

OH BABY! CARDIGAN



This easy-to-knit top down cardigan has a V-neck, no seams, and best of all - the button band is knit right in!

Sizes: NB (6 Month, 12 Month)

Supplies:

DK yarn 154 yards (200 yards, 250 yards)
Size 7 needles, including double points
4 markers
Waste yarn for stitch holders
4 buttons
Yarn needle

Gauge: 19 stitches, 27 rows = 4"

FROM THE TOP

Cast On: 34 sts - all sizes

Rows

1-3 Neck ribbing: (K1, P1)* across

4 (k1, P1)* across, then pick up and knit 3 sts from side of work (37 sts)

The 3 extra sts become the front band - do a careful job here to make sure that the sts look even – you might need to knit into the back of the middle stitch to tighten it up

5 K3, P2, pm, P7, pm, P17, pm, P7, pm, P1, pick up and knit 3 sts from side of work (40 sts)

- 6 Increase Row A:**
K across, increasing (Kfb) in the stitch before and after each marker (8 sts added)
- 7** K3, P to the last 3 sts, K3
- 8 Increase Row B:**
K2, Kfb in next st, K across increasing (Kfb) in the stitch before and after each marker until the last 4 sts, Kfb, K3 (10 sts added)
- 9** K3, P to last 3 sts, K3
- Repeat rows 6-9 until 148(166, 184) sts
Remove all markers on the last return row

BODY

This row makes the first buttonhole, puts sleeve sts onto holders, and joins the fronts to back

Boy: K1, K2 tog, YO, K19(22, 25), place 32(36, 40) on holder, K40(44, 48), place 32(36, 40)sts on holder, K22(25, 28)

Girl: K22(25, 28), place 32(36, 40) on holder, K40(44, 48), place 32(36, 40) on holder, K19(22,25), YO, K2 tog, K1

84(94,104) sts

Wrong side: K3, P to the last 3 sts, K3

Right side: K across

Continue: right and wrong side as established making a two more buttonholes every 8th (10th, 12th) row. End with wrong side just before the 4th buttonhole.

FOURTH BUTTONHOLE AND BOTTOM RIBBING

Boy: K1, K2 tog, YO, (K1, P1)* to the center of the back, K1, P2 tog, (K1, P1)* to the last 4 sts, K4

Girl: K3, (K1, P1)* to the center of the back, K1, P2 tog, (K1, P1)* to the last 3 sts, K1, YO, K2 tog, K1

Both: Work 3 rows in established band and K1,P1 rib patterns

Bind off: K1, slip stitch back onto left needle as if to knit, (K2 tog, slip stitch back onto left needle as if to knit)* break yarn, pull end through last stitch



SLEEVES

Using DP's distribute the 32(36, 40) sleeve sts and pick up 2 sts from the body of the sweater - place marker at the center of the underarm 34(38, 42)

Rows:

1 Knit, decreasing 2 sts at underarm (K2 tog before the marker and ssk after the marker) 34(38, 42)

2-4 K around

Repeat: rows 1-4 until 24(26, 28). K 3 rows (or until desired length)

Cuffs: (K1, P1)* four rows, then bind off using same instructions for the body

Finishing: Use yarn needle to weave in ends, sew on buttons, and block as needed

Abbreviations:

K - knit

P - purl

DP - double point needles

sts - stitches

pm - place marker

Kfb - increase by knitting into the front of the stitch, then into the back of the same stitch

K2tog - decrease by knitting two stitches together

ssk - decrease by slipping the next two stitches - one at a time as if to knit - onto the right hand needle, insert left needle into the fronts of these two stitches and knit them together

Measurements in Inches:

Chest Circumference - 17.5(19.75, 21.75)

Neck to Hem - 8.5(9.5, 11.25)

Neck to Cuff - 8.25(9.5, 10.5)

