity. I added a sprinkling of gold matte beads to mimic the texture of field seeds—wheat grains, grass, and corn kernels.*



### bookEXCERPT

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## stitch guide

### DOT PATTERN

(WORKED IN MULTIPLES OF 4 STS + 3)

ROWS 1, 5, AND 7: (RS) Knit.

ROWS 2, 4, AND 6: (WS) Purl.

ROW 3: K1, \*p1, k3; rep from \* to last 2 sts, p1, k1.

ROW 8: Rep Row 2.

Repeat Rows 1–8 for pattern.

### NOTES

- This garment is styled so the fronts do not meet in the center. Tie the fronts with a smaller or larger space between them to customize the fit and accommodate slightly smaller, larger, or in-between sizes.
- If during shaping there are not enough stitches to work a decrease with its companion yarnover, work the stitches in stockinette instead to maintain the correct stitch count.

### BACK

With CC and straight needles, CO 105 (121, 137, 153) sts. Knit 1 RS row. Change to MC and purl 1 WS row. **SET-UP ROW:** (RS) K1 (selvedge st; work in St st throughout), work Row 1 of Edging chart over center 103 (119, 135, 151) sts, k1 (selvedge st; work in St st throughout). Cont in patt, work Rows 2–10 of chart—piece measures about 1½" (3.2 cm) from CO. **NEXT ROW:** (RS) K1 (selvedge st), k2tog, work Row 1 of Body chart over center 99 (115, 131, 147) sts, ssk, k1 (selvedge st)—103 (119, 135, 151) sts rem. Working sts at each side in St st, work Rows 2–10 once, then dec 1 st at each end of needle as before on Row 11—101 (117, 133, 149) sts rem. Cont in patt, dec 1 st at each end of needle every 10 rows 8 more times (see Notes)—85 (101, 117, 133) sts rem. Work even in patt until 12-row rep has been worked at total of 8 times, then work Rows 1–5 once more—101 chart rows total; piece measures about 14½" (37 cm) from CO for all sizes. Knit 1 WS row for garter ridge. **NEXT ROW:** (RS) K1 (selvedge st), work Row 1 of dot patt (see Stitch Guide) over center 83 (99, 115, 131) sts, k1 (selvedge st). Cont in patt, inc 1 st at each end of needle on Row 3 of patt, work 7 rows even, then inc 1 st at each end of needle on foll RS row (Row 3 of patt), working new sts into patt—89 (105, 121, 137) sts. Work even in patt until piece measures 17 (17½, 18, 18½)" (43 [44.5, 45.5, 47] cm) from CO, ending with a WS row.

### shape armholes

Cont in patt, BO 3 (4, 5, 6) sts at beg of next 2 rows, then BO 2 (3, 4, 5) sts at beg of foll 2 rows, then BO 2 (2, 3, 4) sts at beg of foll 2 rows—75 (87, 97, 107) sts rem. **DEC ROW:** (RS) K2, k2tog, work in patt to last 4 sts, ssk, k2—2 sts dec'd. Dec 1 st each end of needle in this manner on the next 1 (2, 3, 4)



RS row(s)—71 (81, 89, 97) sts rem. Cont even until armholes measure 7 (7½, 8, 8½)" (18 [19, 20.5, 21.5] cm), ending with a WS row.

### shape neck and shoulders

Cont in patt, work 29 (33, 36, 39) sts, place center 13 (15, 17, 19) sts on holder, join new yarn, work in patt to end—29 (33, 36, 39) sts at each side. Working each side separately, at each neck edge BO 4 (5, 5, 5) sts once, then BO 4 sts once, then BO 3 sts once—18 (21, 24, 27) sts at each side; armholes measure about 8 (8½, 9, 9½)" (20.5 [21.5, 23, 24] cm). **NOTE:** Neck shaping continues while shoulder shaping is introduced; read all the way through the next section before proceeding. Cont to shape neck by dec 1 st at each neck edge 2 times and *at the same time*, at each armhole edge BO 5 (6, 7, 8) sts 2 times, then BO 6 (7, 8, 9) sts once—no sts rem.

### RIGHT FRONT

With CC and straight needles, CO 49 (57, 65, 73) sts. Knit 1 RS row. Change to MC and purl 1 WS row. **SET-UP ROW:** (RS) K1 (selvedge st; work in St st throughout), work Row 1 of Edging chart over center 47 (55, 63, 71) sts, k1 (selvedge st; work in St st throughout). Cont in patt, work Rows 2–10 of chart—

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piece measures about 1½" (3.2 cm) from CO. **NEXT ROW:** (RS) K1 (selvedge st), k2tog, work Row 1 of Body chart over center 43 (51, 59, 67) sts, ssk, k1 (selvedge st)—47 (55, 63, 71) sts rem. Working sts at each side in St st, work Rows 2–10. **NEXT ROW:** (RS; Row 11 of chart) Work in patt to last 3 sts, ssk, k1—46 (54, 62, 70) sts rem. Cont in patt, dec 1 st at side edge (end of RS rows) every 10 rows 8 more times—38 (46, 54, 62) sts rem. Work even in patt until 12-row rep has been worked a total of 8 times, then work Rows 1–5 once more—101 chart rows total; piece measures about 14½" (37 cm) from CO for all sizes. Knit 1 WS row for garter ridge. **NEXT ROW:** (RS) K1 (selvedge st), k1, work Row 1 of dot patt over next 35 (43, 51, 59) sts, k1 (selvedge st). Cont in patt, inc 1 st at end of needle on Row 3 of patt, work 7 rows even, then inc 1 st at end of needle on foll RS row (Row 3 of patt), working new sts into patt—40 (48, 56, 64) sts; with RS facing, there are 1 selvedge st, 1 knit st, 35 (43, 51, 59) sts in patt, 2 sts for partial patt rep, 1 selvedge st. Work even in patt until piece measures 16½ (17, 17½, 18)" (42 [43, 44.5, 45.5] cm) from CO, ending with a WS row.

### shape neck and armhole

**DEC ROW:** (RS) K2, ssk, work in patt to end of row—39 (47, 55, 63) sts rem. Work 2 rows even in patt, ending with a RS row—piece measures 17 (17½, 18, 18½)" (43 [44.5, 45.5, 47] cm) from CO. **NOTE:** Armhole shaping is introduced while neck shaping continues; read all the way through the next section before proceeding. Keeping in patt, dec 1 st at neck edge (beg of RS rows) every 4th row 14 (16, 17, 18) more times—15 (17, 18, 19) sts total removed at neck edge. At the same time, at armhole edge (beg of WS rows) BO 3 (4, 5, 6) sts once, then BO 2 (3, 4, 5) sts once, then BO 2 (2, 3, 4) once, then dec 1 at armhole edge (end of RS rows) 2 (3, 4, 5) times by working in patt to last 4 sts, ssk, k2—9 (12, 16, 20) sts total removed at armhole edge; 16 (19, 22, 25) sts rem when all neck and armhole shaping has been completed. Work even until armhole measures 8 (8½, 9, 9½)" (20.5 [21.5, 23, 24] cm), ending with a RS row.

### shape shoulder

BO 5 (6, 7, 8) sts at beg of next 2 WS rows, then BO rem 6 (7, 8, 9) sts at beg of foll WS row—no sts rem.



### LEFT FRONT

With CC and straight needles, CO 49 (57, 65, 73) sts. Knit 1 RS row. Change to MC and purl 1 WS row. **SET-UP ROW:** (RS) K1 (selvedge st; work in St st throughout), work Row 1 of Edging chart over center 47 (55, 63, 71) sts, k1 (selvedge st; work in St st throughout). Cont in patt, work Rows 2–10 of chart—piece measures about 1½" (3.2 cm) from CO. **NEXT ROW:** (RS) K1 (selvedge st), k2tog, work Row 1 of Body chart over center 43 (51, 59, 67) sts, ssk, k1 (selvedge st)—47 (55, 63, 71) sts rem. Working sts at each side in St st, work Rows 2–10. **NEXT ROW:** (RS; Row 11 of chart) K1, k2tog, work in patt to end—46 (54, 62, 70) sts rem. Cont in patt, dec 1 st at side edge (beg of RS rows) every 10 rows 8 more times—38 (46, 54, 62) sts rem. Work even in patt until 12-row rep has been worked a total of 8 times, then work Rows 1–5 once more—101 chart rows total; piece measures about 14½" (37 cm) from CO for all sizes. Knit 1 WS row for garter ridge. **NEXT ROW:** (RS) K1 (selvedge st), work Row 1 of dot patt over next 35 (43, 51, 59) sts, k1, k1 (selvedge st). Cont in patt, inc 1 st at beg of needle on Row 3 of patt, work 7 rows even, then inc 1 st at end of needle on foll RS row (Row 3 of patt), working new sts into patt—40 (48, 56, 64) sts; with RS facing, there are 1 selvedge st, 2 sts in partial patt rep, 35 (43, 51, 59) sts in patt, 1 knit st, 1 selvedge st. Work even in patt until piece measures 16½ (17, 17½, 18)" (42 [43, 44.5, 45.5] cm) from CO, ending with a WS row.

### shape neck and armhole

**DEC ROW:** (RS) Work in patt to last 3 sts, k2tog, k2—39 (47, 55, 63) sts rem. Work 3 rows even in patt, ending with a WS row—piece measures 17 (17½, 18, 18½)" (43 [44.5, 45.5, 47] cm) from CO. **NOTE:** Armhole shaping is introduced while neck shaping continues; read all the way through the next section before proceeding. Keeping in patt, dec 1 st at neck edge (end of RS rows) every 4th row 14 (16, 17, 18) more times—15 (17, 18, 19) sts total removed at neck edge. At the same time, at armhole edge (beg of RS rows) BO 3 (4, 5, 6) sts once, then BO 2 (3, 4, 5) sts once, then BO 2 (2, 3, 4) once, then dec 1 at armhole edge (beg of RS rows) 2 (3, 4, 5) times by working first 4 sts as k2, k2tog—9 (12, 16, 20) sts total removed at armhole edge; 16 (19, 22, 25) sts rem when all neck and armhole shaping has been completed. Work even until armhole measures 8 (8½, 9, 9½)" (20.5 [21.5, 23, 24] cm), ending with a WS row.

### shape shoulder

BO 5 (6, 7, 8) sts at beg of next 2 RS rows, then BO rem 6 (7, 8, 9) sts at beg of foll RS row—no sts rem.

### SLEEVES (MAKE 2)

With CC and straight needles, CO 67 sts for all sizes. Knit 1 RS row. Change to MC and purl 1 WS row. Work Rows 1–44 of Cuff chart, dec as shown on Rows 27 and 39—55 sts rem; piece measures about 5½" (14 cm) from CO. Change to dot patt beg with Row 3, and inc 1 st at each end of needle on Row 3, then every 12 (8, 6, 6) rows 7 (10, 14, 17) more

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times, working new sts into patt—71 (77, 85, 91) sts. Cont even in patt until piece measures 17½ (18, 18½, 19)" (44.5 [45.5, 47, 48.5] cm) from CO, ending with a WS row.

## shape cap

Cont in patt, BO 3 (4, 5, 6) sts at beg of next 2 rows, then BO 2 (3, 4, 5) sts at beg of foll 2 rows, then BO 2 (2, 3, 4) sts at beg of foll 2 rows—57 (59, 61, 61) sts rem. DEC ROW: (RS) K2, k2tog, work in patt to last 4 sts, ssk, k2—2 sts dec'd. Dec 1 st each end of needle in this manner every other RS row 0 (0, 2, 0) more times, then every 6 rows 4 (5, 4, 6) times—47 sts rem for all sizes. BO 2 sts at beg of next 4 rows, then BO 3 sts at beg of foll 4 rows, then BO 5 sts at beg of foll 2 rows—17 sts rem. BO all sts.

## FINISHING

Lightly steam-block pieces to measurements. With MC threaded on a tapestry needle, sew fronts to back at shoulders. Sew sleeves into armholes, then sew sleeve and side seams. Lightly steam seams, if necessary.

## front trim

With MC, cir needle, RS facing, and beg at CO edge of right front, pick up and knit 65 (67, 69, 71) sts along right front to beg of neck shaping, 33 (34, 35, 36) sts along right front neck, 17 sts along shaped right back neck, k13 (15, 17, 19) held back neck sts, pick up and knit 17 sts along shaped left back neck, 33 (34, 35, 36) sts along left front neck to beg of neck shaping, and 65 (67, 69, 71) sts along left front—243 (251, 259, 267) sts total. Knit 1 WS row. Work Rows 1–10 of Front Trim chart. BO all sts.

## ties (make 2)

With MC and straight needles, CO 1 st.

ROW 1: (RS) (K1, p1, k1) all in same st—3 sts.

ROWS 2, 4, AND 6: K1, purl to last st, k1.

ROW 3: [K1, M1 (see box)] 2 times, k1—5 sts.

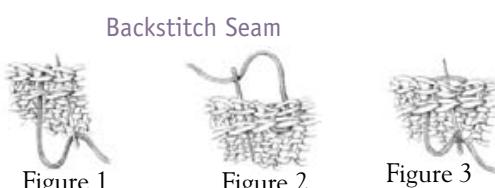
ROW 5: K2, M1, k1, M1, k2—7 sts.

ROW 7: K2, M1, k3, M1, k2—9 sts.

ROW 8: [K1, p3] 2 times, k1.

ROWS 9 AND 11: Knit.

ROW 10: K1, p7, k1.



Bring threaded needle up between the first two stitches on each piece, then back down through both layers, one stitch to the right (Figure 1). \*Bring needle up through both layers one stitch to the left of the previous stitch (Figure 2), then back down through the same hole used before (Figure 3). Repeat from \*.

Rep Rows 8–11 until piece measures 8" (20.5 cm) from CO, ending with a WS row. BO all sts, leaving a long tail for attaching tie. With tail threaded on a tapestry needle, use the invisible horizontal seam (see box) to sew the BO edge of tie to RS of front trim pick-up row, centered on the garter ridge between the body and dot patts, so that tie is on top of front trim. Make and attach a second tie the same as the first.

## beads

Using sharp-point sewing needle, anchor a double strand of sewing thread to RS of front trim pick-up row at lower edge of right front (see boxes for stitching instructions). \*[Thread 1 gold and 2 brown beads, lay beads flat and close together following pick-up row of front trim, work a small running stitch through the fabric] 4 times, make a small backstitch to secure the last 12 beads; rep from \* up the right front, around the back neck, and back down to the left front. Fasten off thread securely. ☀

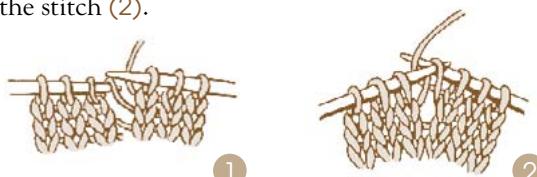
### invisible horizontal seam

Working with the bound-off edges opposite each other, right sides of the knitting facing outward, and working into the stitches just below the bound-off edges, bring threaded tapestry needle out at the center of the first stitch (i.e., go under half of the first stitch) on one side of seam, then bring needle in and out under the first whole stitch on the other side (1). \*Bring needle into the center of the same stitch it came out of before, then out in the center of the adjacent stitch (2). Bring needle in and out under the next whole stitch on the other side (3). Repeat from \*, ending with a half-stitch on the first side. Be sure to work along the same row of stitches on each side for a neat line.



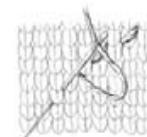
### raised increase (M1)

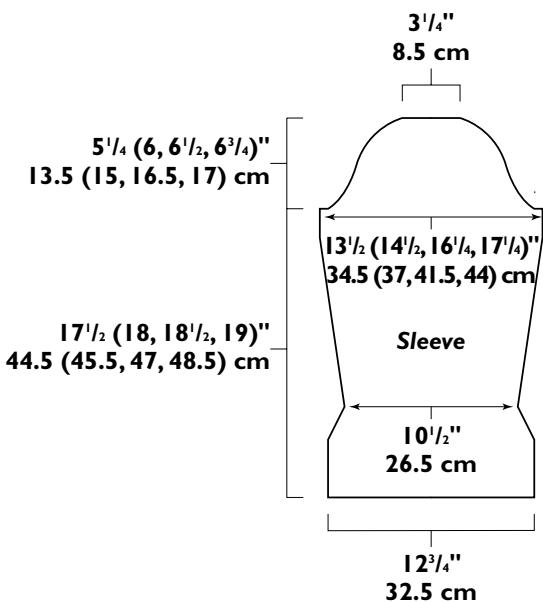
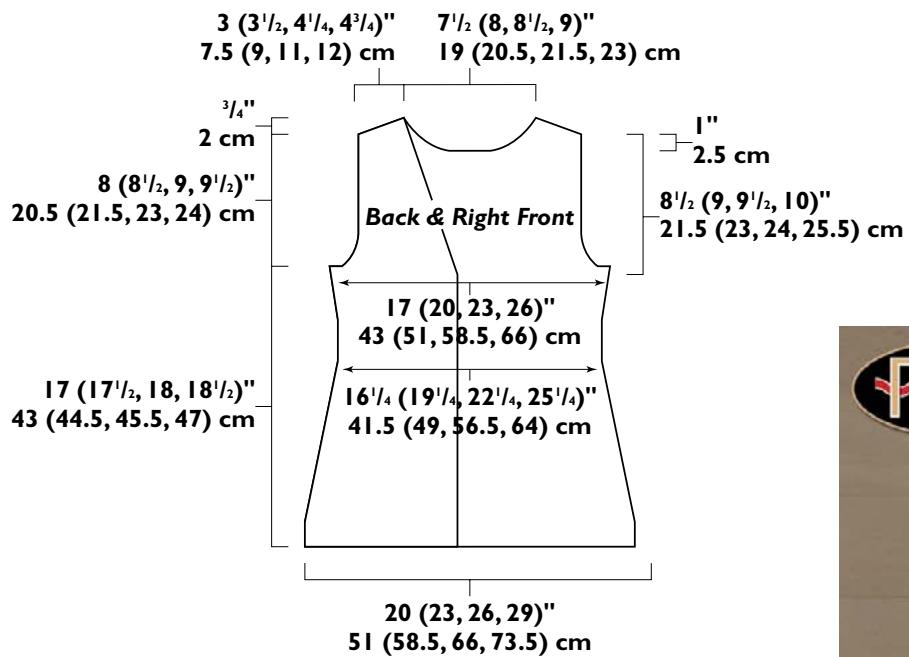
With left needle tip, lift strand between needles from front to back (1). Knit the lifted loop through the back to twist the stitch (2).



### Running Stitch

Working small straight stitches, pass the threaded needle over one knitted stitch and under the next to form a dashed line. The stitches can be worked in equal or varying lengths, horizontally, vertically, or diagonally.





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- k on RS; p on WS
- p on RS; k on WS
- yo
- k2tog
- ssk
- sl 2 sts as if to k2tog, k1, p2sso
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### Edging

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