

Baby's Sweater with Hat

Size: to fit 1 month/3 months, 6/9 months and 12/18 months.

Directions for the smaller size are before the parentheses, with those for larger sizes inside. If there is only one figure, it applies to all sizes.

All measurements are in centimeters (cm).

For approximate inch sizes simply multiply by 0.4 (or divide by 2.54).

Materials: Regia Silk, 100(150/150) g #00002 mottled ecru and #000091 mottled mid-gray, 50(100/100) g #00035 rose. For the embroidery oddments each Regia 4-faedig #01079 pumpkin and #01078 cardinal.

4-4.5 mm [size 6-7] and 4.5-5 mm [size 7-8] circular needles of any length and 4.5-5 mm [size 7-8] double-pointed needles, or size to obtain gauge, 2 buttons and 1 blunt embroidery needle.

Work hat and sweater with the double yarn throughout.

Rib pattern: on RS rows work alt K3, P2; on WS rows work sts. as they appear.

Stockinet stitch (st-st): K RS rows; P WS rows; in rounds K all sts.

Stripes: A: in st-st alt 3 rows/rounds mottled mid gray, 3 rows/rounds mottled ecru.

Stripes: B: in st-st alt 3 rows/rounds mottled mid gray, 3 rows/rounds rose.

Work sweater with the circular needle, and at the end of each stripe, slide sts. back to that end of the needle with the resp yarn.

Gauge: 19 sts. and 28 rows/rounds with the double yarn st-st, each to 10 cm [4"] on 4.5-5 mm needles.

Method

Back: cast on 47(57/62) sts. with the double yarn rose on 4-4.5 mm circular needle and for welt work 2 cm rib patt; on 1st WS row work edge st., alt K2, P3, edge st.; inc 3(0/3) sts. evenly across last WS row = 50(57/65) sts. Cont on 4.5-5 mm circular needle with stripes A.



When work measures 21(26.5/32) cm (= 60(75/90) rows) from welt, bind off 20(21/23) sts. at center for neck and finish each side sep. Bind off rem 15(18/21) sts. on 2nd foll row for right shoulder. Work another 2 cm stripes A over rem 15(18/21) sts. for underlap for left shoulder, then bind off all sts.

Total height of work = 26(31.5/37) cm.

Front: proceed as for back except for neck.

When work measures 18(22.5/28) cm (= 51(63/78) rows) from welt, bind off 8(9/11) sts. at center for neck and finish each side sep. At neck edge bind off on every 2nd row 2 sts. twice and 1 st. twice.

At the same time, work 1 buttonhole over right half 9(12/12) rows from start of neck shaping as foll: work edge st. and 6(7/9) sts. in patt, then K2 tog; or on WS row P2 tog, yarn-over, work rem sts. in patt. K or P yarn-over on foll row.

When work measures 22(27.5/33) cm (= 62(77/92) rows) from welt bind off rem 15(18/21) sts. on either side for shoulders. Total height of work = 24(29.5/35) cm.

Right sleeve: cast on 32(37/37) sts. with the double yarn rose on 4-4.5 mm circular needle and for welt work 2 cm rib patt; on 1st WS row work edge st., alt K2, P3, edge st. With 4.5-5 mm circular needle work 12 rows stripes B; then cont with stripes A.

At the same time inc for sleeve shaping at each end 1 st. on 5th row from welt once, then 1 st. on every 6th row 3 times and 1 st. on every 4th row 4 times (1 st. on every 6th row 4 times and 1 st. on every 4th row 4 times / 1 st. on every 4th row 10 times and 1 st. on every 2nd row twice) = 48(55/63) sts.

When work measures 15(17/19) cm (= 42(48/54) rows) from welt bind off all sts.

Total height of work = 17(19/21) cm.

Left sleeve: proceed as for right sleeve, but after cuff work 12 rows stripes A and 12 rows stripes B, cont to end of sleeve with stripes A.

Finishing: embroider 1 flower each in rose, pumpkin and cardinal onto left front with the double yarn and lazy daisy stitch, see also photo.

Block pieces to measurements, cover with a damp cloth and allow to dry. Close right shoulder seam. Bring underlap under left front shoulder panel. Sew sleeves in position, close sleeve and side seams.

For neck band pick up 50(55/60) sts. with the double yarn rose around outer neck edge on 4-4.5 mm circular needle and work in rib patt; start 1st WS row with edge st., P3. On 2nd row work 1 buttonhole as foll: work edge st., then K2 tog, yarn-over; on foll WS row P yarn-over. After 4 rows bind off all sts. Sew buttons to front, left shoulder and to neck band.

Hat: to fit about 35(38/41) cm head cast on 66(72/78) sts. rose evenly across the double-pointed needles and K 1 round, P 1 round, K 1 round. Then work 18(24/30) rounds stripes A and 26 rounds stripes B, then bind off all sts. Height of hat about 17(19/21) cm. Twist a thin cord about 70 cm long with mottled mid gray and tie off hat about 5 cm below bound-off edge. Embroider around lower 3 rounds in rose with the double yarn mid gray, see also photo.

