



BEGINNER CROCHET CARDIGAN

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This pattern comes in nine adult sizes XS through to 5XL.

The pattern is written in US terms. Skill level is Absolute Beginner, with full video and photo tutorials for all techniques.

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MATERIALS

10ply/Aran/Worsted/Medium weight yarn

XS 1200m S 1350m M 1500m L 1600m XL 1750m 2XL 1850m 3XL 2000m 4XL 2100m 5XL 2200m

*Paintbox Yarns Simply Aran - 7 8 9 9 10 10 11 11 12 skeins (pictured cardigan is Light Caramel 208)

-H/5mm hook -G/4.5mm hook

-Tapestry needle

GAUGE + MEASUREMENTS

Double crochet stitch with 5mm hook:

8.5 rows and 13.5 stitches in 10 x 10cm

To make gauge swatch, chain 19

Row 1: 1 dc in 3rd chain from hook, and in each chain, ch 2, turn (17 dc. ch 2 does not count as a stitch)

Row 2: 1 dc in each stitch across to the end, ch 2, turn

Repeat row 2 until you have 10 rows.

Leave your swatch unblocked and measure how many dcs fit into 10cm, at 2 – 3 different spots on your swatch. Then measure how many rows fit into 10cm. Adjust your hook size to match pattern gauge if yours is outside 12- 14 stitches, or 7.5 – 8.5 rows. If your work is above the parameters try using a 4.5mm hook, and if it is below the parameters, try using a 5.5mm hook.



Measurements for XS S M L XL 2XL 3XL 4XL 5XL

Bust: 72-78cm/28-30" 81-86cm/32-34" 91-96cm/36-38" 101-106cm/40-42" 111-117cm/44-46" 122-127cm/48-50" 132-137cm/52-54" 142-147cm/56-58" 152-158cm/60-62"

Length: 68.5cm/26" 68.5cm/27" 71cm/28" 71cm/28" 73cm/29" 73cm/29" 76cm/30" 76cm/30" 78.5cm/31"

This cardigan is designed to be oversized with 10-12cm(4 – 5 ") positive ease.

STITCHES + ABBREVIATIONS

Ch: chain **St:** stitch **Sts:** stitches **Ch sp:** chain space **Sc:** single crochet
Slst: slip stitch **Scblo** – sc in back loop of st only **DC:** double crochet
RS: right side, the side of your work that will face out when complete (even numbered rows)
WS: wrong side, the inside of your work that will remain unseen (odd numbered rows)

NOTES

- This cardigan is made, neck-down, raglan style, beginning with the yoke, then body, sleeves, and edging worked last, all from the same piece.
- Once you've worked out your size, follow only the colour corresponding to the stitch counts for that size.
- Chain 2 (or ch 1) at the end of a row does not count as a stitch.
- The first 8 photos are in a different coloured yarn to the latter photos for added clarity.

YOKE

With H/5mm hook, form a slip knot, and chain 51

Row 1: 2 sc in 2nd ch from hook, 1 sc in each ch to last ch, 2 sc in last ch, ch 2, turn (52)

Row 2: dc 2, (1 dc, ch 1, 1 dc) in next st, dc 10, (1dc, ch 1, 1 dc) in next st, dc 24, (1 dc, ch 1, 1 dc) in next st, dc 10, (1dc, ch 1, 1 dc) in next st, dc 2, ch 2, turn (60 sts)



Row 3: 2 dc in 1st st, dc 2, (1 dc, ch 1, 1 dc) in ch sp, dc 12, (1dc, ch 1, 1 dc) in ch sp, dc 26, (1 dc, ch 1, 1 dc) in ch sp, dc 12, (1 dc, ch 1, 1 dc) in ch sp, dc 2, 2 dc in last st, ch 2, turn (70 sts)



Row 4: dc 5, (1 dc, ch 1, 1 dc) in ch sp, dc 14, (1 dc, ch 1, 1 dc) in ch sp, dc 28, (1 dc, ch 1, 1 dc) in ch sp, dc 14, (1dc, ch 1, 1 dc) in ch sp, dc 5, ch 2, turn (78 sts)

Row 5: dc 6, (1 dc, ch 1, 1 dc) in ch sp, dc 16, (1 dc, ch 1, 1 dc) in ch sp, dc 30, (1 dc, ch 1, 1 dc) in ch sp, dc 16, (1 dc, ch 1, 1 dc) in ch sp, dc 6, ch 2, turn (86 sts)

Row 6: 2 dc in 1st st, dc 6, (1 dc, ch 1, 1 dc) in ch sp, dc 18, (1 dc, ch 1, 1 dc) in ch sp, dc 32, (1 dc, ch 1, 1 dc) in ch sp, dc 18, (1 dc, ch 1, 1 dc) in ch sp, dc 6, 2 dc in last st, ch 2, turn (96 sts)

Row 7: dc 9, (1 dc, ch 1, 1 dc) in ch sp, dc 20, (1 dc, ch 1, 1 dc) in ch sp, dc 34, (1 dc, ch 1, 1 dc) in ch sp, dc 20, (1 dc, ch 1, 1 dc) in ch sp, dc 9, ch 2, turn (104 sts)

Row 8: dc 10, (1 dc, ch 1, 1 dc) in ch sp, dc 22, (1 dc, ch 1, 1 dc) in ch sp, dc 36, (1 dc, ch 1, 1 dc) in ch sp, dc 22, (1 dc, ch 1, 1 dc) in ch sp, dc 10, ch 2, turn (112 sts)

Row 9: 2 dc in 1st st, dc 10, (1 dc, ch 1, 1 dc) in ch sp, dc 24, (1 dc, ch 1, 1 dc) in ch sp, dc 38, (1 dc, ch 1, 1 dc) in ch sp, dc 24, (1 dc, ch 1, 1 dc) in ch sp, dc 10, 2 dc in last st, ch 2, turn (122 sts)

Row 10: dc 13, (1 dc, ch 1, 1 dc) in ch sp, dc 26, (1 dc, ch 1, 1 dc) in ch sp, dc 40, (1 dc, ch 1, 1 dc) in ch sp, dc 26, (1 dc, ch 1, 1 dc) in ch sp, dc 13, ch 2, turn (130 sts)

Row 11: dc 14, (1 dc, ch 1, 1 dc) in ch sp, dc 28, (1 dc, ch 1, 1 dc) in ch sp, dc 42, (1 dc, ch 1, 1 dc) in ch sp, dc 28, (1 dc, ch 1, 1 dc) in ch sp, dc 14, ch 2, turn (138 sts)

Row 12: 2 dc in 1st st, dc 14, (1 dc, ch 1, 1 dc) in ch sp, dc 30, (1 dc, ch 1, 1 dc) in ch sp, dc 44, (1 dc, ch 1, 1 dc) in ch sp, dc 30, (1 dc, ch 1, 1 dc) in ch sp, dc 14, 2 dc in last st, ch 2, turn (148 sts)

Row 13: dc 17, (1 dc, ch 1, 1 dc) in ch sp, dc 32, (1 dc, ch 1, 1 dc) in ch sp, dc 46, (1 dc, ch 1, 1 dc) in ch sp, dc 32, (1 dc, ch 1, 1 dc) in ch sp, dc 17, ch 2, turn (156 sts)

Row 14: dc 18, (1 dc, ch 1, 1 dc) in ch sp, dc 34, (1 dc, ch 1, 1 dc) in ch sp, dc 48, (1 dc, ch 1, 1 dc) in ch sp, dc 34, (1 dc, ch 1, 1 dc) in ch sp, dc 18, ch 2, turn (164 sts)

Row 15: 2 dc in 1st st, dc 18, (1 dc, ch 1, 1 dc) in ch sp, dc 36, (1 dc, ch 1, 1 dc) in ch sp, dc 50, (1 dc, ch 1, 1 dc) in ch sp, dc 36, (1 dc, ch 1, 1 dc) in ch sp, dc 18, 2 dc in last st, ch 2, turn (174 sts)

Row 16: dc 21, (1 dc, ch 1, 1 dc) in ch sp, dc 38, (1 dc, ch 1, 1 dc) in ch sp, dc 52, (1 dc, ch 1, 1 dc) in ch sp, dc 38, (1 dc, ch 1, 1 dc) in ch sp, dc 21, ch 2, turn (182 sts)

Row 17: dc 22, (1 dc, ch 1, 1 dc) in ch sp, dc 40, (1 dc, ch 1, 1 dc) in ch sp, dc 54, (1 dc, ch 1, 1 dc) in ch sp, dc 40, (1 dc, ch 1, 1 dc) in ch sp, dc 22, ch 2, turn (190 sts)

Size XS go to BODY section now

Row 18: 2 dc in 1st st, dc 22, (1 dc, ch 1, 1 dc) in ch sp, dc 42, (1 dc, ch 1, 1 dc) in ch sp, dc 56, (1 dc, ch 1, 1 dc) in ch sp, dc 42, (1 dc, ch 1, 1 dc) in ch sp, dc 22, 2 dc in last st, ch 2, turn (200 sts)



Row 19: dc 25, (1 dc, ch 1, 1 dc) in ch sp, dc 44, (1 dc, ch 1, 1 dc) in ch sp, dc 58, (1 dc, ch 1, 1 dc) in ch sp, dc 44, (1 dc, ch 1, 1 dc) in ch sp, dc 25, ch 2, turn (208 sts)

Sizes S go to BODY section now

Row 20: dc 26, (1 dc, ch 1, 1 dc) in ch sp, dc 46, (1 dc, ch 1, 1 dc) in ch sp, dc 60, (1 dc, ch 1, 1 dc) in ch sp, dc 46, (1 dc, ch 1, 1 dc) in ch sp, dc 26, ch 2, turn (216 sts)

Row 21: 2 dc in 1st st, dc 26, (1 dc, ch 1, 1 dc) in ch sp, dc 48, (1 dc, ch 1, 1 dc) in ch sp, dc 62, (1 dc, ch 1, 1 dc) in ch sp, dc 48, (1 dc, ch 1, 1 dc) in ch sp, dc 26, 2 dc in last st, ch 2, turn (226 sts)

Row 22: dc 29, (1 dc, ch 1, 1 dc) in ch sp, dc 50, (1 dc, ch 1, 1 dc) in ch sp, dc 64, (1 dc, ch 1, 1 dc) in ch sp, dc 50, (1 dc, ch 1, 1 dc) in ch sp, dc 29, ch 2, turn (234 sts)

Size M go to BODY section now

Row 23: dc 30, (1 dc, ch 1, 1 dc) in ch sp, dc 52, (1 dc, ch 1, 1 dc) in ch sp, dc 66, (1 dc, ch 1, 1 dc) in ch sp, dc 52, (1 dc, ch 1, 1 dc) in ch sp, dc 30, ch 2, turn (242 sts)

Row 24: 2 dc in 1st st, dc 30, (1 dc, ch 1, 1 dc) in ch sp, dc 54, (1 dc, ch 1, 1 dc) in ch sp, dc 68, (1 dc, ch 1, 1 dc) in ch sp, dc 54, (1 dc, ch 1, 1 dc) in ch sp, dc 30, 2 dc in last st, ch 2, turn (252 sts)

Size L go to BODY section now

Row 25: dc 33, (1 dc, ch 1, 1 dc) in ch sp, dc 56, (1 dc, ch 1, 1 dc) in ch sp, dc 70, (1 dc, ch 1, 1 dc) in ch sp, dc 56, (1 dc, ch 1, 1 dc) in ch sp, dc 33, ch 2, turn (260 sts)

Row 26: dc 34, (1 dc, ch 1, 1 dc) in ch sp, dc 58, (1 dc, ch 1, 1 dc) in ch sp, dc 72, (1 dc, ch 1, 1 dc) in ch sp, dc 58, (1 dc, ch 1, 1 dc) in ch sp, dc 34, ch 2, turn (268 sts)

Jump to row 27 in black unless you are making size XL

Size XL only, work the following row, then go to BODY section

Row 27: dc 35, (1 dc, ch 1, 1 dc) in ch sp, dc 60, (1 dc, ch 1, 1 dc) in ch sp, dc 74, (1 dc, ch 1, 1 dc) in ch sp, dc 60, (1 dc, ch 1, 1 dc) in ch sp, dc 35, ch 2, turn (276 sts)

Row 27: 2 dc in 1st st, dc 34, (1 dc, ch 1, 1 dc) in ch sp, dc 60, (1 dc, ch 1, 1 dc) in ch sp, dc 74, (1 dc, ch 1, 1 dc) in ch sp, dc 60, (1 dc, ch 1, 1 dc) in ch sp, dc 34, 2 dc in last st, ch 2, turn (278 sts)

Row 28: dc 37, (1 dc, ch 1, 1 dc) in ch sp, dc 62, (1 dc, ch 1, 1 dc) in ch sp, dc 76, (1 dc, ch 1, 1 dc) in ch sp, dc 62, (1 dc, ch 1, 1 dc) in ch sp, dc 37, ch 2, turn (286 sts)

Row 29: dc 38, (1 dc, ch 1, 1 dc) in ch sp, dc 64, (1 dc, ch 1, 1 dc) in ch sp, dc 78, (1 dc, ch 1, 1 dc) in ch sp, dc 64, (1 dc, ch 1, 1 dc) in ch sp, dc 38, ch 2, turn (294 sts)

Size 2XL go to BODY section now

Row 30: 2 dc in 1st st, dc 38, (1 dc, ch 1, 1 dc) in ch sp, dc 66, (1 dc, ch 1, 1 dc) in ch sp, dc 80, (1 dc, ch 1, 1 dc) in ch sp, dc 66, (1 dc, ch 1, 1 dc) in ch sp, dc 38, 2 dc in last st, ch 2, turn (304 sts)

Row 31: dc 41, (1 dc, ch 1, 1 dc) in ch sp, dc 68, (1 dc, ch 1, 1 dc) in ch sp, dc 82, (1 dc, ch 1, 1 dc) in ch sp, dc 68, (1 dc, ch 1, 1 dc) in ch sp, dc 41, ch 2, turn (312 sts)

Size 3XL go to BODY section now

Row 32: dc 42, (1 dc, ch 1, 1 dc) in ch sp, dc 70, (1 dc, ch 1, 1 dc) in ch sp, dc 84, (1 dc, ch 1, 1 dc) in ch sp, dc 70, (1 dc, ch 1, 1 dc) in ch sp, dc 41, ch 2, turn (320 sts)

Row 33: 2 dc in 1st st, dc 42, (1 dc, ch 1, 1 dc) in ch sp, dc 72, (1 dc, ch 1, 1 dc) in ch sp, dc 86, (1 dc, ch 1, 1 dc) in ch sp, dc 72, (1 dc, ch 1, 1 dc) in ch sp, dc 42, 2 dc in last st, ch 2, turn (330 sts)

Size 4XL go to BODY section now

Row 34: dc 45, (1 dc, ch 1, 1 dc) in ch sp, dc 74, (1 dc, ch 1, 1 dc) in ch sp, dc 88, (1 dc, ch 1, 1 dc) in ch sp, dc 74, (1 dc, ch 1, 1 dc) in ch sp, dc 45, ch 2, turn (338 sts)

Row 35: dc 46, (1 dc, ch 1, 1 dc) in ch sp, dc 76, (1 dc, ch 1, 1 dc) in ch sp, dc 90, (1 dc, ch 1, 1 dc) in ch sp, dc 76, (1 dc, ch 1, 1 dc) in ch sp, dc 46, ch 2, turn (346 sts)



SEPARATE BODY FROM SLEEVE

Follow the color for your size - XS **S** **M** **L** **XL** **2XL** **3XL** **4XL** **5XL**

Row 1: dc 23 **26** **30** **33** **36** **39** **42** **45** **47**, 1 dc in ch sp, ch 7, skip the next section of dcs (the sleeve), 1 dc in next ch sp, 1 dc in each st across to next ch sp, (56 **60** **66** **70** **76** **80** **84** **88** **92** dcs), 1 dc in ch sp, chain 7, skip the next section of dcs (the sleeve), 1 dc in next ch sp, dc 23 **26** **30** **33** **36** **39** **42** **45** **47**, ch 2, turn (120 **130** **144** **154** **166** **176** **186** **196** **204**)



Sizes XS **S** **XL** **2XL** **3XL** **5XL** -

Row 2: 2 dc in 1st st, 1 dc in each st to last st, 2 dc in last st, ch 2, turn (122 **132** **168** **178** **188** **206**)

Row 3: 1 dc in each st to end, ch 2, turn (122 **132** **178** **188** **206**)

Row 4: rep row 3

Sizes XS **S** **5XL** only

Row 5: rep row 2 (124 **134** **208**)

Sizes **L** **4XL**:



Row 2: 1 dc in each st to end, ch 2, turn (154 196)
 Row 3: 1 dc in each st to end, ch 2, turn
 Row 4: 2 dc in 1st st, 1 dc in each st to last st, 2 dc in last st, ch 2, turn (156 198)

All sizes:

From your next row onwards (row 6 6 2 5 5 5 5 6): 1 dc in each st across to end, ch 2, turn (124 134 144 156 168 178 188 198 208)



Keep going until your cardigan (from centre of neck to bottom) measures approximately* 63cm 63cm 66cm 66cm 68cm 68cm 71cm 71cm 74cm ending with a WS row so that you finish at the left hand corner (or right corner facing the cardigan). *Do not fasten off.*

*Add extra length if you wish, allowing just over 5cm for additional ribbing length.

RIBBING

The method used for the body and sleeve ribbing involves working directly from the last row, joining and working each rib row directly onto the body. See photos and video.



Chain 11 from left (right when facing) corner.

Switch to 4.5mm hook and chain another 9 (you have already ch 2 after your last row) (11)

Row 1: sc in 2nd chain from hook, and in each chain back to the body (10)
 Now sl st into the stitch (dc) to the left of where you chained from, then sl st into the next stitch, ch 1, turn.

Row 2: skip 2 sl sts, scblo for each stitch to the end of ribbing, ch 1, turn (10)

Row 3: scblo in each stitch back down to the body, sl st in to stitch (dc) to the left of your work, sl st again to the left, ch 1, turn (10)

Row 4 onwards: repeat rows 2 and 3 until you reach the end of your cardigan. Fasten off.



Sc in back loop only (green)



SLEEVES

With 5mm hook, attach yarn to the center (4th) chain at the under arm with RS RS WS WS WS RS RS RS WS facing, ch 2.



Attach yarn here



...here



Attaching for RS row



Attaching for WS row

Round 1: 1 dc in next ch, and in the next 2 chs, dc2tog over the 'corner' by inserting hook into the side of the dc, and then into the 1st st (see photo) 1 dc in each stitch around to the other 'corner', dc2tog, 1 dc in each of the 3 last chs, join to 1st dc with sl st, ch 2, turn 49 53 59 63 69 73 77 81 85



Joining method:

For your sleeve rounds, your first dc is worked into the first stitch AFTER the space at the base of your ch 2. Your last dc is worked into the space at the base of the ch 2. This method will create a less visible seam.



Round 2: dc2tog, 1 dc in each stitch around to last 2 sts, dc2tog, join to 1st dc with sl st, ch 2, turn 47 51 57 61 67 71 75 79 83

Round 3: 1 dc in each st around, join to 1st st with slst, ch 2, turn

Round 4: dc2tog, 1 dc in each remaining st, join to 1st st with slst, ch 2, turn 46 50 56 60 66 70 74 78 82

Round 5: rep round 3 46 50 56 60 66 70 74 78 82

Round 6: rep round 2 44 48 54 58 64 68 72 76 80

Sizes XS S M L

Repeat round 3 twice, and round 2 once (decrease every third round) until end of row 25. 32 36 42 46

Sizes XL 2XL 3XL 4XL 5XL

Repeat round 3 once, and round 2 once (decrease every second round) until end of row 25. 46 50 54 58 62



All sizes:

Once you have worked 25 sleeve rounds, try on garment and check sleeve measurement (from underarm to end)*, then continue to repeat round 3 only, to reach length needed*, finishing with a WS round.

Final round (RS): *dc2tog, dc 14 7 3 2 2 3 2 2 1*, rep between * * 1 3 7 11 11 9 12 13 20 more times, dc 0 0 2 0 2 0 1 0 2 join to 1st st with slst, do not fasten off. 30 32 34 36 38 40 40 42 42

**sleeve should be approximately 33 - 35cm, (allow 6cm extra for your final round and the ribbing) and sitting at your wrist, just before your hand begins.*

RIBBING

Sleeve ribbing is the same as body ribbing.

Switch to 4.5mm hook and chain 11

Row 1: sc in 2nd chain from hook, and in each chain back to the body (10)

Now sl st into the stitch (dc) to the **left** of where you chained from, then sl st into the next stitch, ch 1, turn.

Row 2: skip 2 sl sts, scblo for each stitch to the end of ribbing, ch 1, turn (10)

Row 3: scblo in each stitch back down to the body, sl st in to stitch (dc) to the left of your work, sl st again to the left, ch 1, turn (10)

Row 4 onwards: repeat rows 2 and 3 until you reach the 1st rib row, fasten off with a 20cm tail to sew sleeve closed:

Turn sleeve inside out, use tapestry needle and tail to sew through each of the adjacent 10 sts of the cuff, then weave in remaining end.



NECKLINE EDGING

With 4.5mm hook, attach yarn to the bottom left hand corner of your cardigan, chain 8



Row 1: sc in 2nd ch from hook, sc in each ch to corner, slst into 2nd st up from corner, slst into next (3rd) st, ch 1, turn your work (7)

Row 2: skip 2 x slst, scblo into first sc, scblo into each sc to end, ch 1, turn (7)

Row 3: 1 scblo into each st back to cardigan edge, (slst into next st) x 2, ch 1, turn (7)

Repeat rows 2 and 3, three times so your last slst is into the side of the 1st dc row.

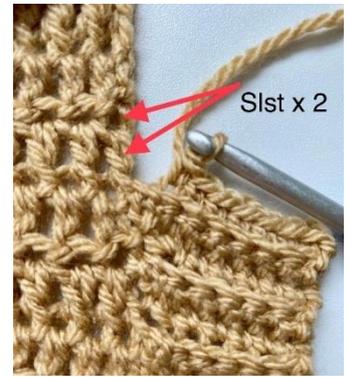
From here, continue to rep rows 2 and 3, but the 2 x slst will now be into the side of 1 dc row.

Next row: skip 2 x slst, scblo into first sc, scblo into each st to end, ch 1, turn (7)

Next row: 1 scblo into each st back to cardigan edge, slst into the 2nd row of dcs*, inserting your hook into (not around) the middle of the dc, essentially splitting it, then doing the same (slst) into the sp between rows (above the same dc), ch 1, turn (7)

**keep in mind that you work two rib rows for every dc row*

Alternate the last two rows, up to the shoulder where your dc rows stop, then continue your rib rows, using the original starting chains to slst into. Then work down the other side of the cardigan with slsts into dc rows, and then down the bottom ribbing to finish at the corner.



OPTIONAL POCKETS

With 5.5mm hook, form a slip knot and ch 19

Row 1: 1 dc in 3rd ch from hook, 1 dc in each ch to end, ch 2, turn (17 dcs)

Row 2: 1 dc in each st to end, ch 2, turn (17 dcs)

Row 3– 13: repeat row 2

Edging round:

From where you finish row 13, ch 1, turn your work 90 degrees clockwise to work down the side of your pocket, sc in side of the same corner, sc evenly down the side with 2 sc for each dc row, sc x 2 into bottom corner, turn your work to sc along the bottom, sc x 2 in next corner, turn your work to sc evenly up the other side, do not fasten off.

Ribbing:

With the same hook, chain 8

Row 1: 1 sc in 2nd ch from hook, 1 sc in remaining 6 chs, slst into 1st dc st, slst into next st, ch 1, turn

Row 2: skip 2 x slsts, scblo into each st to end, ch 1, turn (7)

Row 3: scblo in each st back to your piece, slst x 2 in next 2 dc sts, ch 1, turn (7 scs)

Row 4 – 19: repeat rows 2 and 3, finishing row 19 with just 1 slst into the 1st edging sc st, fasten off leaving a 30 cm tail for sewing pocket to cardigan.

Repeat above for your second pocket.

Attaching to cardigan:

1) Position your pocket on your cardigan, approximately 1-3cm from the side, and 1 or 2 dc rows above the ribbing. Pin your pocket in place with pins or stitch markers or a couple of tapestry needles. Try on your cardigan to check that this placement suits you.

2) Fold down your ribbing and thread your tail onto a tapestry needle. Using a simple whip stitch begin by sewing through the ribbing and pocket beneath it to a stitch directly below it on your cardigan (one loop from the stitch below is plenty to sew through). Keep your stitches gentle, not pulling too tightly. Continue to use a whip stitch around the three sides of your pocket, sewing through the three sections again for the other side of the ribbing fold.

My video explains this stitch and instructions clearly.

