

Baby Sweater Vest



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This vest was designed to keep those precious newborn bodies warm and cozy. Knit with a bulky weight yarn on large needles, it's a quick knit with little yardage required. And, with no seaming but button closures on the sides and front, it makes dressing Baby easier for mom and dad!

The pattern is easily customizable to smaller or larger sizes, depending on size of needle and weight of yarn that you use.

Size: 0-6 months

Gauge: 14 stitches to 4" on size 9 needles.

Needles: Size 9

Yarn: 150 yards bulky weight. I used Knit Picks Gloss DK held double throughout. If you use a thinner yarn held double, remember you will need twice the required yardage.

Notions: At least 7 buttons, more as desired. You will need 3 buttons for each side, and as many as you would like to close the front.

The vest is knit in one piece starting with the back:
CO 40 sts. Knit 4 rows.

Row 5: (RS) Knit.

Row 6: (WS) K5, purl to last 5 sts., K5.

Repeat rows 5 and 6 until piece measures 5" from cast on edge, ending with a RS row.

(WS) Cast off 5 sts. at the beginning of the next 2 rows.
(30 sts.)

Next row: K3, purls to last 3 sts., K3.

Next row: Knit.

Repeat the last 2 rows until armhole measures 3", ending with a WS row.

Next row (RS): Shape the neck thus: K9, cast off center 12 sts. purlwise, K9. Turn work and continue knitting on one shoulder.

Next row: K3, purl to last 2 sts., K2.

Knit 1 row.

Next row: K3, purl to last 2 sts., K2.

Row A (RS): K2, YO, knit to end.

Row B: K3, purl to last 2 sts., K2.

Repeat rows A and B to 21 sts.

At the next armhole edge, cast on 5 sts. Knit 5, purl to last 2 sts., K2.

Buttonhole row (RS): K2, YO, K2 tog, knit to last 5 sts., K1, K2 tog., YO, K2.

Next row C: K5, purl to last 2 sts., K2.

Next row D: K2, YO, K2 tog, K to last 5 sts., K5.

Repeat last 2 rows for another 1". (RS): Buttonhole row as above. Continue working rows C and D as established, placing the third buttonhole after another 1".

Work another 6 rows of C and D as established, ending after a RS row.

(WS): Knit 4 rows garter stitch.

Next row (WS): Cast off knitwise.

With wrong side facing, rejoin yarn at neck edge of second shoulder and complete as the first side, reversing all shaping and placement of buttonholes.

Weave in ends, and sew 3 buttons on each side edge. Match fronts, and sew on desired number of buttons!