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One Piece Baby Sweater in Garter Stitch with Dolman Sleeves

Written especially for new knitters.

12-18 mons. Chest 26"

Worsted weight yarn, 2 skeins of Plymouth Encore or comparable yarn
Gauge = 14 sts to the 4 inches and 26 rows to the 4 inches in Garter Stitch.
Size 7 needle or size needed for gauge

6-12 mons. Chest 23"

Sport weight yarn, 2 skeins of Plymouth Encore DK or comparable yarn
Gauge = 16 sts to the 4 inches and 26 rows to the 4 inches in Garter Stitch.
Size 5 needle or size needed for gauge

BACK

Beginning at the back waist edge, Cast on 48 sts.
Rows 1 - 8: Knit even. Knit even all rows not listed below.
Increase one st each end of following rows:
Row 9: (50 sts on needle)

Row 17: (52sts on needle)
Row 23: (54sts on needle)
Row 29: (56 sts on needle)
Row 33: (58 sts on needle)
Row 37: (60 sts on needle)
Row 41: (62 sts on needle)
Row 45 (64 sts on needle)
Row 49: (66 sts on needle)
Row 53: (68 sts on needle)
Row 57: (70 sts on needle)
Row 61: (72 sts on needle)
Row 65: (74 sts on needle)
At the end of Row 65, cast on another 11 stitches. Turn. (85 sts on needle)
Row 66: Knit to the end. Cast on another 11 stitches. Turn. (96 sts on needle)

Row 67 - Row 88: Knit.

Row 89: K38, Bind Off 20 sts for back neck edge, K38.
Back is completed.

LEFT FRONT

Row 90 - Row 98: Knit even. (38 sts on needle)
Row 99: Cast on 2 sts and knit across. (40 sts)
Row 101: Cast on 2 sts and knit across. (42 sts)
Row 103: Cast on 2 sts and knit across. (44 sts)
Row 105: Cast on 6 sts and knit across. (50 sts)

Begin buttonholes on Row 107. Others every 10 rows.

Row 107: K2, yo, K2tog, K to the end. (50 sts)
Row 114: Bind off 11 sts, K to end. (39 sts)

Begin decreasing the side seam.

Row 117: K2, yo, K2tog, K until 3 sts are left, K2tog, K. (38 sts)
Row 121: K until 3 sts are left, K2tog, K. (37 sts)
Row 125: K until 3 sts are left, K2tog, K. (36 sts)

Row 127: K2, yo, K2 tog, K to the end. (2nd buttonhole) (36 sts)
Row 129: K until 3 sts are left, K2tog, K. (35 sts)
Row 133: K until 3 sts are left, K2tog, K. (34 sts)

Row 137: K2, yo, K2tog, K until 3 sts are left, K2tog, K. (33 sts & 3rd buttonhole)
Row 141: K until 3 sts are left, K2tog, K (32 sts)
Row 145: K until 3 sts are left, K2tog, K (31 sts)

Row 147: K2, yo, K2 tog, K to the end. (4th buttonhole) (31 sts)
Row 149: K until 3 sts are left, K2tog, K. (30 sts)

Row 155: K until 3 sts are left, K2tog, K. (29 sts)
(Buttonhole option at 157; repeat row 147.)
Row 161: K until 3 sts are left, K2tog, K. (28 sts)
Row 169: K until 3 sts are left, K2tog, K. (27 sts)
Row 177: K until 3 sts are left, K2tog, K. (26 sts)
Row 178 - Row 180: Knit.
Bind off edge loosely.
Left front completed.

RIGHT FRONT

Attach yarn to right neck edge with the wrong side of the garment facing you.

Row 90 - Row 98: Knit
Row 99: Knit to end and then Cast on 2 sts. (40 sts)
Row 101: Knit to end and then Cast on 2 sts. (42 sts)
Row 103: Knit to end and then Cast on 2 sts. (44 sts)
Row 105: Knit to end and then Cast on 6 sts. (50 sts)

Row 115: Bind off 12 sts and knit to end. (38 sts)

Begin decreasing for right side edge.
Decrease rows are:

Row 117: K1, ssk, K to end. (37 sts)
Row 121: K1, ssk, K to end. (36 sts)
Row 125: K1, ssk, K to end. (35 sts)
Row 129: K1, ssk, K to end. (34 sts)
Row 133: K1, ssk, K to end. (33 sts)
Row 137: K1, ssk, K to end. (32 sts)
Row 141: K1, ssk, K to end. (31 sts)
Row 145: K1, ssk, K to end. (30 sts)
Row 149: K1, ssk, K to end. (29 sts)
Row 155: K1, ssk, K to end. (28 sts)
Row 161: K1, ssk, K to end. (27 sts)
Row 169: K1, ssk, K to end. (26 sts)
Row 177 - Row 180: Knit even

After Row 180, Bind Off loosely.

Sew the two underarm seams using a mattress st seam.
Sew on buttons.

One Piece Sweater in Garter Stitch with Dolman Sleeves Optional collar pattern

I added a simple collar to the larger size of this sweater which is pictured on the main pattern. A collar is not necessary and I never add one to the small size. Just a personal choice.

The following are general directions for adding a collar. Remember that a pattern is merely a

suggestion and that you should always feel free to try a new pattern stitch or different shape.

Optional collar:

Switch to a circular needle at least two sizes smaller than the one used to knit the sweater.

With Right Side facing you, pick up stitches around the neck edge, matching the edge stitch for stitch. Do not pick up a stitch in the first or last stitch. I picked up 68; that is not a required number.

Knit 1, Purl 1 across the collar creating a ribbing pattern.
Continue in the ribbing pattern for a total of 4 rows or $\frac{1}{2}$ inch of length.

Increase row for the collar break line (to make it roll nicely):
K in the rib pattern until you reach the shoulder line, increase 2 sts before the next stitch.
Continue the rib until just before the second shoulder line. Increase 2 sts before the next stitch again. Finish the row.

Increase for the collar points:
Increase one stitch on each side every other row 6 times or until the collar is the desired length.
Be sure to maintain your rib pattern,

Preparation row for bindoff (Keeps the bindoff loose):
Knit every stitch across this row.

Bind off kwise with a chain bindoff.

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