

Infant Cardigan

3 ply sportweight baby yarn

FRONTS:

Using 42 needles and knitting back and forth using tension spring, knit 6 rows.

Starting 5 needles inside the side hash marks, work as if to form a heel, but continue decreasing down to last 2 needles and put needles back into work same as you would a heel. This forms the bottom hem V shapes. Knit 6 rows. Rehang row one and close hem.

Knit 1 row. Form button holes by moving stitch over to next needle on needles 3 and 8.

Knit 6 rows. Form another set of holes.

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Knit 4 rows.

On armhole side (opposite side from button holes), bind off 4 stitches. Knit across.

On neckline side (just above button holes), bind off 10. This will form a placket with 4 button holes when folded over and hemmed in place. Knit across.

Decrease 1st stitch of each row on armhole side. (Do this a total of 5 times.)

At the same time on pass in other direction, decrease 1st stitch of each row on neckline edge. Keep decreasing at neckline edge until there are 10 to 12 stitches remaining.

Knit off on scrap.

Knit opposite side, omitting buttonholes but keeping same number of rows and matching decreases.

Fold front flaps in half lining up holes to form 4 buttonholes. Tack into place and lightly steam. Fold other front flaps in half and line up with other side to position buttons.

Side seams and shoulder seams will be sewn to back pieces.

Back:

Using 35 needles, knit 6 rows, create picot edge, knit 6 rows, rehang. OR. Knit 12 rows and rehang. Close hem. (Picot edge stays flatter.)

Knit 30 rows. Bind off 4 stitches on armhole edge. (On one piece, form this on the left and next time on the right.)

Decrease 1 at armhole edge at beginning of row 5 times (ten rows knitted).

Knit 20 ? rows

On opposite side from armhole, bind off 5 stitches. Knit across and back. Decrease 1 at neckline edge on each pass (both directions) until you have 12 stitches remaining.

Knit 4 rows. These 12 stitches will be grafted to those from front leaving back slightly fuller than front. (Shoulder seams will be more toward front rather than on top of shoulder.)

Reverse shaping for other half of back. Sew down center seam. Sew side seams and shoulders to fronts.

Sleeves:

Create 1X1 ribbing on 54 cylinder. (See infant long socks or leggin's if you don't know how to do this.) Knit 10 rounds in ribbing. Take out ribber needle and put in a cylinder needle to form pairs around cylinder so you have 2 needles and then a blank. Knit 25 rounds. Bind off 6 needles centered at back of machine. Decrease one stitch each side on each pass knitting back and forth until 6 remain in work. (You will need to raise needles on opposite side at rear of machine so you can reverse. Once you have sufficient room to reverse, you will not need to raise needles.) Knit once completely around all needles stopping wherever you want to begin sewing sleeve (likely side hash mark or center front or back of cylinder). Leave long tail for sewing. Knit off on scrap. Sew sleeves to armhole openings. Item looks like a cardigan if you use identical yarn. You can use contrasting yarn to make it look more like a vest.

Bib:

Knit Icord sufficient length to tie easily around neck. Begin putting 3 needles through Icord (sideways); knit across and back. Add 3 more; knit across and back. Add 3 more; knit across and back. Put down centered 9 and put Icord stitches on remaining 9 needles. Knit across to opposite end. Lift previous 18 up out of work as well as 6 of the latest ones leaving 3 in work. Knit across and back. Put 3 more needles into work. Knit across and back. Put 3 into work; knit across and back. Push all needles back down into work. This will have created more rows at the sides than at the front so the bib fits the neck in a curved shape. Knit 15 rows. Work as if doing a heel, but instead of just

lifting a needle up out of work, move stitch to next needle and remove blank. When at hash marks, bind off all the way across. Block to shape.

Bow-tie:

Knit back and forth on 12 needles for length of 5-6 inches. Run yarn through ends or graft them together. Gather ends tightly and gather center. Place gathers on top of each other and secure in place on bib. Tack each side of bow out almost flat so it will stay in place.