

Free Little Baby Sweater In Posy Pattern



Pattern Description:

This is a **free, wonderfully simple striped cardigan** for **newborns (0-6 months)**, designed with **no fuss and no frills**.

Knit **from the bottom up in one piece** in **garter stitch**, it features **minimal sewing**, easy inset sleeves, and clever buttonholes on both sides for perfect button placement.

Materials Needed & Measurements:

- **Yarn:**
 - **Purl Soho's Quartz**, a mix of **65% merino wool and 35% suri alpaca**.
 - Each skein is **420 yards/100 grams**.
 - **Main Color (MC): 1 skein** (approximately **215 yards** required; Peony Pink was used as an example).
 - **Contrast Color (CC): 1 skein** (approximately **60 yards** required; Autumn Oak was used as an example).
 - **Note:** This is enough yarn to make two oppositely colored sweaters.
- **Yarn Weight: Fingering-weight yarn.**
- **Needles: US 3 (3.25 mm), 16- or 24-inch circular knitting needles.**
- **Notions:**
 - **Four 3/8-inch buttons** (Small Corozo Buttons in Kiln Red were used as an example).

- **Tapestry needle** (implied for seaming and weaving in ends).
- **Measurements (Size):Newborn-6 Months.**
 - Finished Chest Circumference: **18¼ inches, buttoned.**
 - Finished Length from Bottom Hem to Top Shoulder: **9 inches.**
 - Finished Length from Bottom Hem to Underarm: **5½ inches.**

Stitches & Abbreviations Used:

Stitches/Techniques:

- **Garter stitch** (used throughout the pattern).
- **Long Tail Cast On** (used for body cast on).
- **Cable Cast On** (used for sleeves).

Abbreviations:

- **k:** knit
- **bind off:** bind off
- **yo:** yarn over
- **k2tog:** knit 2 together
- **MC:** Main Color
- **CC:** Contrast Color
- **US:** United States (for needle sizing)
- **mm:** millimeter (for needle sizing)

Instructions for Making the Little Baby Sweater In Posy Pattern:

Body

- With **Main Color (MC)**, **cast on 124 stitches** using a basic **Long Tail Cast On**.
- Starting with a wrong-side row, **knit 5 rows**.
- Carrying up yarn between stripes (see Notes) and starting with a right-side row, follow this stripe sequence:
 - With **Contrast Color (CC)**, **knit 2 rows**.
 - With **MC**, **knit 6 rows**.
 - **Repeat** from the beginning of the CC stripe sequence **7 more times**. This will create 9 MC stripes and 8 CC stripes.
- Then, with **CC**, **knit 2 rows**.
- With **MC**, **knit 5 rows**, ending with a right-side row. This results in 10 MC stripes and 9 CC stripes, and the piece should measure approximately 5.5 inches from the cast-on edge.
- **Do not cut yarns.**

Divide Fronts + Back

- On the Division Row (wrong side), still using **MC**:
 - **Knit 15 stitches.**
 - **Bind off 31 stitches** for the Left Underarm.
 - **Knit 32 stitches** (this includes the stitch remaining on the right needle after binding off).
 - **Bind off 31 stitches** for the Right Underarm.
 - **Knit to the end of the row.**
 - **62 stitches remain:** 15 stitches for the Left Front, 32 stitches for the Back, and 15 stitches for the Right Front.

Right Front

- Working only the 15 Right Front stitches and starting with a right-side row:
 - With **CC**, **knit 2 rows.**
 - With **MC**, **knit 6 rows.**
 - **Repeat** from the beginning of the CC stripe sequence **2 more times.** This will create 3 MC stripes and 3 CC stripes from the Division Row.
- With the right side facing you, **bind off knitwise to the end of the row.**
- **Cut yarns.**

Back

- With the right side facing you, working only the 32 Back stitches and joining yarns as needed:
 - With **CC**, **knit 2 rows.**
 - With **MC**, **knit 6 rows.**
 - **Repeat** from the beginning of the CC stripe sequence **5 more times.** This will create 6 MC stripes and 6 CC stripes from the Division Row.
- With the right side facing you, **bind off knitwise to the end of the row.**
- **Cut yarns.**

Left Front

- With the right side facing you, working only the 15 Left Front stitches and joining yarns as needed:
 - With **CC**, **knit 2 rows.**
 - With **MC**, **knit 6 rows.**
 - **Repeat** from the beginning of the CC stripe sequence **2 more times.** This will create 3 MC stripes and 3 CC stripes from the Division Row.
- With the right side facing you and still using **MC**, **bind off knitwise to the end of the row**, leaving the last stitch on the needle.
- **Cut CC**, but **do not cut MC.**

Left Button Band

- With the right side still facing you, **rotate the piece 90 degrees clockwise** so the Left Front selvage edge is at the top.
- Continuing with **MC**, **pick up and knit 50 stitches** between garter ridges along the Left Front edge to the bottom corner. This results in 51 total stitches.
- Starting with a wrong-side row, **knit 2 rows**.
- **Buttonhole Row** (wrong side): **Knit 11**, then [**yarn over (yo)**, **knit 2 together (k2tog)**, **knit 10**] **3 times**, then **yo, k2tog, knit 2**. This creates 4 buttonholes.
- Starting with a right-side row, **knit 2 rows**.
- With the right side facing you, **bind off to the end of the row**.
- **Cut yarn**.

Right Button Band

With the right side still facing you, **rotate the piece 180 degrees** so the Right Front selvage edge is at the top.

- With **MC** and beginning at the bottom corner of the Right Front, **pick up and knit 51 stitches** between garter ridges along the Right Front edge to the top corner. Ensure to pick up the first stitch between the Right Front cast on and the first garter ridge.
- Starting with a wrong-side row, **knit 2 rows**.
- **Buttonhole Row** (wrong side): **Knit 3**, then [**yo, k2tog, knit 10**] **4 times**. This creates 4 buttonholes.
- Starting with a right-side row, **knit 2 rows**.
- With the right side facing you, **bind off to the end of the row**.
- **Cut yarn**.

Right Sleeve

- Orient the piece with the right side of the Back facing you and the right selvage of the Back at the top.
- With **MC** and leaving a foot-long tail, start at the bottom right corner of the Back and **pick up and knit 24 stitches** between garter ridges to the top corner of the Back.
- Turn work so the wrong side is facing you and use a **Cable Cast On to cast on 12 stitches**.
- Turn work so the right side is facing you, and making sure the cast-on stitches are not twisted, **pick up and knit 12 stitches** down the Right Front selvage. This results in 48 total stitches.
- Starting with a wrong-side row and **MC**, **knit 5 rows**.
- Then, follow this stripe sequence:
 - With **CC**, **knit 2 rows**.
 - With **MC**, **knit 6 rows**.
 - **Repeat** from the beginning of the CC stripe sequence **3 more times**. This will create 5 MC stripes and 4 CC stripes.
- With the right side facing you, **bind off to the end of the row**.
- **Cut yarns**, leaving an 18-inch tail of **MC**.

Left Sleeve

Orient the piece with the right side facing you and the selvage of the Left Front at the top.

- With **MC** and leaving a foot-long tail, start at the bottom corner of the Left Front and **pick up and knit 12 stitches** between garter ridges to the top corner of the Left Front.
- Turn work so the wrong side is facing you and use a **Cable Cast On to cast on 12 stitches**.
- Turn work so the right side is facing you, and making sure the cast-on stitches are not twisted, **pick up and knit 24 stitches** down the left selvage of the Back. This results in 48 total stitches.
- **Repeat the instructions from step 5 of the Right Sleeve pattern.**

Seam Sleeves

For help seaming, refer to the Seaming Garter Stitch Tutorial.

- Fold the piece so the sweater is properly assembled and the Back is facing you.
- Thread the Left Sleeve's bind-off tail onto a tapestry needle, and starting at the bind-off edge, **sew the Sleeve edges together** through four garter stitch ridges (one MC stripe and one CC stripe).
- Fold the Body's Underarm in half and insert the tapestry needle just under the Underarm's bind-off edge at its halfway point. Then, **seam together the back Sleeve and back Underarm**, sewing back and forth between Sleeve edge stitches as before and below the Underarm bind-off edge.
- With the Front facing you, thread the Left Sleeve's pick-up tail onto a tapestry needle and **seam together the front Sleeve and front Underarm**, as you did for the Back.
- With the Front still facing you, **repeat steps 3-5 for the Right Sleeve**, sewing the front Underarm to the front of the Sleeve first, then flipping the sweater over to sew the back Sleeve to the back Underarm.

Finishing

- **Sew buttons** on top of either set of buttonholes. Traditionally, buttons for girls go on the Left Front and for boys on the Right Front.
- **Weave in all ends** and gently **block your Little Sweater**.