



Baby John Hooded Cardigan



Size: 0-3m, 3-6m (6-12m, 12m) 18m, 24m

Materials: Approximately 2, 2 (3, 3) 4, 4 balls of [Premier Cotton Fair](#) [317yd/290m 3.5oz/100g](#), 8 3/8in buttons, yarn needle, stitch markers

Needle Size: 2(US) 3mm & 4(US) 3.5mm straight and dpn

Gauge (tension): 28sts & 36 rows to make 10cm square in stockinette, using size 4(US) 3.75mm needles

Chest Measurement: 41, 44 (47, 50) 52, 54 cm

METHOD

This pattern is for a drop sleeve style that is worked flat from the bottom up with 10cm of ease in stockinette stitch (knit right side row, purl wrong side row).



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BACK

Cast on 74, 78 (82, 86) 88, 92 sts using the smaller circular needles

Work 2, 2 (2, 2.5) 2.5, 2.5 cms of (k1, p1) rib.

Switch to larger size circular needles.

Work in stockinette until your work measures 14, 15.5 (17.5, 19.5) 21, 22.5 cm measured from the cast-on edge. Place markers on each end of the row to mark armhole.

Continue working until work measures 23, 25 (28, 31) 33, 35 cms from cast on edge ending after completing a wrong side row.

SHOULDERS

Bind off 22, 23 (24, 25) 26, 27 place next 30, 32 (34, 36) 36, 38 sts on stitch holder, bind off 22, 23 (24, 25) 26, 27 .

LEFT FRONT

Cast on 35, 37 (39, 41) 42, 44 sts using smaller needle

Work 2, 2 (2, 2.5) 2.5, 2.5 cms of (k1, p1) rib.

Switch to larger size circular needles.

Work in stockinette stitch until your work measures 14, 15.5 (17.5, 19.5) 21, 22.5 cm measured from the cast-on edge. Place marker on sleeve end of the row to mark armhole.

Continue working until work measures 23, 25 (28, 31) 33, 35 cms from cast on edge, ending after completing a wrong side row

SHOULDERS

Bind off 22, 23 (24, 25) 26, 27 sts, place remaining 13, 14 (15, 16) 16, 17 sts on a stitch holder.

RIGHT FRONT

Cast on 35, 37 (39, 41) 42, 44 sts using smaller needle

Work 2, 2 (2, 2.5) 2.5, 2.5 cms of (k1, p1) rib.

Switch to larger size circular needles.

Work in stockinette stitch until your work measures 14, 15.5 (17.5, 19.5) 21, 22.5 cm measured from the cast-on edge. Place marker on sleeve end of the row to mark armhole.

Continue working until work measures 23, 25 (28, 31) 33, 35 cms from cast on edge, ending after completing a wrong side row

SHOULDERS

Place 13, 14 (15, 16) 16, 17 sts on stitch holder, bind off 22, 23 (24, 25) 26, 27 sts.



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SLEEVES (MAKE 2)

Cast on now 36, 38 (38, 40) 42, 44 sts on smaller circular/straight needles.
Work 2, 2 (2, 2.5) 2.5, 2.5 cms of (k1, p1) rib.
Switch to larger size circular needles

Work in tockinette for 4 rows.

Next row: inc 1 sts on each end every other row 6, 7 (8, 7) 7, 7 times, then every 4th row 2, 3 (4, 6) 7, 8 times. 54, 58 (62, 66) 70, 74 sts]

Continue working in lace pattern until work measures 11.5, 13.5 (15.5, 17.5) 19, 20.5 cms from cast on edge. Bind of all stitches.

HOOD

Join both shoulder seams, using yarn on a tapestry/yarn needle.

Place all neck stitches on larger needles 13, 14 (15, 16) 16, 17 left front, 30, 32 (34, 36) 36, 38 back, 13, 14 (15, 16) 16, 17 right front, for a total of 56, 58 (64, 68) 68, 72 sts on your needles

With right side facing, increase 22, 26 (28, 30) 34, 32 sts evenly for an ending stitch count of 78, 84 (92, 98) 102, 104

Continue in stockinette stitch until your work measures 14, 15 (16, 17.5) 18, 18.5 ins from start of hood, ending after completing a wrong side row.

Decrease rows

Row 1 - k36, 39 (43, 46) 48, 49 ssk, k2, k2tog, k36, 39 (43, 46) 48, 49

Row 2 - work in stockinette stitch

Row 3 - k 35, 39 (43, 45) 47, 48 ssk, k2, k2tog, k35, 39 (43, 45) 47, 48

Row 4 - work in stockinette stitch

Continue in this manner until your work measures 17.5, 19 (20, 21) 22, 22.5 from start of hood, ending after completing a wrong side row.

Do not bind off. Divide hood stitches equally onto 2 needles and kitchener stitch the hood closed.

FRONT RIB EDGES

Using smaller needles, with right side facing, pick up and knit 2sts for every 3 rows from the bottom of left all the way around the hood and back down the right front. Work these stitches in k1p1 ribbing for 4 rows.

Mark for buttons as follows, pm 3sts from the bottom, then place the remaining 7 markers every 2.5, 2.5 (3, 3) (3.5, 3.5) cms along the ribbed band.

Button hole row: work in k1p1 to first marker, yo, k2tog, [work in k1p1 to next marker, yo, k2tog] repeat [to] until all button holes are complete.

Work in k1p1 ribbing for 4 more rows.

Bind off in pattern.



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FINISHING

Sew the sleeves on, side seams and sleeve seams. I prefer to use the mattress stitch because it almost appears seamless. Weave in all ends. Sew the buttons on along the left front edge across from the buttonholes

ABBREVIATIONS

K - knit

P - purl

PM - place marker

SM - slip marker

K2tog -knit 2 stitches together

YO - yarn over

SSK - slip, slip, knit the slipped sts together.

M1- Insert the left needle under the strand that runs between two stitches from back to front, then knit this strand