Crochet Cable Cardigan

Hooded Coat & Wide-Leg Pants Set for Girls — Cream & Dusty Blue



The finished set — hooded cable cardigan with wooden buttons and patch pockets, and matching wide-leg pants.

Size	3–4 years (2–3 years and 5–6 years on the sizing page)
Finished size	Cardigan: chest approx. 64 cm / 25 in, length 44 cm / 17.5 in. Pants: length approx. 48 cm / 19 in
Skill level	Confident beginner to intermediate — half double crochet, front post stitches, one cable crossing
Gauge	14 sts × 10 rows = 10 cm / 4 in in hdc and cable pattern with worsted yarn and a 5.5 mm hook

Materials

- Worsted (aran) weight yarn, approx. 1,050 m total: cream 3 × 100 g balls and dusty blue 3 × 100 g balls (approx. 600 m of each)
- 5.5 mm (I-9) crochet hook
- 4 large natural wooden buttons, 25 mm (cardigan band)
- 2 small natural wooden buttons, 15 mm (pocket trims)
- Yarn needle with a large eye, scissors, stitch markers, tape measure



Yarn, hook and wooden buttons for the set.

Abbreviations (US terms)

- **ch** chain · **sc** single crochet · **hdc** half double crochet · **sl st** slip stitch
- **FPdc** front post double crochet · **FPtr** front post treble crochet
- **BLO** back loop only · **hdc2tog** half double crochet 2 together (decrease) · **sk** skip · **st(s)** stitch(es) · **rep** repeat

The cable panel (12 sts)

Every cable in the set uses this one panel. **Plain rows:** hdc in the first 2 sts, FPdc around the post of each of the next 8 sts, hdc in the last 2 sts. **Crossing row** (worked every 6th row of the panel): hdc in the first 2 sts, sk the next 4 cable sts, FPtr around the post of each of the following 4 sts, then FPtr around the post of each of the 4 skipped sts, working in front of the sts just made, hdc in the last 2 sts. Count 12 panel sts at the end of every crossing row.

Construction notes

The cardigan is worked flat in panels — back, two fronts, two sleeves — then seamed. The hood is picked up from the neckline and the button bands are worked onto the front edges, so there are no separate trims to sew on. The pants are worked in the round from the hem up and joined at the crotch. Ribbing is always hdc worked in the back loop only. Turning chains do not count as stitches.

Part 1 — Back Panel



Working the cream cable panel — the front-post cable rows started on the hook.

Set-up: With dusty blue, ch 45, hdc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across. [44 hdc]

Rows 1–4 (ribbed hem): Ch 2, turn, hdc BLO in each st across, in dusty blue. [44]

Row 5 (set the layout): Ch 2, turn, hdc in first 16 sts in dusty blue; with cream work the cable panel (hdc 2, FPdc 8, hdc 2); with dusty blue hdc in last 16 sts. [16 + 12 + 16 = 44]

Rows 6–44: Keep the layout of Row 5, working a cable crossing row on rows 10, 16, 22, 28, 34 and 40. The panel measures approx. 44 cm / 17.5 in.

Row 44 (neck & shoulders): Work in pattern across the first 14 sts and fasten off. Sk the centre 16 sts (back neck), rejoin yarn and work in pattern across the last 14 sts. Fasten off. [14 + 14, neck 16]

Part 2 — Front Panels (make 2, mirrored)



The back and front panels laid flat, showing the cream cable panels and ribbed hems.

Set-up: With dusty blue, ch 23, hdc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across. [22 hdc]

Rows 1–4 (ribbed hem): Ch 2, turn, hdc BLO in each st across, in dusty blue. [22]

Row 5 (set the layout): Reading from the front edge: with cream work the cable panel (hdc 2, FPdc 8, hdc 2); with dusty blue hdc in the last 10 sts. [12 + 10 = 22]

Rows 6–34: Keep the layout of Row 5, crossing the cable on the same rows as the back (rows 10, 16, 22 and 28).

Rows 35–42 (neck slope): Dec 1 st at the front (neck) edge on every row — work hdc2tog across the first 2 sts of the cable panel edge — keeping the rest of the row in pattern. Cross the cable on row 40 as set. [22 − 8 = 14]

Rows 43–44: Work in pattern with no decreases. Fasten off. [14 — matches the back shoulder]

Make the second front as a mirror image: reverse the Row 5 layout so the cable panel sits beside the front edge, and work the neck decreases at the opposite edge.

Part 3 — Sleeves (make 2)



The sleeves with their dusty blue cable panels, and the hood piece, before assembly.

Set-up: With dusty blue, ch 27, hdc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across. [26 hdc]

Rows 1–4 (cuff): Ch 2, turn, hdc BLO in each st across, in dusty blue. [26]

Row 5 (set the layout): With cream hdc in first 7 sts; with dusty blue work the cable panel (hdc 2, FPdc 8, hdc 2); with cream hdc in last 7 sts. [7 + 12 + 7 = 26]

Rows 6–28: Keep the layout, crossing the cable on rows 10, 16, 22 and 28. Increase 1 st at each end of rows 10, 16, 22 and 28 (work 2 hdc in the first and last st). [28, 30, 32, then 34 = 11 + 12 + 11]

Fasten off. This is a relaxed drop-shoulder sleeve, so there is no cap shaping.

Part 4 — Hood & Assembly

Assembly first: Sew the shoulder seams (14 sts each side). Centre each sleeve on a shoulder seam and sew it in place, then sew the sleeve seams and side seams in one go.

Pick up: With dusty blue and the right side facing, pick up and hdc 56 sts evenly around the neckline: 20 down the right front slope, 16 across the back neck, 20 up the left front slope. [56]

Rows 1–24: Ch 2, turn, hdc in each st across, in dusty blue. [56] The hood measures approx. 24 cm / 9.5 in.

Top seam: Fold the hood in half with right sides together and seam the top edge. Turn right side out.

Face edging: With dusty blue, work 2 rows of hdc BLO evenly around the face opening. Fasten off and weave in the ends.

Part 5 — Button Bands, Buttons & Pockets



Sewing a large wooden button onto the button band, with a finished patch pocket below.

Buttonhole band (right front): With dusty blue, join yarn at the hem and work 44 sc evenly up the front edge — 1 sc in the end of every row. [44 sc]

Rows 2–4: Ch 1, turn, sc in each st across. [44]

Buttonholes (worked within Row 3): Sc in first 5 sts, *ch 2, sk 2 sts, sc in next 9 sts; rep from * twice more, ch 2, sk 2 sts, sc in last 4 sts. [5 + 11 + 11 + 11 + 2 + 4 = 44; 4 buttonholes]

Button band (left front): Work the same 44 sc pick-up and 4 rows of sc with no buttonholes. Sew the 4 wooden buttons (25 mm) onto this band in line with the buttonholes.

Patch pockets (make 2)

Set-up: With dusty blue, ch 15, hdc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across. [14 hdc]

Rows 1–10: Hdc 1 in dusty blue, cable panel in cream (crossing on row 6), hdc 1 in dusty blue. [1 + 12 + 1 = 14]

Rows 11–12 (trim): With dusty blue, hdc BLO in each st across. Fasten off, leaving a long tail for sewing. Sew a small wooden button (15 mm) at the centre of the trim.

Attach: Pin one pocket to each front, centred on the cable panel with its bottom edge at cardigan row 11, and stitch around the sides and bottom. Weave in all ends and block the set gently.

Part 6 — Wide-Leg Pants



One finished dusty blue leg with its cream cable panel, and the second leg on the hook.

Legs (make 2)

Set-up: With dusty blue, ch 36, join with sl st to form a ring, taking care not to twist the chain.

Rnds 1–4 (ribbed hem): Ch 2, hdc BLO in each st around, join with sl st. [36]

Rnd 5 (set the layout): Hdc in first 12 sts in dusty blue; with cream work the cable panel (hdc 2, FPdc 8, hdc 2) — mark the centre of the panel as the front; with dusty blue hdc in last 12 sts. [12 + 12 + 12 = 36]

Rnds 6–32: Keep the layout, crossing the cable on rnds 10, 16, 22 and 28. Each leg measures approx. 32 cm / 12.8 in.

Joining the legs & body

Rnd 33 (join): Work in pattern across the first leg [36], ch 4 (crotch bridge), work in pattern across the second leg [36], ch 4, join with sl st. [36 + 4 + 36 + 4 = 80]

Rnds 34–44: Ch 2, hdc in each st and each ch around, in dusty blue. [80]

Rnds 45–46 (waistband): Ch 2, hdc BLO in each st around. [80]

Rnd 47 (eyelets): *Hdc in next 3 sts, ch 1, sk 1 st; rep from * around. [60 hdc + 20 ch-1 sps = 80; 20 eyelets]

Rnd 48: Ch 2, hdc in each st and each ch-1 sp around. Fasten off. [80]

Drawstring: Ch 90, sl st in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across. [89 sl sts] Thread through the eyelet round and tie a bow at the centre front.

Sizing — All Three Sizes

The pattern above is written for 3–4 years. For the other sizes, keep the 12-stitch cable panel, the 16-stitch back neck and all construction steps exactly the same, and use the counts below. Neck decreases are always 8 (rows shown), and each size changes the panel widths by 4 stitches and the body length by 4 rows.

Measurement	2–3 years	3–4 years	5–6 years
Back panel	40 sts (14 + 12 + 14)	44 sts (16 + 12 + 16)	48 sts (18 + 12 + 18)
Each front panel	20 sts (12 + 8)	22 sts (12 + 10)	24 sts (12 + 12)
Body rows / length	40 rows / 40 cm	44 rows / 44 cm	48 rows / 48 cm
Neck decrease rows	31–38	35–42	39–46
Shoulder / back neck	12 sts / 16 sts	14 sts / 16 sts	16 sts / 16 sts
Sleeve	24 → 32 sts, 26 rows	26 → 34 sts, 28 rows	28 → 36 sts, 30 rows
Hood pick-up / rows	52 sts, 22 rows	56 sts, 24 rows	60 sts, 26 rows
Band pick-up	40 sc	44 sc	48 sc
Pants leg	32 sts (10 + 12 + 10)	36 sts (12 + 12 + 12)	40 sts (14 + 12 + 14)
Pants joined / eyelets	72 sts / 18 eyelets	80 sts / 20 eyelets	88 sts / 22 eyelets

Tips

• **Swatch the crossing row.** The four-over-four FPtr cross is the only new technique in the set — ten minutes on a swatch makes every panel relaxing.

• **Count the panel, not the row.** Count 12 panel stitches at the end of every crossing row and the cables will never drift.

• **Block before sewing.** A gentle wet block squares up the panels, opens the cables and makes the seams almost invisible.

• **Button safety.** Sew buttons on with several firm passes of yarn and check them regularly on garments for young children.

Care: machine wash gentle, cold, inside a mesh laundry bag; lay flat to dry and store folded, not hung. We hope your little one loves wearing this set as much as you loved making it.