

Free Knitting Patterns

A. UP TO 6 MONTHS BABY SET ,

Sweater, Ribbed Yoke, Short, Booties, Cap

Size: (Infants to 6 Months) Pattern includes booties (not shown), sweater and hat.

Materials-Fleisher's Baby Twinkle, 4 balls. White Knitting Needles, 1 pair Size 1.

Gauge: 17 sts = 2 inches 23 rows = 2 inches

Sweater: Cast on 52 sts. Work k 2, p 2 ribbing for $\frac{3}{4}$ in. for cuff.

Stockinette Stripe—K 1 row, p 1 row for 10 rows.

Pattern Stripe:

First Row: K 1, * yo, k 2 tog; repeat from *, end k 1. Repeat this row 5 times. Repeat from ** twice. K 1 row, p 1 row. Continue stockinette st stripe, decreasing 1 st each side every k row 4 times; p 1 row (44 sts). Break yarn, slip sts to holder.

Body: Cast on 210 sts for lower edge of left front, back and right front.

Pattern Stripe: First Row—Knit.

2nd (pattern st) row: K 1, * yo, k 2 tog; repeat from *, end k 1. Repeat 2nd row 4 times.

7th Row (right side): K 1, * yo, k 2 tog *; repeat between *'s 3 times, k to within 9 sts of end; repeat between *'s 4 times, k 1.

8th Row: K 1, * yo, k 2 tog *; repeat between *'s 3 times, p to within 9 sts of end; repeat between *'s 4 times, k 1. Repeat 7th and 8th rows 4 times. Repeat pattern st row 6 times. Repeat last 2 stripes (from 7th row) twice.

Next Row: Work 9 border sts in pattern, k next 46 sts, place these 55 sts on holder for right front; k next 100 sts and place them on holder for back; k next 46 sts, work 9 border sts in pattern. Working 9 border sts in pattern continue stockinette st stripe on left front, decreasing 1 st at beginning of next 4 k rows (armhole edge); p 1 row (51 sts). Break off. Place sts on holder.

Slip sts of back to needle and beginning with a p row continue stockinette st stripe decreasing 1 st each side every k row 4 times; p 1 row (92 sts). Break off. Place sts on holder.

Slip sts of right front to needle and beginning with a p row continue stockinette st stripe and front border, decreasing 1 st at end of every k row 4 times; p 1 row (51 sts).

Join sleeves as follows: Work pattern st on 51 sts of right front; 44 sts of sleeve; 92 sts of back; 44 sts of other sleeve; 51 sts of left front (282 sts). Work 5 more rows of pattern st to finish stripe.

Next Row (right side): Work 9 border sts in pattern, * k 36, k 2 tog; repeat from * 5 times, k 36, work 9 border sts in pattern (276 sts). P 1 row, k 1 row for 9 rows, keeping 9 border sts each side in pattern. Always work 9 sts each side in pattern to neck edge.

Ribbed Yoke:

First row (right side): Work border, * p 8, k 2; repeat from * 24 times, p 8, work border.

2nd row: Work border, * k 8, p 2; repeat from * 24 times, k 8, work border.

3rd Row: Work border, * p 2 tog, p 6, k 2; repeat from * 24 times, p 2 tog, p 6, work border.

4th Row: Work border, * k 7, p 2; repeat from * 24 times, k 7, work border.

5th Row: Work border, * p 7, k 2; repeat from * 24 times, p 7, work border.

6th Row: Same as 4th row.

7th Row: Work border, * p 2 tog, p 5, k 2; repeat from * 24 times, p 2 tog, p 5, work border.

Continue in this way decreasing 1 st in each p rib (on right side) every 4th row 4 times more (120 sts).

Begin short rows:

First short row (wrong side): Work to within 22 sts of end, turn.

2nd Row: Slip 1 st, Work to within 22 sts of end, turn.

3rd Row: Slip 1, work to within 4 sts of end of last row, turn.

4th, 5th and 6th Rows: Same as 3rd row, turn.

7th Row: Slip 1, work to end of row, working slipped sts at beginning of short rows as follows: Place st directly under slipped st onto left hand needle and work this st together with the slipped st to prevent a hole.

Next Row: Work all sts, working slipped sts as for 7th row.

Dec. row: Work border, * k 2 tog, p 2; repeat from *, end k 2 tog, work border (94 sts). Bind off.

Finishing: Sew sleeve seams to end of 3rd pattern stripe, sew shaped edges to respective shaped edges of back and fronts.

Using a hole of pattern at center of right front border, ¼ in. from neck edge, for buttonhole, work in buttonhole st. Work a buttonhole on border every 1 in. twice more. Steam.

Bootees: Cast on 40 sts for top.

1st Row: Knit.

2nd (pattern st) Row: K 1, * yo, k 2 tog; repeat from 8, end k 1. Repeat 2nd row 4 times. K 1 row, p 1 row for 10 rows. Repeat pattern st row 6 times. K 1 row, p 1 row for 5 rows. Work k 2, p 2 ribbing for 3 rows.

Beading Row (right side): * K 2, yo, k 2 tog; repeat from * to end. Work k 2, p 2 ribbing for 3 more rows. K 1 row.

Next Row (wrong side): P 12 and slip to holder; k 16 for instep; p 12, slip last 12 sts worked to holder. Do not break yarn. Join separate strand of yarn and work 16 instep sts in pattern st for 2 ½ ins., end on wrong side. Break yarn.

Working from right side, take up and k 12 sts from holder, pick up and k 20 sts on side of instep, k 16 instep sts, pick up and k 20 sts on other side of instep, take up and k 12 sts from holder (80 sts). P 1 row.

Heel and Toe Shaping: First Row—K 33, k 2 tog, k 10, k 2 tog, k 33.

2nd, 4th and 6th Rows: Purl.

3rd Row—K 33, k 2 tog, k 8, k 2 tog, k 33.

5th Row—K 2 tog, k 31, k 2 tog, k 6, k 2 tog, k 31, k 2 tog.

7th Row—K 2 tog, k 30, k 2 tog, k 4, k 2 tog, k 30, k 2 tog.

8th Row—P 2 tog, p 29, p 2 tog, p 2, p 2 tog, p 29, p 2 tog.

9th Row—K 2 tog, k 28, k 2 tog twice, k 28, k 2 tog.

10th Row—Bind off as to p. Sew seams. Steam. Draw ribbon through beading.

Cap: Cast on 100 sts.

First Row—Knit.

2nd (pattern st) row: K 1, * yo, k 2 tog; repeat from *, end k 1. Repeat pattern st row 4 times. ** K 1 row, p 1 row for 10 rows. Repeat pattern st row 6 times. Repeat from ** once. K 1 row, p 1 row for 8 rows.

First dec. row (right side): * K 8, k 2 tog; repeat from * to end. P 1 row.

2nd dec. Row: * K 7, k 2 tog; repeat from * to end. P 1 row.

3rd dec. Row: * K 6, k 2 tog; repeat from * to end. Continue to dec. 10 sts every k row, having 1 st less between decreases after every dec. row 3 times more (40 sts). P 1 row.

7th dec. Row—K 2 tog across row (20 sts). P 1 row.

8th dec. Row—K 2 tog across row (10 sts).

Final Row—P 2 tog across row. Break yarn, draw end twice through remaining 5 sts, tighten, dark in end (crown).

Sew side edges together from crown to end of first pattern stripe, leaving 2 pattern and 2 stockinette st stripes free for neck edge. Working from right side work sc on neck edge. Steam. Trim with ribbon.

B. Free Knitting Patterns

EASY COVERLET FOR BABY

A carriage cover, as attractive on one side as the other, is sure to please both mother and new baby.

Materials: 9 ounces Wintuk Baby yarn, number 7 standard knitting needles and size K crochet hook (for the fringe), this cover measures approximately 32 x 40 inches.

Abbreviations:

k (knit), St (stitch), p (purl), tog (together), yo (yarn over)

Gauge: 6 sts equal 1 inch (To determine this gauge, use stockinette stitch — knit one row, purl one row.)

With number 7 needles, cast on 216 sts.

Row 1: * K 1, yo, k 1 in same st, p 3 tog, repeat from * across row.

Row 2: * P 1, k 3, repeat from * across row.

Row 3: * P 3 tog, k 1, yo, k 1 in same st, repeat from * across row.

Row 4: * K 3, p1, repeat from * across row.

Repeat Rows 1 through 4 until piece measures approximately 32 inches. Bind off.

Note: When joining yarn, knot in at side edge leaving approximately 5 1/2 inch yarn ends. These ends may be tied in with fringe later.

Fringe: Cut yarn into 5 1/2 inch lengths. Fold 6 strands in half to make a loop. Insert size K crochet hook from wrong to right side at one edge of shawl and draw center loops through, then pull all 12 ends through loop and tighten. Tie fringe 3/4 inch apart around shawl edges.

Steam lightly and trim fringe evenly.

C. Knitting Patterns

BABY DIAMOND SET

Size: Infant size 6 months and Size 1

Materials: Red Heart Baby Wool (3-ply), 2 - 2 oz. skeins of white for size 6 mos. and 3 - 2 oz. skeins for size 1; 1 pair of No. 2 (2 3/4mm) knitting needles; 4 yards of white ribbon, 3/8" wide and 1 yard of white ribbon, 5/8" wide.

Gauge: 8 sts = 1" and 11 rows = 1".

Blocking Measurements: Chest, 6 mos. = 18" (size 1 = 20"); Length from shoulder to lower edge 9 1/2" (10 1/2"); Length of side seam 6" (6 1/2"); Length of sleeve 6" (6 1/2").

Note: Garment is worked in 1 piece to underarm. Directions are given for size 6 months. Changes for size 1 are in parentheses.

Pattern - Jacket: Starting at lower edge, cast on 165 (177) sts. Starting at lower edge, cast on 165 (177) sts. Work in garter st (k each row) for 7 rows.

Next row (wrong side of work): K 4 (front band), p across to last 4 sts, k 4 (front band). Now work in pattern as follows:

1st row: K 8, * k 2 tog, O, k 1, O, sl 1, k 1, p.s.s.o., k 7. Repeat from * to last 13 sts, k 2 tog, O, k 1, O, sl 1, k 1, p.s.s.o., k 8.

2nd and all even rows: K 4, p across to last 4 sts, k 4.

3rd row: K 7, * k 2 tog, O, k 3, O, sl 1, k 1, p.s.s.o., k 5. Repeat from * to last 14 sts, k 2 tog, O, k 3, O, sl 1, k 1, p.s.s.o., k 7.

5th row: K 6, * k 2 tog, O, k 5, O, sl 1, k 1, p.s.s.o., k 3. Repeat from * to last 15 sts, k 2 tog, O, k 5, O, sl 1, k 1, p.s.s.o., k 6.

7th row: K 5, * k 2 tog, O, k 7, O, sl 1, k 1, p.s.s.o., k 1. Repeat from * to last 16 sts, k 2 tog, O, k 7, O, sl 1, k 1, p.s.s.o., k 5.

9th row: K 7, * 0, sl 1, k 1, p.s.s.o., k 3, k 2 tog, O, k 5. Repeat from * to last 14 sts, O, sl 1, k 1, p.s.s.o., k 3, k 2 tog, O, k 7.

11th row: K 8, * 0, sl 1, k 1, p.s.s.o., k 1, k 2 tog, O, k 7. Repeat from * to last 13 sts, O, sl 1, k 1, p.s.s.o., k 1, k 2 tog, O, k 8.

13th row: K 9, * 0, sl 1, k 2 tog, p.s.s.o., 0, k 9. Repeat from * across.

15th row: K 5, 0, sl 1, k 1, p.s.s.o., * k 7, k 2 tog, 0, k 1, 0, sl 1, k 1, p.s.s.o. Repeat from * to last 14 sts, k 7, k 2 tog, 0, k 5.

17th row: K 6, 0, sl 1, k 1, p.s.s.o., * k 5, k 2 tog, 0, k 3, 0, sl 1, k 1, p.s.s.o. Repeat from * to last 13 sts, k 5, k 2 tog, 0, k 6.

19th row: K 7, 0, sl 1, k 1, p.s.s.o., * k 3, k 2 tog, 0, k 5, 0, sl 1, k 1, p.s.s.o. Repeat from to last 12 sts, k 3, k 2 tog, 0, k 7.

21st row: K 8, 0, sl 1, k 1, p.s.s.o., * k 1, k 2 tog, 0, k 7, 0, sl 1, k 1, p.s.s.o. Repeat from * to last 11 sts, k 1, k 2 tog, 0, k 8.

23rd row: K 6, k 2 tog, 0, * k 5, 0, sl 1, k 1, p.s.s.o., k 3, k 2 tog, 0. Repeat from * to last 13 sts, k 5, 0, sl 1, k 1, p.s.s.o., k 6.

25th row: K 5, k 2 tog, 0, * k 7, 0, sl 1, k 1, p.s.s.o., k 1, k 2 tog, 0. Repeat from * to last 14 sts, k 7, 0, sl 1, k 1, p.s.s.o., k 5.

27th row: K 4, k 2 tog, 0, * k 9, 0, sl 1, k 2 tog, p.s.s.o., 0. Repeat from * to last 15 sts, k 9, 0, sl 1, k 1, p.s.s.o., k 4.

28th row: K 4, purl across to last 4 sts, k 4. The last 28 rows constitute the pattern. Work in pattern until piece measures in all ending with a purl row 6 (6 1/2) inches.

To Shape Armholes: Work in pattern across the first 39 (42) sts (Right Front), bind off next 8 sts (armhole), work in pattern across the next 71 (77) sts (Back), bind off next 8 sts (armhole), work in pattern across last 39 (42) sts (Left Front). Turn and work in pattern over the last set of sts only, keeping front band in garter st and decreasing 1 st at armhole edge on every other row until there remain 36 (39) sts. Work in pattern without decreasing until piece measures from first row of armhole shaping, ending at front edge 2 1/2 (3) inches.

To Shape Neck: Bind off 13 (14) sts at the beginning of next row. Dec 1 st at neck edge every other row until there remain 20 (22) sts. Work without decreasing until piece measures from first row of armhole shaping, ending at armhole edge 3 1/2 (4) inches. Bind off 10 (11) sts at the beginning of next row. Work one more row. Bind off remaining sts.

Back: Attach yarn and work in pattern over the 71 (77) sts for back, decreasing 1 st at both ends of every other row until there remain 65 (71) sts. Work without decreasing until piece measures from first row of armhole shaping, ending with a purl row 3 1/2 (4) inches.

Shape Shoulders: Bind off 10 (11) sts at the beginning of next 4 rows. Bind off for back of neck the remaining 25 (27) sts. Attach yarn and work over remaining 39 (42) sts for right front to correspond with left front, reversing shapings.

Sleeves: Starting at lower edge cast on 49 (61) sts. Work in garter st for 7 rows.

Next row: P across. Now work in pattern as follows:

1st row: K 4, * k 2 tog, O, k 1, O, sl 1, k 1, pssso, k 7. Repeat from * to last 9 sts, k 2 tog, O, k 1, O, sl 1, k 1, pssso, k 4.

2nd and all even rows: P across. Pattern is now established. Work in pattern until piece measures in all 6 (6 1/2) inches, or length desired.

Shape Top: Bind off 4 sts at the beginning of next 2 rows. Dec 1 st at both ends of next row and every other row until there remain 35 (47) sts. Bind off loosely.

Neckband: Sew up shoulder seams. With right side facing, pick up and knit around entire neck edge 63 (69) sts.

Next row: (beading) - * K 1, O, k 2 tog,. Repeat from * across. Work 4 rows in garter st. Bind off.

Block to measurements. Sew up sleeve seams. Sew in sleeves. Lace narrow ribbon through beading, leaving enough ribbon free for ties.

Hat: Starting at cuff edge, cast on 97 sts. Work in garter st for 7 rows.

Next row: P across. Now work in pattern as for sleeves until piece measures 5 inches in all, ending with a purl row. Bind off 32 sts at the beginning of row, work in pattern across next 33 sts, bind off remaining 32 sts. Break off. Attach yarn to center 33 sts and purl across. Now continue to work in pattern over these 33 sts, decreasing 1 st at both ends of every 8th row, until piece measures same as bound-off sts. Bind off.

Sew back piece to bound-off sts. Turn the 7 garter st rows of front to right side and sew lower edges together, forming a cuff. With right side of work facing, pick up and knit 74 sts along neck edge and work in garter st for 6 rows. Bind off. Lace narrow ribbon through top edge of cuff as illustrated. With narrow ribbon make 2 rosettes and sew to each side of front. Cut wide ribbon in half and sew to each side at front for ties.

Mittens: Starting at cuff, cast on 49 sts. Work in garter st for 7 rows.

Next row: P across. Now work in pattern as for sleeve until 14th pattern row has been completed. Work in stockinette st (k 1 row, p 1 row) until piece measures 2 1/4 inches in all, ending with a purl row.

Next row: K across, decreasing 13 sts evenly across.

Following row: P across. Now work **beading as follows:** * k 1, O, k 2 tog. Repeat from * across.

Next row: P across. Now continue to work in stockinette st until piece measures 4 1/2 inches in all, ending with a purl row.

Shape top - 1st row: (K 1, sl 1, k 1, pssso, k 12 k 2 tog, k 1) twice.

2nd and all even rows: P across.

3rd row: (K 1, sl 1, k 1, pssso, k 10, k 2 tog, k 1) twice.

5th row: (K 1, sl 1, k 1, pssso, k 8 k 2 tog, k 1) twice.

7th row: (K 1, sl 1, k 1, pssso, k6, k 2 tog, k 1) twice.

8th row: P across. Break off, leaving a 12-inch length of yarn. Slip first and last 10 sts onto 2 double-pointed needles. Weave sts together. Press lightly. Sew up seam. Run narrow ribbon through beading at wrist, leaving enough ribbon free for ties.

Bootees: Starting at cuff, cast on 49 sts and work as for Mittens until 14th pattern row has been completed. Now work in stockinette st until piece measures 2 1/2 inches in all, ending with a purl row and decreasing 6 sts evenly across last row. **Next row: (beading)** K 1, * O, k 2 tog, k 1. Repeat from * across.

Following row: P across.

Instep: Knit across first 28 sts. Turn and purl across the first 13 sts for Instep. Now work in stockinette st over these 13 sts only, until piece measures 1 1/1 inches, ending with a purl row. Break off.

Foot: With right side of work facing and using the needle with the 15 sts, pick up and knit 14 sts along right side of Instep, then knit across the 13 Instep sts, pick up and knit 14 sts along other side of Instep, k 15 sts. **Next row:** P across all 71 sts. Now work in stockinette st for 3/4 inch, ending with a purl row.

Shape Foot: K 1, k 2 tog, k 30, k 2 tog, k 1, k 2 tog, k 30, k 2 tog, k 1.

2nd and all even rows: P across.

3rd row: K 1, k 2 tog, k 28, k 2 tog, k 1, 2 tog, k 28, k 2 tog, k 1.

5th row: K 1, k 2 tog, k 26, k 2 tog, k 1, k 2 tog, k 26, k 2 tog, k 1.

6th row: P across. Bind off. Sew up back and sole seams. Press lightly. Lace narrow ribbon through beading at ankle, leaving enough ribbon free for ties.

D. Needle Conversion

KNITTING AND CROCHET CHART

Knitting needles and crochet hooks come in a wide range of sizes. Since the sizing of needles and hooks is not the same in England and Canada as in the United States, a listing of comparative sizes is given in the conversions chart below.

Needles: U.S. to English or Canadian: 0=13; 1=12; 2=11; 3=10; 4=9; 5=8; 6=7; 7=6; 8=5; 9=4; 10=3; 11=2; 13=0; 15=000.

Hooks: U.S. to English or Canadian: 1=0; 2=1; 3=1 1/2; 4=2; 5=2 1/2; 6=3; 7=3 1/2; 8=4; 9=4 1/2; 10=5; 11=5 1/2; 12=6; 13=6 1/2; 14=7.

More on needles, hooks, yarns and threads:

Straight needles: are for knitting back and forth.

Double pointed (dp): Needles have points at both ends, are sold in sets of four, and are for knitting rounds; one alone may be used in making cables.

Circular needle: Pointed at both ends and flexible in center, is for knitting in rounds or back and forth on more stitches than could be conveniently worked on dp or straight needles.

General Abbreviations and Terms: beg = begin or beginning; ch = chain; dc = double crochet; dec = decrease; dp = double pointed; hdc = half double crochet; inc = increase; k = knit; lp = loop; p = purl; pat = pattern; pss0 = pass slipped stitch over; rnd = round; sc = single crochet; sk = skip; sl = slip; sp = space; st = stitch; tog = together; tr = treble; yo = yarn over.

Asterisks: (*) are used to indicate that a group of stitches or steps are to be repeated the specified number of times. * k 2, p 1, repeat from * twice means you should knit 2, purl 1, knit 2, purl 1, knit 2, purl 1.

Place Marker on Needle: means to put a marker or paper clip on needle; slip it from left-to-right-hand needle as you work each row.

Gauge: Refers to the number of stitches (and sometimes rows) which make up 1" of the knitted or crocheted fabric. Each set of directions lists the gauge obtained by the designer when she worked the pattern with the yarn and needles specified, and is the gauge upon which the directions are based.

Work Even: Means to continue same stitch, without increasing or decreasing.

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