# Oversized cardigan with a fitted base and straight jeans

Volume-balance outfit sheet • Free, no signup or purchase.

Balance an oversized open-front cardigan with a fitted top and straight jeans you already own. Keep the volume in one layer, check shoulder and sleeve comfort while you move, and compare a reference garment with the size chart before choosing a size. The free volume-balance outfit sheet records the fit checks and measurements.

## You need

- A fitted base top that feels comfortable, not tight
- Straight jeans you already own
- An oversized cardigan you own or are considering
- A cardigan or sweater whose fit you like, to measure as a reference
- A flexible measuring tape
- The free volume-balance outfit sheet (PDF) printed on US Letter paper, and a pen

### 1 Keep the base simple

Put on a fitted base top and straight jeans. Add the open oversized cardigan so only one layer carries most of the volume. Note the base fit and the jeans cut on the sheet.

### 2 Check the shoulder and sleeves

Raise your arms, reach forward and sit down. Check that the dropped shoulder and long sleeves stay comfortable, that the cuffs stay clear of your hands for everyday tasks, and that a bag strap sits without dragging the cardigan.

### 3 Measure a reference garment

Lay a cardigan or sweater whose fit you like flat. Measure across the chest and double it, then measure the sleeve and the length from shoulder to hem. Record all three.

### 4 Compare before choosing a size

Compare your reference numbers with the seller's size chart. Oversized is a style description, not a reason to ignore fit or automatically size up.

## Tips

- Keep the jeans and top in quiet colors so the cardigan's shape stays the focus.
- If the cuffs cover your hands, push them up once and check whether they stay; if they slide down, note it before you choose a size.

**Important**

Optional Amazon links are affiliate links. Check the current product dimensions, color, fabric and return terms before buying. Other pictured pieces are separate; the illustration is an AI concept.

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## 1. Outfit

| Piece | Notes |
|---|---|
| Base top fit | |
| Jeans cut | |
| Cardigan | |

## 2. Movement (tick when it passes)

- ☐ Arms raised: shoulder comfortable
- ☐ Reaching: cuffs stay clear of the hands
- ☐ Seated: no bunching at the back
- ☐ Bag strap does not drag the cardigan

## 3. Reference garment and size chart (inches / cm)

| Measurement | My reference | Size chart |
|---|---|---|
| Chest (flat width x 2) | | |
| Sleeve length | | |
| Shoulder to hem | | |

## 4. Decision

Size or cardigan I will choose _____

## Extra writing space

Planning aid. Check the size chart and the care label of the garment you choose.