

Simplified Child's Cardigan

Made from the top down in sizes 4 (6, 8)
Materials: 14 oz of knitting worsted, markers
Needles: size 5 and size 7 (circular or straights)
Gauge: 5 sts and 5 rows to the inch

With size 5 needles, cast on 64 sts (all sizes). Knit all rows for one inch. Change to size 7 needles. Knit 4, place marker, purl 10, place marker, purl 8, place marker, purl 20, place marker, purl 8, place marker, purl 10, place marker, knit 4. First four and last 4 sts on all rows are your buttonhole/placket. Knit on all rows.

Row 1: start increasing! K4, increase one st before and after each marker (not counting the buttonhole placket markers, for a total of 8), the easiest way to make the increases is to knit in the front and back of the stitches before and after the appropriate markers, knit as in pattern above, knit the last 4 sts.

Next row: K4, purl all in pattern, knit last 4 sts.

Buttonhole row: K4, pass stitch 3 over stitch 4, eliminating it for the buttonhole, continue by repeating row 1's increases, K2, pass stitch 2 over 1, knit stitch 3 and 4.

Row 4: K2, yo, K1, purl all in pattern, K1, yo, K2.

These two rows are your buttonhole rows, made approximately every 10 garter (20 total) rows.

Continue in this manner until there are 64 (68, 72) stitches in the back section (the one that started with the purl 20), ending with a wrong side row completed). This is the end of the increases.

Start the front, back and sleeves: K4, knit across to the next marker, place all of these sts on holder, K to third marker, K to next marker (these are the back sts), place back on separate holder, K to next marker, place these last two sections on a third holder, leaving just the two sleeve sections on the needles.

(Knitters note: contrasting yarn much easier as a holder than those rigid fancy ones).

Continuing in stockinette stitch (K right side, P wrong side), adding a second ball of yarn for the second sleeve, working as follows: decrease one stitch each side of sleeve every one inch of length 7" (8", 9"). Work even until sleeves are 9 1/2" (10 1/2", 11 1/2"). Change to size 5 needles and knit all rows for 2". Bind off.

Charity Corner



Carol & Robin Paul

We received over the past month
from Guild members:

1 pair child's socks
3 shawls
7 blankets
3 mini/bassinette blankets
2 scarves plus 1 for a child
26 adult hats
10 premie hats

From our Christmas tree:

10 washcloths
2 washcloth pocketbooks
40 hats
4 pair socks
2 belts
2 pair gloves
1 pair slippers
2 child's sweaters
7 scarves
1 child's shawl
2 teddy bears
2 purses

To continue the body, join yarn at the underarm of the second front section which had simply been put on the third holder, knit front and last 4 sts (buttonhole placket). Turn, k4, purl across to back section (on next holder), purl across the back section, purl across second front section, K4 last 4 sts. Continue body in one piece in stockinette stitch, remembering to continue to add your buttonholes until 8" (9", 10") from underarm. Change to size 5 needles, Knit all rows for 2". Bind off.

Sew underarm seams. Sew buttons on side preferred closing the unneeded buttonhole by sewing button through the buttonhole. Remember that buttons are on the right for girls and left for boys.

Hint: if using assorted colors, change yarn only on knit rows.

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