Pattern difficulty: Moderate
Pattern sizes:
s/8/32, (m/10/34, l/12/36, xl/14/38)
Measurements:
To fit bust:
82-87cm, (92-97cm, 102-107cm, 112-117cm)
All round measurements:
Bust: 96cm, (107cm, 117cm, 127cm)
Length to shoulder:
55cm, (58cm, 60cm, 63cm)
Sleeve length:
30cm, (30cm, 30cm, 30cm)
Materials:
Vinnis Colours Nikkim:
11, (12, 13, 14) balls of 119m/50g, DK in Kingfisher (591)
Hook: 3.75mm
15mm buttons: 6, (6, 7, 7)
Tapestry needle
Scissors
Tension:
16sts x 10 rows = 10cm x 10cm using a 3.75mm crochet hook and working in pattern as set.
Abbreviations:
beg - begin
ch - chain
chsp - chain space
col - colour
cont - continue
dc - double crochet
dec - decrease
htc - half treble crochet
inc - increase
patt - pattern
puff st - puff stitch
rem - remaining
rep - repeat
RS (RSF) - right side/right side facing
slst - slip stitch
st(s) - stitches
tr - treble crochet
WS (WSF) - Wrong side/wrong side facing
yo - yarn over

Pattern notes:
3ch replace the first tr of a row.
1ch at the beginning of a row does not replace the first dc. This casual cardigan was designed with a generous positive ease.

Special stitches:
Puff stitch:
(yo, insert hook in next st, yo, draw yarn through st, yo, draw yarn through 2 loops on hook), twice in same st, yo draw yarn through 3 loops on hook.

To make
Back:
Make 84 (92, 100, 108) ch.
Foundation row:
Ch3 (counts as tr), 1tr in next st, "ch1, sk 1 htr, 1 puff st in next htr, ch1, sk next htr, 1 tr in next htr", rep from "-*" to last 5sts, ch1, sk next htr, 1 puff st in next htr, ch1, sk next htr, 1tr in last 2htr, turn.
Row 1:
Ch3 (counts as htr), 1htr in each st across.
Row 2:
Ch2 (counts as htr), 1htr in each st across.
Row 3:
Ch3 (counts as tr), 1 puff st in next st "ch1, sk next htr, 1tr in next htr, ch1, sk next htr, 1 puff st in next htr", to last st, 1 tr in last htr.
Row 4:
Ch2 (counts as htr), 1 htr in each st across.
Rep row 1 - 4 until piece measures 35 (37, 39, 41) cm, ending with a htr row.

To shape armholes:
Next row:
Slst across the first 4 sts, work in established patt to end, leaving last 4sts unworked.
Next 5 rows:
Keep continuity of patt and dec 1st at the beg and end of each row. Cont straight until armholes measure 18 (19, 19, 20) cm.

Shape neck:
Next row:
Slst over first 6 (6, 8, 10) sts, cont in patt as set.
Next 7 (7, 9, 10) rows:
Dec 1 st at neckline. Cont in patt as set until front measures same as back. Fasten off.

Right front:
Rep as for left front, reversing all shapings.

Sleeves:
Make 48 (52, 52, 56) ch.
Work the foundation row as for the back = 47 (51, 51, 55) htr. Cont in patt as set for back until piece measures 6 cm.
Next rows:
Inc 1st at beg and end of next row and every 3rd row a total of 9 times = 65 (69, 69, 73) sts.
Cont until piece measures 30cm.

To shape sleevecap:
Next row:
Slst over first 4 sts, cont in patt as set across row, leaving last 4sts unworked.
Next rows:
Dec 2 sts at beg and end of row a total of 3 times.
Next rows:
Dec 2 sts at beg and end of row a total of 6 times.
Next rows:
Dec 1 at beg and end of row a total of 2 (3, 4, 4) times. Fasten off.
To join sleeves:
With right sides facing, join shoulder seams. Fold sleeves in half lengthways, then placing folds on shoulder seams, sew sleeves in position. Sew up side and sleeve seams. Weave in all loose ends.

Front bands:
Right front band (buttonhole band):
With RS facing, insert hook into first st. Work one row of evenly spaced dc.
(Tip: Try to work 2dc per each row ending with a tr, and 1dc per each row ending with an htr.)
Work 2 more dc rows.
Before working the next row, use pins to mark the position of 6 (6, 7, 7) buttonholes.
Make buttonholes with a [ch3, sk next 3dc, cont with dc until next buttonhole], then work 3dc in the ch3 on the return row.
Work 3 more rows in dc. Fasten off.

Left front band:
Work as for right front band, but omit the buttonholes.
(Must total a number of 7 rows.)

Neck edging:
With RS facing, insert hook on top of front band.
Work 1 row of evenly spaced dc across the front band, around the neck, and across the second front band.
Work 2 more rows of dc and fasten off.

To make up:
Weave in all loose ends.
Sew buttons in place.
Block garment to measurement, cover with a damp cloth (or spray with water) and allow to dry.