

Child's Placket Neck Sweater Pattern

From Last-Minute Knitted Gifts, by Joelle Hoverson.

FINISHED SIZE

To fit 0-6 month(6-12 months, 1-2 years, 2-4 years, 4-6 years, 6-8 years, 8-10 years)

FINISHED MEASUREMENTS

Chest 18.5" (21, 23, 25, 26, 27, 28)"

YARN

Koigu Kersti (100% merino wool crepe; 114 yards)

#K2370 gold 3 (3, 4, 5, 5, 6, 7) skeins.

NEEDLES

One 24" circular needles, US size 7 (4.5mm)

Set of five double-pointed needles, US size 7 (4.5mm)

CHANGE NEEDLE SIZE IF NECESSARY TO OBTAIN THE CORRECT GAUGE

NOTIONS

Yarn needle, scissors, 4 stitch markers (1 in contrasting color), stitch holders, three beads or buttons approximately 1/4" in diameter.

GAUGE

21 stitches and 32 rows = 4" (10 cm) in Stockinette Stitch.

PATTERN

LOWER BODY

Cast on 99 (113, 123, 133, 139, 143, 149) sts on a circular needle and pm (place marker) to indicate the beginning of the rnd (round). Join for working in the rnd, being careful not to twist sts. Work in seed st as follows:

Rnd 1: *K1, p1; repeat from * to last stitch, end k1.

Rnd 2: *P1, k1; repeat from * to last stitch, end p1.

Repeat these 2 rnds 3 more times -- 8 rounds total.

Change to St st (Stockinette st) and work until piece measures 5.25" (6.25, 7.25, 8.25, 9.25, 10, 12.25)"from beginning, including seed st edging. On the next rnd, k4 (4, 4, 4, 5, 5, 5) sts, place the last 8 (8, 8, 8, 10, 10, 10) sts worked on a stitch holder, removing the marker for end of rnd from the middle of these sts; k 42 (49, 54, 59, 60, 62, 65) sts for back; k8 (8, 8, 8, 10, 10, 10) and place the last 8 (8, 8, 8, 10, 10, 10) sts on a stitch holder, k41 (48, 53, 58, 59, 61, 64) to end for front. Leave sts on circular needle and set aside.

SLEEVES

Using dpn's (double-pointed needles), cast on 31 (33, 37, 39, 43, 47, 47) stitches. Join for working in the rnd, being careful not to twist stitches, and place marker to indicate the beginning of the rnd. Work in seed st as follows:

Rnd 1: *K1, p1; repeat from * to last stitch, end k1.

Rnd 2: *P1, k1; repeat from * to last stitch, end p1.

Repeat these 2 rnds 3 more times -- 8 rounds total.

Change to St st and knit 8 (8, 8, 8, 8, 6, 4) rds.

Increase Rds: K1, kf&b (knit into front and back of same st to increase 1 st), knit to last st, kf&b -- 2 stitches increased. Increase 1 st at each of end of sleeve in this manner every 8 (8, 8, 8, 7, 6, 4) rnds 1 (2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 11) more time(s) -- 35 (39, 45, 49, 55, 63, 71) sts. Work even in St st, if necessary, until sleeve measures 4.5" (5.5, 6.5, 7.5, 8.5, 9, 9.5) " from beginning, including seed st cuff. On the next rnd, k4 (4, 4, 4, 5, 5, 5) sts, place the last 8 (8, 8, 8, 10, 10, 10) sts worked on a stitch holder, removing the marker for end of rnd from the middle of these sts, k27 (31, 37, 41, 45, 53, 61) sts to end. Break yarn.

After working the first sleeve, place marker onto the circular needle, knit the sleeve sts onto the circular needle for the body next to the 41 (48, 53, 58, 59, 61, 64) sts for front, place marker, then knit the back sts. Set aside. You can then use the dpn's to make the second sleeve without having to switch the first sleeve sts from needles to stitch holder and back again.

Make a second sleeve the same as the first, leaving sts on the dpn's.

YOKE

Place marker onto circular needles, Knit 27 (31, 37, 41, 45, 53, 61) sts from dpn for left sleeve onto circular needle next to the sts for back, place marker. Knit k41 (48, 53, 58, 59, 61, 64) for front -- 137 (159, 181, 199, 209, 229, 251) sts. Place marker for new beginning of rnd, which begins at front right raglan line (use a different color marker to indicate the beginning of the rnd). Knit 2 rnds even, ending the last round 2 sts before the beginning marker.

Decrease Rnd: *Ssk, slip marker, k1, k2tog, knit to with 2 sts of the next marker; repeat from * 3 more times -- 8 sts decreased, 1 plain knit st between each set of paired decreases along raglan line. Knit 1 rnd even. Repeat the last 2 rnds 1 (2, 3, 3, 3, 5, 7) more time(s), ending the last rnd 21 (24, 25, 28, 28, 27, 27) stitches before the end of round -- 121 (134, 149, 167, 177, 181, 187) sts : 37 (42, 45, 50, 51, 49, 48) sts for front, 38 (43, 46, 51, 52, 50, 49) sts for back and 23, (25, 29, 33, 37, 41, 45) sts for each sleeve. Yoke measures about .75" (1, 1.25, 1.25, 1.25, 1.75, 2.25)" above joining round.

NECK PLACKET

Turn work, and use the cable cast-on method (see page 132) to cast on 5 stitches at the beginning of the round -- 126 (139, 154, 172, 182, 186, 192) sts. For the placket section of the yoke, you will be working back and forth in rows, continuing the raglan decreases, and working 5 stitches at each end of row in seed st as given below:

On both RS and WS rows (k1, p1) 2 times, k1.

Placket row 1 (WS): Work 5 stitches seed stitch, purl to last 5 stitches, work to end in seed st.

Placket row 2 (RS): Work 5 stitches seed st, knit to within 2 stitches of the next marker, *ssk, slip marker, k1, k2tog, knit to within 2 stitches of the next marker; repeat from * 3 more times, knit to the last 5 stitches, work to end in seed stitch -- 8 sts decreased.

Repeat these 2 rows 8 (9, 11, 13, 14, 14, 14) more times - 54 (59, 58, 60, 62, 66, 72) sts. Work even, without decreasing until work measures 3.25" (3.75, 4.25, 4.75, 5.25, 6, 6.75)" above joining round, ending with a WS row.

NECKBAND

Next row: Work 1 row in Seed st *K1, p1; repeat from * to last stitch, end k1, AND AT THE SAME TIME decrease 1(0, 1, 1, 1, 1,1) st somewhere in the St st section, in order to have an odd number of sts so that Seed st at front edges can continue uninterrupted. Work even in Seed st for 7 more rows. Bind off all sts in pattern.

FINISHING

Using kitchener stitch (see page 137), graft underarm stitches together.

Sew cast-on sts for left placket to base of right placket on the WS. Sew three beads to right front placket for buttons, with the lowest 1" above base of placket, the highest .5" down from bound-off edge, and remaining bead centered in between. The beads can be pushed through the sts on the left placket without stretching the sts to button the placket. Weave in ends.

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