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**Materials:** 4 (5, 6) Skeins Florafil Coral Hibiscus Super Soft Cotton Yarn  
4 Buttons and 1 Large Snap  
Small amount of scrap yarn  
Stitch Markers

**Gauge:** 3.5 sts/1"

**Needles:** #10 16", 24" and 32" circular needles

**Size:** 36" chest (40" chest, 44" chest)

This is a cropped cardi knitted from the top down, no button holes are necessary and has minimal underarm seam finishing. Changes for larger sizes are in parenthesis.

## Yoke

Begin at the neck edge with #10 24" circular, casting on 38

(40,42)sts. Cardi is worked back and forth on circulars slipping markers as you come to them as follows:

Row 1 (wrong side): P2 (Right front), place marker (pm), P9(9,9) (sleeve), pm, p16(18,20) (back), pm, P9 (9,9) (sleeve), pm, P2(left front).

Row 2: Knit, increasing 1 st\* in first st and increasing 1 st before and after each marker, work 1 increase in last st.

\*Increases are made by knitting into front and back of the stitch.

Row 3: Purl

Repeat rows 2 and 3 until there are 24 (26,28) sts in the back section, ending with a wrong side row. Cast on 6 sts at the end of this row.



Next row (right side): Knit the 1st 6 sts, pm (border), increase at markers as before and casting on 6 sts at the end of row. Continue to knit 1st 6 sts and last 6 sts, pm every row for front borders. Continue to increase 1 st before and after each marker on knit rows. Purl across all wrong side rows. Continue working increases until there are 60 (62,70) sts between back markers.

## Divide for sleeves

Work across front and back sts including borders, placing sleeve sts on a holding thread (scrap yarn) to be worked after body is completed: 53 (53,59) sleeve sts.

To create swing effect across body of Cardi keep border sts in garter stitch and increase 5 sts evenly spaced across body as follows: work increases on 6th, 16th, and 26th rows. Continue working with no further increases until body measures 17 (18, 19)". Work 8 rows in garter st and bind off loosely. Weave in ends.

### **Sleeves**

Using #10 16" needle transfer stitches on holding thread, pm, and join.  
Work 1-1/2" in rnds (knit every row).

Next row: Decrease 1 st at beginning and end of round by knitting first 2 sts together and last 2 sts together. Continue to work for another 1-1/2" and repeat decreases every other row.  
Work 4 rows garter stitch, by knitting 1 row, purling 1 row in rounds. Bind off loosely. Weave in ends.

### **Neckband**

Using #10 16" needles pick up 1 stitch for each border stitch and around neckline. Work 4 rows in garter stitch. Bind off loosely. Weave in ends