

Top Down Baby Sweater



Items needed:

- Yarn (worsted weight: roughly 200 yards)
- Needles:
 - Straight, size 3
 - Circular, size 5
 - Double points, size 5
- Stitch holders
- Stitch Markers

Gauge: on size 5 needle: 5 sts/inch, 7 rows/inch

Size: 0-3 months, for size 6-9 months, needle size must be straight size 6, circular size 8

Instructions:

CO 49 sts onto the smaller needles.

Row 1 – (rs) work seed st to end of row. Do this for 6 rows total.

Row 7 – (rs) change to larger circular needle. Seed st 4, k7, PM*, k4, PM*, k19, PM, k4, PM, k7, seed st 4.

**These markers determine mark where the increases are going to be. They also mark off where the sleeves, fronts and back will be.*

Row 8 and all even (ws) rows – work 4 sts seed stitch, p rest of the row until last 4 sts, seed st the remaining 4 sts.

Row 9 and all odd (rs) rows – Work seed sts, k up to 1 st before the marker. Inc 1 st before and 1 st after markers. (57 sts now on needle)

On all even rows, inc before and after each marker. A total of 13 increases will be made. You will end up with 153 sts after all increases are finished.

Follow along on the chart below (for the even rows) if you wish. You can mark off each row as you complete it.

Row 9	end with 57
Row 11	end with 65
Row 13	end with 73
Row 15	end with 81
Row 17	end with 89
Row 19	end with 97
Row 21	end with 105
Row 23	end with 113
Row 25	end with 121
Row 27	end with 129
Row 29	end with 137
Row 31	end with 145
Row 33	end with 153

(rs) Work across right front and put those sts on a holder. Work across right sleeve, work across back, and put the sts for back on a holder. Work across left sleeve. Put the sts of the left front on a holder.

At this point, the sleeves will be worked on. Pick a sleeve to work on!

(rs) switch to double points to work the sleeve in the round. Join the sleeve in the round, careful not to twist. Knit for 1.5" on sleeves.

Decrease as follows: k1, k2tog, k across to last 3 sts, sl 1, k1, pss0, k1.

Work 1.5" more and decrease as before. For cuff, k sleeves to 4.5" (measuring from where you started knitting in the round), then seed sts for 5 rows and BO.

Front and Back

Put the stitches for the fronts and back onto the circular needle.

(rs) Rejoin yarn, keeping first and last 4 sts of the row in seed st. As you knit across this first row of front and back, pick up 2 sts from sleeves as you come across them (97 sts)

Work body of sweater until length measures 4.5" inches (from where you started knitting the fronts and backs). Work in seed sts for 5 rows, and BO.

Finishing:

Weave in all ends

Optional buttons can be added....but be careful if you put buttons on that they don't become a choking hazard!

