

Angels Baby Bunting



What a great way to keep baby extra warm and cuddly. Easy open button front and drawstring hood. Two soft, washable yarns for stripe accents.

Stitch: Stockinette

Size: 14.5" long and 11" wide at center.
20" long including the hood.

Yarns: Blue=Bernat soft Boucle (1 skein)
Yellow=Lion Brand Baby yarn (1 skein 200 yds)
Blue smooth yarn for sewing and anchor yarn (10 yds). This sewing yarn should be same color as blue boucle (basic worsted weight)

Needed:

- Knitting board (22+ needles)
- Knit hook
- Crochet hook
- Large eyed sewing needle
- (3) 1" novelty buttons (yellow)

Gauge: 3 sts=1" 3.5 rows=1"

Body of bunting is knit in (3) pieces. These will be joined with invisible seams so that changing the size of the bunting is easy for all knitters. Hood is knit in separate piece.

Body of bunting: (knit 3)

Cast on 22 stitches in blue boucle yarn. Lay anchor yarn of smooth blue yarn.

Knit 10 rows in blue. Cut yarn with 4" tail.

Tie on yellow yarn. Lay yarn tails between the 2 rows of needles.

Knit in stockinette for 6 rows. Cut yarn.

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Continue this change of color until you have a total of 4 sections of blue knitting. The ending blue section should have 8 rows. You will have 3 sections of yellow knitting.

(note) to make a longer bunting, add more rows to each section of color.

Bind Off of knitting board by picking up 3 loops, alternating boards. Start at end opposite the yarn tail. Pull 1 loop thru the other 2. Continue across the board until 1 loop remains. Pull yarn tail thru the loop for a knot. Do not remove the anchor yarn at this time.

Button holes: (do this on last piece of bunting body)

On the 3rd piece of bunting body, you will make a button hole on the 2nd, 3rd, and 4th blue section at beginning of row 4 of these sections. After hooking over the 3rd row of knitting, remove loop 4 and place onto needle 3, front and back boards. Leave needle #4 empty. Next row, weave over all needles. When you hook this row, do nothing to needle 4 as it will only have 1 loop. Be sure to lift both bottom loops from needle #3. Rows 5 and 6 will be regular and the button hole is complete.

Set the 3 completed pieces aside.

Hood: (one piece)

Cast On 18 stitches in blue boucle. Lay anchor yarn of smooth blue yarn.

Tie on the yellow yarn at 2nd stitch between the 2 rows of needles.

Total of 34 rows of knitting:

Weave needles 2,3,4,5 with yellow yarn front to back of each needle. Lay the yellow aside.

Do not cut the yellow yarn.

Start the blue boucle on first needle, skip the yellow 4 needles, and continue the stockinette weave across the row. End each row of weaving on first needle on front board. This will create 1 stitch in blue, 4 in yellow, and 13 in blue. Hook over all.

Repeat this process for all 34 rows.

Bind Off of board by lifting 2 loops, alternating the boards, and pull one loop thru the other.

Knot by pulling the yarn tail thru the last loop. Bind off at anchor yarn of hood. Set aside.

Sewing and Finishing: (use smooth blue yarn when sewing the blue boucle)

Sew the 3 pieces of bunting body together with 2 seams using invisible stitch. Be sure to match all anchor yarns at same end, and, be sure to leave the side with buttonholes at outer edge. Match the blue and yellow stripes as you sew.

Tie the 3 anchor yarns together to form one continuous strand. This is bottom of bunting.

Fold the front edges together, overlapping the front edge 2" for buttons and buttonholes.

Sew the front at bottom edge for the first blue stripe and the first yellow stripe. Be sure the side with the button holes in on top of other side edge.

Draw the anchor yarn just tight enough to shape the bottom of the bunting. Tie the ends of anchor yarn and cut. Pull the ends into the bunting. Anchor yarn can stay in the knitting.

Sew the bottom edge so that the button opening is centered in front of bunting.

Fold the hood over so that the 2 bound off edges are together. Sew the back of the hood with invisible stitch using the smooth blue yarn.

You want to draw up the bunting neck to match the length of the hood, front edge to front edge. With sewing needle and blue smooth yarn, weave a strand of yarn thru the neckline of the bunting. Draw it up until it measures the same as the hood plus 4".

Knot this strand at both ends to secure the size of the neckline.

Now, sew the hood onto the neckline leaving 2" at each end of the bunting. These 2" will overlap for the button closing at center of bunting.

Drawstring for the hood:

Crochet a chain in yellow yarn. Leave yarn tails 2-3" long at each end for tying on the tassels. This chain should be approx 30" long. With the crochet hook, weave the yarn chain thru the hood at front edge, in the yellow section of the hood. Include the 2" of overlap on the top buttonhole side of bunting. This will pull the front of bunting around the baby's face and keep the neck warm.

Tassels:

Make (3) small tassels with yellow yarn. Each tassel should be approx 2" in total length. Tie one onto each end of the drawstring with yarn tails. Trim tails or work into the tassel.

The 3rd tassel is for the top of the hat. This can be tied directly onto the hat, or you can tie it onto a 2" crochet chain and tie onto the top of hat.

Trim all yarn tails and pull into the knitting with crochet hook.

Sew the 3 buttons at buttonholes with single strand of yarn. Bunting is complete.

