



*Little Squares Baby Cardí*

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Finished jacket measurements: 16" around the chest, approximately newborn

Crochet hook size G.

Approximately 200 yds. DK weight cotton, or yarn of preference.

The jacket is crocheted in individual squares which are seamed together to create one back, two fronts, and two sleeves, which are then sewn together for the sweater. Each square measures 1 1/4", using a size G crochet hook, and DK weight yarn, in this case Rowan Handknit DK. I used six different shades, and just randomly made my squares.

For this jacket, you will need to make 90 squares; this seems like a lot, but they go so quickly, you could easily make enough in two evenings worth of time.

Make a square as follows:

Make a slip knot, chain 4, slip stitch into first chain to join into a ring.

Chain 4, 3 dc (double or treble crochet).

Chain 2, 3 dc.

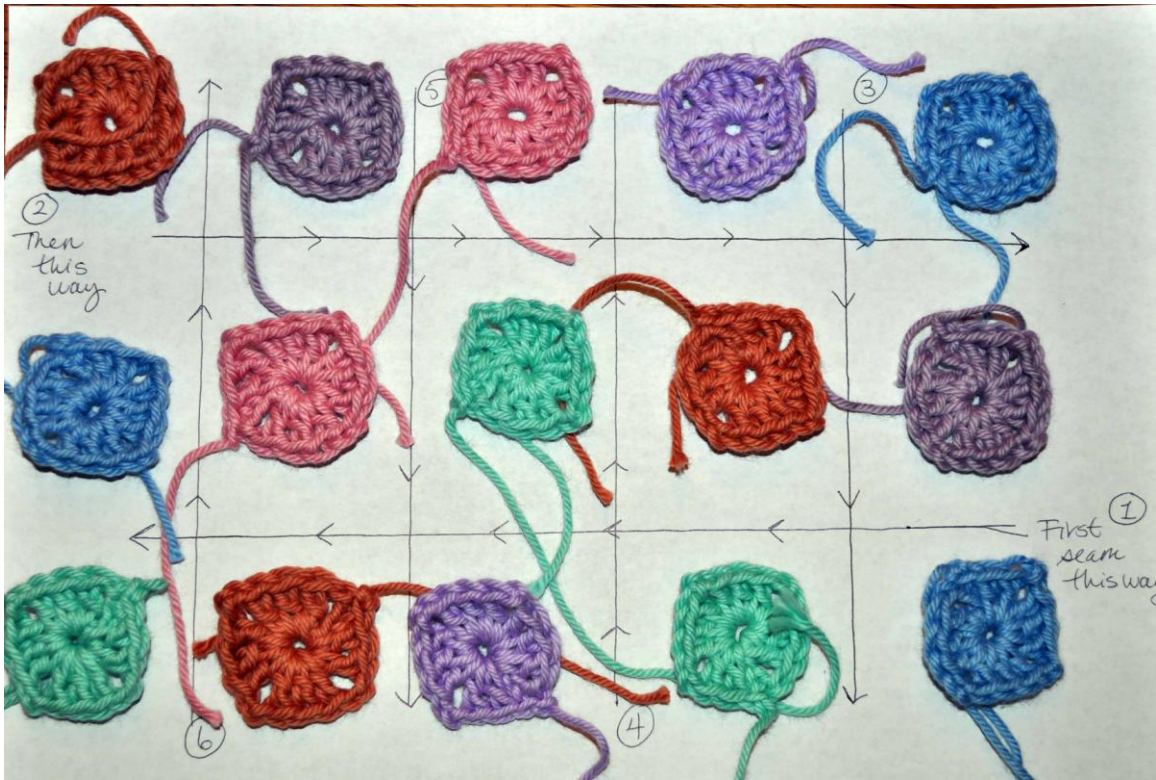
Chain 2, 3 dc.

Chain 2, 2 dc, join into 3rd chain at beginning of round with a slip stitch, and bind off.

That's it! Now make 89 more:)

Now you will create your jacket pieces using the squares. Each sleeve will be 3 squares x 5 squares. Each front will be 4 squares x 4 squares. The back is 4 squares x 7 squares. Lay your squares out in a colorful arrangement that looks pleasing to you.

Get to seaming: this can be a little fiddly at first, but is very easy once you get the hang of it. I like to seam as follows:



Start at #1 and work your way to the left; in this diagram, you will be joining the blue square to the above purple square. Proceed down the row, joining the brown square above the green square. Only the tops and bottoms of the squares will be seamed, you will go back later and seam the sides together. Follow the arrows and numbers to seam your squares together. Then weave all your ends in.



Once your pieces are complete, lay your two fronts on top of the wrong side of the back, matching the sides. One row of the fronts should overlap in the middle. Seam at the

shoulders, joining just the side two squares of the fronts, leaving three squares open for the back neck, and two on each front for the front necks. Now, take your sleeves, find the center, and place it at the shoulder seam. Pin and seam the sleeves to the fronts and backs. Then, seam at the underarms.

Your jacket is complete! You can add a button at the top neck if you want using the hole that is already created in the square, or you can leave it open.

Make one for your favorite girl-baby for Easter!

