

NEW BORN V NECKED CARDIGAN

NEEDLES size 3 ¼ and 4mm (10 & 8)

BACK

With 3 ¼ mm needles cast on 43 (49) stitches. Work in rib until it measures 3cm, finishing on the second row and increasing 2 stitches evenly along the row – 45 Stitches.

Change to 4mm needles and work in stocking stitch – 1 row knit, 1 row purl until there are 30 rows.

SHAPE RAGLAN SLEEVE

Cast off 2 stitches at the beginning of the next 2 rows.

Decrease 1 stitch at each end of the next row.

Work 1 more row.

Decrease 1 stitch at each end of alternate rows until there are 21 (17) stitches. Work 1 (3) row/s.

1st size -Decrease 1 stitch at each end of the next 2 rows

Cast off (17 stitches)

LEFT FRONT

With 3 ¼ needles cast on 19 (21) stitches. Work 3cm of rib and increase 1(2) stitch along the last row 20 (23) stitches

Change to 4mm needles. Work 30 rows of one row knit, one row purl.

SHAPE RAGLAN AND FRONT SLOPE –

Next row cast off 2 stitches, knit to last 2 stitches K2tog. Work 1 row or 2nd size Decrease 1 stitch at raglan edge. Work 3 rows.

Decrease one stitch at raglan edge on next and every alternate row....at the same time decrease 1 stitch at the front of every following 6th (9th) row from previous decrease until 5 stitches remain. Work 1 row.

2nd size Decrease 1 stitch at raglan edge only on next 2 alternate rows (2) stitches. Work 1 row. Knit 2 tog.

Decrease 1 stitch on the raglan edge only on the next row - stitches. Work one row. Decrease 1 stitch at the raglan edge on the next 2 rows (2 stitches) K2 tog and cast off.

RIGHT FRONT – Work as for left front reversing shaping to match left front.

SLEEVES – both the same

With 3 1/4mm needles cast on 23 (29) stitches. Work in rib for 3cm ending on row 1. Next row RIB 6 (4) *M1, rib 11 (7), repeat to last 6 (4) stitches, M1, rib to end. 25 (33) stitches

Change to 4mm needles. Start with a knit row, work stocking stitch, shape sides by increasing 1stitch at each end of the 11th (7th) and every following 17th (7th) row until there are 29 (41) stitches. Work straight until seam measures 12 (15) cms. End with a Purl row.

SHAPE RAGLAN – cast off 2 stitches at the beginning of the next 2 rows.

**Decrease 1 stitch at each end of every alternate row until 5 stitches remain.
Work 1 row. Cast off the remaining stitches.**

BUTTON BORDER

With 3 ¼ needles cast on 7 stitches and work in rib –

1st row – (right side) K2 (P1,K1) twice, K1

2nd row – K1 (P1,K1) 3 times.

Repeat these two rows until when slightly stretched the border fits up left front for a girl or right front for a boy to centre of neck.

BUTTONHOLD BORDER

Work as for button border with the addition of 4 button holes evenly along front to 1 cms below shaping. Rib 3 YRN (yarn round needle) P2tog rib to end.