

Baby Cardigan



Loom: 18" or 28" Knitting Board

Size: 3-6mos (12-18 mos)

Yarn: Lion Brand Jamie Baby Yarn
Color pink, blue, white #241
Each skein=170 yds
Needed 5 (6) skeins

Notions: (5) pearl buttons ½" diameter
Satin ribbon=(1) yd ¼" wide (optional)

Stitches: Knit in zigzag and stockinette stitches

Gauge: 3.5 sts=1", 4 rows=1"



Instructions

Sweater back

Cast On 36 (44) sts

Knit in zigzag for 4 rows

Change to stockinette by hooking over all needles leaving (1) loop on every needle.

Knit in Stockinette for 24 (30) rows

Dec (1) st each end, both boards

Knit (2) rows

Dec (1) st each end, both boards

Knit 2 (4) rows



Dec (1) st each end, both boards
Knit 2 (4) rows
Dec (1) st each end, both boards
Knit 4 (6) rows.
Bind off with (3) loop Bind Off using crochet hook.

Sweater Front with Button Holes (Right side)

Cast On 22 (26) sts
Knit in zigzag for (4) rows
Change to stockinette with placket front
Start placket front at center opening edge or beginning of row.
Weave 4 needles in stockinette, return to beginning as you would an entire circular.
Now do a complete circular on all needles. First 4 needles will have (2) extra wraps.
Lift (2) lower loops over top for these first 4 needles. The rest of the needles will have the usual (1) over (1). Continue hooking the row.
Knit (1) additional row in Stockinette with placket.
You will do the placket edge for the entire front piece (both fronts).

Buttonhole row

After hooking the last row, you will adjust for the buttonhole. Go to loops on needles #3, both boards, lift and place one loop onto needle #2 and one on needles #4. Needles #3 will now be empty, and needles #2 and #4 will have 3 loops.
Weave next row. First (4) needles will have (4) loops on needles #1, (5) loops on needles #2, (2) loops on needle #3, and (5) loops on needles #4. Hook all so that there are (2) loops remaining on each of the (4) needles and (1) loop on all the rest. Since needles #3 only have (2) wraps, do nothing. This completes the buttonhole row.
You have knit a total of 7 rows for both sizes which includes your first buttonhole.
Size sml-Continue knitting in stockinette with placket for additional (7) rows. Repeat buttonhole row. Repeat these (8) rows (1) additional time.
After 3rd buttonhole, start decrease on opposite (arm) edge. Decrease (1) st, both boards every (3) rows until a total of (4) decreases have been completed.
Placket edge continues with (6) rows, buttonhole row, (6) rows, buttonhole. After this last buttonhole row, knit (1) row. Bind Off.
Size (lge)=Continue knitting in stockinette with placket for additional (9) rows.
Repeat buttonhole row. Repeat these (10) rows until you have completed all 5 buttonholes. At same time, after 3rd buttonhole, start decrease on opposite (arm) edge. Decrease (1) st, both boards, every (4) rows until a total of (4) decreases have been completed.
After the 5th buttonhole is complete, knit (3) rows. Bind Off.
Remember, you are doing the placket front and buttonholes on the center of sweater front and the decreases on the arm side of sweater front.

Button side of Front (Left)

Repeat the front of sweater, except do not do the buttonholes.



Sleeves (Knit 2)

Cast On 14 (18) stitches.

Knit in ZigZag for (4) rows.

Change to Stockinette.

Knit (2) rows.

Increase (1) stitch each end, both boards.

Knit 2 (4) rows.

**Increase (1) stitch each end, both boards.

**Knit 4 (6) rows.

Repeat these ** rows (2) additional times.

You now have 22 (26) stitches at underarm. Sleeve length should be aprox 4" (6"). If you want to increase sleeve length, add more rows at this time.

You are ready to decrease for the armhole shaping which will match the shaping on front and back of sweater.

Decrease (1) stitch each end, both boards.

Knit (2) rows.

Decrease (1) stitch each end, both boards.

Knit 2 (4) rows.

Decrease (1) stitch each end, both boards.

Knit 2 (4) rows.

Decrease (1) stitch each end, both boards.

Knit 4 (6) rows.

Bind Off.

Collar

Cast On (4) stitches

Knit for 44 (60) rows.

Bind Off.

Bind Off all pieces at anchor yarn with crochet hook.

Sewing sweater together

Lay the fronts together overlapping the placket edge. Match to sweater back at armholes.

Match the shoulder edges. With matching yarn and a large darning needle, sew the side seams and shoulder seams.

Sew the sleeve seams from underarm to cuff. Lay the sleeves into the sweater opening easing the shoulder of sleeve to fit. Sew the sleeves in place. Be sure the shoulder seams are secure.

Lay the collar around the edge of neckline and sew in place matching the front of sweater with ends of collar.

Sew on buttons matching the buttonholes. Leave enough space under the buttons to allow for the thickness of knit.

If using the satin ribbon, lace thru the neckline at collar for tying a bow.

