



# KNITTING PURE & SIMPLE

## EASY BABY CARDIGAN

**Sizes-** newborn, 6 months, 12 months, 18 months.

Finished measurements:

Chest- 18, 20, 22, 24 ins.

Length- 9, 10, 11, 12 ins.

**Materials-** dk or light worsted weight yarn:

approx. 385, 400, 450, 465 yds.

For sweater- 24 inch circular needles size 7; double point needles size 7 or size required to get the gauge.

Scrap yarn, stitch markers, blunt darning needle.

Optional - 1 yard  $\frac{3}{8}$  inch ribbon.

**Gauge-** in stockinette stitch,

For sweater- 20 sts equal 4 inches.

### Abbreviations-

k- knit.

p- purl.

st- stitch.

inc- knit into the front and back of the next stitch.

ssk- slip one st as if to k, slip one st as if to p, slip the tip of the left needle into the fronts of these sts and k them.

k 2 tog- knit 2 sts together as one.

rep- repeat the directions between the \*.

### Stitches used-

Stockinette st- when knitting back and forth, k 1 row, p 1 row. When knitting in the round, k every round.

Garter st- when knitting back and forth, k every row. When knitting in the round, p 1 round, k 1 round. 2 rows or rounds make 1 ridge.

Directions are written for size newborn with hood, with changes for larger sizes in parentheses. Changes for collar only version are in italics.



**Beginning** at the top of the hood with the 24 inch needle cast on 56 (60, 66, 70) sts.

Row 1- knit.

Row 2- k 4, purl to 4 stitches before the end of the needle, k 4.

Repeat these 2 rows until work measures 7 (7½, 8, 8½) ins, ending after working row 2.

Next row- knit, decreasing 6 stitches evenly across the row.

There are 50 (54, 60, 64) sts.

*For collar only version, cast on 50 (54, 60, 64) sts. Work in garter stitch for 2¼ (2½, 2¾, 3) inches.*

#### **Begin yoke-**

Row 1- k 4, p 5 (6, 7, 8) sts, place a marker, p 9 (9, 10, 10) sts, place a marker, p 14 (16, 18, 20) sts, place a marker, p 9 (9, 10, 10) sts, place a marker, p 5 (6, 7, 8), k 4.

Row 2- knit to within 1 stitch of first marker, k into the front and back of the st (inc made), slip marker, inc, \*k to within 1 st of next marker, inc, slip marker, inc\*, rep at each marker, knit to end of row.

You should have increased 8 times in this row.

Row 3- k 4, purl to 4 sts before end of row, k 4.

Continue to work rows 2 and 3 until the stitch counts between each marker are as below-

Newborn- 21, 33, 38, 33, 21.

6 Months- 23, 35, 42, 35, 23.

12 months- 25, 38, 46, 38, 25.

18 months- 27, 40, 50, 40, 27.

#### **Divide for sleeves-**

Knit to first marker, remove it (remove all markers now as you come to them), k 1. Now using a blunt darning needle and scrap yarn, slip all the sts between here and the next marker onto the length of yarn to hold for the left sleeve. Cast onto the right tip of the needle 7 (8, 8, 10) sts and join to the back sts.

K across the back sts to the next marker, k 1, slip all the sts between here and the next marker onto a length of yarn to hold for the right sleeve. Cast on 7 (8, 8, 10) sts, join to front sts, and k to end of row.

You are now working on the body sts only.

Work in stockinette st, keeping the first and last 4 stitches in garter stitch, until work measures 8¼ (9¼, 10¼, 11¼) ins, measured from the top of the shoulder,

ending with a right side row.

Work 3 ridges of garter stitch, then bind off loosely.

#### **Sleeves-**

Slip the sleeve sts off their length of yarn onto 2 of the double point needles. Using a third double point needle with right side of work facing you, join yarn to right edge of armhole and pick up 8 (10, 10, 12) sts across the armhole, placing a marker at the halfway point.

This is now the beginning and end of the round.

K 1 round, then slip some of the sts from the needles that have lots of sts to the needle that only has a few to make the amount of sts on each needle approx. even.

K 5 rounds.

Decrease round- k 1, ssk, k to within 2 sts of marker, k 2 tog.

K 8 (7, 5, 4) rounds, then do another decrease round as above.

Continue to work as established, decreasing every 9 (8, 5, 5) rounds, until sleeve measures 6 (6½, 7, 7¾) ins from the armhole or ¾ ins less than desired length.

Work 3 garter ridges. Bind off loosely.

#### **Ties-**

Make 4 twisted or crocheted cords 7 inches long or you can use purchased ribbon. Sew to front edges of sweater, the first set of 2 at 3 (4, 5½, 6¼) inches from bottom edge, and the second set of 2 two and ½ inches above that. Sew one side set back from edges so that the edges can overlap, as shown below.

#### **Finishing-**

Sew hood seam at top of hood.

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