

## Cardigan for larger Preemie or small Newborn (5 lb range)

Fits a 5 lb. baby

Chest: 8" (20 cm) closed

Materials: Bernat SofteeBaby or Baby

Jacquards Sport Weight—1 Ball US#3 and #5 straight needles and dpn's, 2 small stitch holders, 5 half-inch buttons.

Gauge: approx 7 sts and 9 rows per inch.

Cast on 53 sts. on #3 needle

1. K 5, K1, P1 rib across, K last 5

2. K 5, P1, K1 rib across, K last 5

3. Buttonhole row: K 2, y/o, K 2 tog., K 1, work across as in Row 1. (Or work buttonhole at the end of the row for a girl) Do a buttonhole row every 7<sup>th</sup> garter ridge on button band always on rs (the outside)

4. As Row 2

5. K across

6. Change to #5 needle, K across, placing markers: Work 13, p.m., work 3, p.m., work 21, p.m., work 3, p.m., work last 13 sts (53 sts)

7. (Right side) Begin raglan increases. K across, doing a bar-type increase in *next-to-the-last* stitch before marker and the stitch *immediately after* each marker— 8 sts added

8. K 5, P across, passing markers, K last 5

Repeat Rows 7 and 8 until each sleeve has 27 sts. *Do not forget buttonholes.* In next row, (w.s.) work across, putting the 27 sts of sleeve on a holder without working: then cast on 3 sts across the underarm gap. Continue working across back, putting second sleeve on a holder and casting on 3 in a similar manner, finish row. (101 sts on needle)

Work even on 101 sts, being sure to put in buttonhole at the proper interval. Before 5<sup>th</sup> buttonhole is due to be worked, work another garter ridge, change to smaller needles for ribbing and incorporate the 5<sup>th</sup> buttonhole in the bottom cuff, matching the style of the neckband. Work a few more rows and bind off in pattern.

Sleeve: On #5 dpn's, pick up 27 sts from holder, plus 3 sts at cast-on underarm. Work 23 rounds (or a few more if wanted) of 30 sts.

P 1 round. Change to #3 needles. K 1 round. Work K1, P 1 ribbing for 7 or 8 rounds. Bind off. Repeat for 2<sup>nd</sup> sleeve. You could make a deeper ribbed cuff for folding back, but a tiny child looks very lost in a giant folded cuff.



Weave in ends. Sew on buttons very securely.

If this sweater is going to a NICU, be sure to wash it and seal it in a zipper bag, disinfecting hands first before handling laundered sweater. Mark your donation with the proper size (i.e., 5 lbs.)

This sweater goes fast: about 5 hours.

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