

## Some Assembly Required

I love cardigans - they are truly useful and adaptable garments - you can put them on and fully fasten, or have them open for cooling, and take them off and put over your shoulders for keeping a chill off. A cardigan is, to me, way more useful than a pullover (your mileage may vary).

This cardigan (of my own design, [some details here](#).) will go to Afghanistan through [Afghans for Afghans](#), where it will find a home with a girl who is at school, which in that culture is a revolutionary act to some. Wanna knit one of the 500 sweaters we need for this campaign? Click on the link for Afghans for Afghans.

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It requires some assembly - that is - it has finishing. I've minimized some of the assembly by knitting the fronts and backs as one piece. This may mean that it will get a little long, but that can actually be good in a place where garments are long and loose. I *could* have knit together the shoulders in a three-needle-bind off, but I won't do so on purpose, because this is a heftier yarn and I want very stable seams at the shoulder.



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I also *could* have knit the sleeves top-down seamlessly, but again, I've chosen not to. With this thick yarn, I think having a seamed sleeve-cap is a good idea, and seams down the sleeve will ensure that they don't get so long as to be in the way.

Some assembly is required, but I am glad of it! There is also a plan to dye the finished garment, but that will wait for another day...

Seams can be our friends, and I'm anxious to see how this all turns out.