

**ELINA from Nako  
Baby Cardigan**



**Size:** 0-3 months (6-9 months, 12-18 months).

**Finishes:** 19 (21.5, 23)" Chest.

Length: 10 (11, 12)"

**Materials**

Elina: 3 (3, 4) balls, color 2846 Hibiscus Mix

**Gauge:** 20 sts = 4" in st st on US Size 7 needles.

**Needles/Notions:** Size US 5 & US 7, spare needle(s) or holders, 5 buttons.

**1X1 Ribbing:**

Row 1(RS): P1, \*(k1, p1) repeat from \* to end of row.

Row 2: K1, \*(p1, k1) repeat from \* to end of row.

Repeat rows 1 & 2 for ribbing.

**Right Front:** With smaller needles, cast on 23 (25, 27) sts. Work in 1x1 ribbing for 8 rows, increasing evenly across the last row to 24(27, 29) sts. Change to larger needles and work in st st until piece measures 7½ (8½, 9½)", ending with a WS row. Begin Neck Shaping: At neck edge, bind off 5 (6, 7) sts, work to end of row.

Then decrease 1 st at neck edge on every following alternate row 4 times total: 15 (17, 18) sts. Continue even in st st until piece measures 10 (11, 12)", ending with a WS row. Leave sts on spare needle or holder for 3 needle bind off.

**Left Front:** With smaller needles, cast on 23 (25, 27) sts. Work in 1x1 ribbing for 8 rows, increasing sts evenly across the last row to 24 (27, 29) sts. Change to larger needles and work in st st until piece measures 7½ (8½, 9½)", ending with a RS row. Begin Neck Shaping: At neck edge, bind off 5 (6, 7) sts, work to end of row. Then decrease 1 st at neck edge on every following alternate row 4 times total: 15 (17, 18) sts. Continue even in st st until piece measures 10 (11, 12)", ending with a WS row. Leave sts on spare needle or holder for 3 needle bind off.

**Sleeves (Make 2):** With smaller needles, cast on 29 (31, 33) sts. Work in 1x1 ribbing for 8 rows, increasing 5 sts evenly across the last row: 34 (36, 38) sts. Change to larger needles and work in st st, increasing 1 st at each end of 3<sup>rd</sup> and every following 4<sup>th</sup> row until there are 48 (50, 54) sts. Continue even in st st until piece measures 6 (6½, 7½)", ending with a WS row. Bind off very loosely.

**Back:** With smaller needles, cast on 45 (51, 55) sts. Work in 1x1 ribbing for 8 rows, increasing evenly across the last row to 48 (54, 58) sts. Change to larger needles and work in st st until piece measures 10 (11, 12)", ending with a WS row. Leave sts on spare needle or holder for the 3 needle bind off.

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**Finishing:** Bind off shoulder sts together, using 3 needle bind off technique. Leave the center back sts on the needle or holder. Sew in sleeves, slightly stretching sleeves down side edge. Sew up sleeves seams, and side seams.

**Neck Band:** Using smaller needles and RS facing, pick up 19 (20, 21) sts up the right front neck shaping, 19 (21, 23) sts across the back, and 19 (20, 21) sts down the left front neck shaping: 57 (61, 65) sts. Beginning with a row 2, work in 1X1 ribbing for 7 rows. Bind off in ribbing.

**Button Band:** With smaller needle and RS facing, pick up 49 (53, 57) sts along button side edge. Beginning with a row 2, work in 1X1 ribbing for 7 rows. Bind off in ribbing.

**Buttonhole Band:** With smaller needle and RS facing, pick up 49 (53, 57) sts along buttonhole side edge. Beginning with a row 2, work in 1X1 ribbing for 3 rows. Buttonhole row: Rib 4(6, 4) sts, yo, k2tog, [rib 8 (8, 10) sts, yo, k2tog] 4 times, rib 3 (5, 3) sts. Work in 1X1 ribbing for 3 more rows. Bind off in ribbing. Sew on buttons to correspond to buttonholes. Weave in all ends.

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