

Baby Kimono – A Cardie by Betty Knitter

Includes Preemie-Size Instructions

This sweet cardie has a wrapover front which can be buttoned left or right for boys or girls. A ribbon tie keeps the inside front in place, rather like an adult bathrobe, and the double layer keeps baby nice and snug. The left front is made first and put to one side whilst the rest of the cardigan is knitted, then both are joined together and the second half of the cardie is made. The smallest size is suitable for babies up to 5lb.

Size Chart

Chest	Actual size	Back of Neck to Hem	Yarn requirements
12"/30cm	15"/38cm	6.5"/17cm	50gr DK
14"/36cm	16"/41cm	7.5"/19cm	100gr DK
16"/41cm	18"/46cm	8"/20cm	100gr DK

You Will Need

4mm needles
Stitch holders
2 buttons
18"/50cm baby ribbon

Abbreviations

k knit
p purl
st stitch
st st stocking stitch
g st garter stitch
k2tog knit 2 stitches together
yfwd yarn forward
rpt repeat
rem remain
cont continue
comm commence
rs right side
ws wrong side
m1 make stitch by lifting horizontal strand between stitches and knitting into the back
inc increase by knitting into front and back of st
ssk slip the next 2 stitches knitwise, then knit them together
dec decrease by ssk at beginning of row and k2tog at end of row



How to Make

Figures in brackets refer to larger sizes. Where only one figure is used, this applies to all sizes.

Left Front

Cast on 24 (27,29) sts. K 2 rows.

Buttonhole row – k13 (16, 18), k2tog, yfwd, k5, k2tog, yfwd, k2

K 2 rows

Comm shaping – **Row 1** (ws) k5, p to last 5 sts, k5

Row 2 k to last 6 sts, m1, k to end

Rpt rows 1 and 2 until 43 (46, 49) sts, ending rs row. Break yarn and leave sts on a stitch holder or some waste yarn.

Main Cardie

Start at Right Sleeve hem, cast on 24 (26,28) sts. K 3 rows.

Comm k row, cont in st st, inc 1st at each end of next and every foll 4th (6th, 8th) row until 34 (36,38) sts, ending with inc row. Work another 3 (5,7) rows st st.

Right Front and Back

Row 1 k to end of row, cast on 26 (28,30) sts (60, 64, 68 sts)

Row 2 k5, p to end of row, cast on 26 (28,30) sts (86, 92, 98 sts)

Row 3 k

Row 4 k5, p to last 5 sts, k5

Keeping g st borders correct and comm k row, work 13 (15,17) rows st st

Shoulder

Row 1 k5, p33 (36,39), k10, p33 (36,39), k5

Row 2 k

Row 3 k5, p33 (36,39), k10, p33 (36,39), k5

Divide for Front and Back

Row 1 k36 (39,42), k2tog, k5. Transfer rem 43 (46, 49) sts to a stitch holder or some waste yarn.

Row 2 k5, p to last 5 sts, k5

Row 3 k to last 7 sts, k2tog, k5

Rpt rows 2 and 3 until 24 (27,29) sts, ending rs row

K 2 rows

Buttonhole row – k2, yfwd, k2tog, k5, yfwd, k2tog, k to end

K 2 rows. Cast off.

Back

With rs facing, rejoin yarn to sts on holder

Row 1 k5, ssk, k to end of row (42,45,48 sts)

Row 2 k5, p to last 5 sts, k5

Row 3 as row 1 (41,44,47 sts)

Row 4 as row 2

Row 5 k

Keeping g st borders correct work 12 (14,16) rows st st

Row 1 k5, p to last 5 sts, k5

Row 2 k6, m1, k to end (42,45,48 sts)

Row 3 as row 1

Row 4 as row 2 (43,46,49 sts)

Row 5 k5, p33 (36,39), k5, cont across Left Front – k5, p33 (36, 39), k5 (86,92,98 sts)

Row 6 k

Row 7 k5, p33 (36,39), k10, p33 (36,39), k5

Left Front and Back

Keeping g st borders correct work 15 (17,19) rows st st

Next row – cast off 26 (28,30) sts, p to last 5 sts, k5 (60,64,68 sts)

Next row – cast off 26 (28,30) sts, k to end (34,36,38 sts)

Left Sleeve

Comm p row, cont in st st, dec 1 st at each end of 4th and every foll 4th (6th, 8th) row until 24 (26,28) sts, ending dec row.

K 3 rows. Cast off.

Finishing Off

Block if necessary. Sew arm and side seams. Darn in all loose ends. Sew buttons onto right side for a boy, or left side for a girl. Fold the baby ribbon in half, and sew the centre to the inside seam opposite the buttons.



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