

BABY SOPHISTICATE

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This is an extremely simple and quick knit that makes a very charming sweater for your little guy or gal. Using an aran weight yarn makes the knitting go fast, and the top down design means there is no seaming to drive you crazy! I think the shawl collar adds an air of sophistication - like this baby belongs in a library, sipping tea and reading Shakespeare!

Size: 0-3 months (6-12 months)

Finished Measurements: Chest - 16(19)",
Length - 7(8)" from underarm

Gauge: 15 sts/ 20 rows is 4" in Stockinette stitch

Yarn: Mission Falls 1824 Wool, 3 skeins

Needles: Size 8 US 24" circular, 8 US dpns
4 Buttons (7/8" diameter)

Tapestry needle

4 stitch markers



Abbreviations:

w&t: wrap and turn - bring yarn to front, slip next stitch from left to right needle, bring yarn to back, slip wrapped stitch back to left needle, turn work

pm: place marker

sl1: slip 1 stitch

inc1: increase one stitch by making a backward loop (see make 1, <<http://knitty.com/ISSUESpring03/FEATtheresa.html>>)

PU: pick up

Begin Cardigan:

In this part of the pattern, you will be knitting the yoke of the cardigan. The increases on either side of the markers start to shape the sleeves and body. The three increases on either side of the neck create a slight v that helps to shape the shawl collar.

CO 28(34) sts

Row 1: sl1, k2(3), pm, k5(6), pm, k12(14), pm, k5(6), pm, k3(4)

Row 2 (and all WS rows): sl1, p remaining sts

Row 3: sl1, inc 1, *k to 1 st before marker, inc 1, k1, slip m, k1, inc 1, repeat from * to last stitch, inc1, k1 [38(44) sts]

Row 5: sl1, *k to 1 st before marker, inc 1, k1, slip m, k1, inc 1, repeat from * to end

Row 7: sl1, inc 1, *k to 1 st before marker, inc 1, k1, slip m, k1, inc 1, repeat from * to last stitch, inc1, k1 [56(62) sts]

Row 9: sl1, *k to 1 st before marker, inc 1, k1, slip m, k1, inc 1, repeat from * to end

Row 11: sl1, inc 1, *k to 1 st before marker, inc 1, k1, slip m, k1, inc 1, repeat from * to last stitch, inc1, k1 [74(80) sts]

Row 13: sl1, *k to 1 st before marker, inc 1, k1, slip m, k1, inc 1, rep. from * to end

Repeat row 2 and row 13 3(4) times more, until 106(120) sts, ending with a WS row

Split for body:

At this point, you will put the stitches for the sleeves onto holders to be knit later.

K to first m (right front), remove m, place next 25(26) sts on holder, join yarn to back, k to next m (back), remove m, place next 25(26) sts on holder, k to end (left front)

Continue body in st st, slipping the first st of each row, until length from underarm is 6(7)" (you should have 56(68) sts for body)

Work 7 rows in garter stitch, continuing to slip first st of every row

BO all sts in knit

Sleeves:

Place 25(26) sts from holder onto dpns
K all sts for 5(6)"

Work 7 rows in garter stitch (in the round -p1 row, k1 row)

BO all sts in knit

Repeat for other sleeve



Make collar:

Starting at left bottom edge, PU 1 st for every slipped sts along sides and every cast on st around neck of cardigan

K 4 rows

Row 5: k to 18(22) sts from end, w&t

Row 6: k to 18(22) sts from end, w&t

Row 7: k to 2 sts from wrapped st, w&t

Repeat row 7 5 times more (you should have wrapped and turned 4 times on each side of the collar)

Next row: K to the last 17(21) sts, picking up and knitting the wraps as you go, k2tog, YO, *k2(3), k2tog, YO, repeat to last 3(4) sts, k3(4)

Work 3 more rows in garter stitch (picking up and knitting the wraps on first row)

BO all stitches (loosely! I prefer EZ's sewn bind off <<http://knitty.com/ISSUEsummer06/FEATsum06TT.html>>)

Weave in ends (you will also have a hole at the underarm that needs to be sewn)

Sew on buttons

Put on an adorable baby!