

Little Avery Free Pattern



Pattern Description:

Little Avery is a **classic knit cardigan** designed for any boy or girl. It is constructed **top down**, features **buttons down the front**, and is presented as a perfect last-minute shower gift.

Materials Needed & Measurements:

- **Yarn:** Madelinetosh Tosk Merino DK
- **Yarn Weight:** DK
- **Needle:** The pattern uses knitting needles: **7 us (4.50 mm)** (or size needed to obtain gauge) and **6 us (4.00 mm)**.
- **Notions:** **4(4,4,5) buttons**, with a size of $\frac{3}{4}$ " or 1".
- **Measurements:**
 - **Gauge:** 20.0 stitches = 4 inches
 - **Yardage:** 200(275,350,450)
 - **Sizes:** 0-3 months (3-6 months, 6-12 months, 12-18 months)
 - **Chest measurements:** 16"(18",19",21")

Stitches & Abbreviations Used:

- **WS** - Wrong side
- **RS** - Right side

- **YO** - Yarn over
- **Sm** - Slip marker
- **Pm** - Place marker
- **K2tog** - Knit two stitches together
- **Rm** - Remove marker
- **Kfb** - Knit into the front and back of the stitch

Instructions for Making the Little Avery Pattern:

Preparation and Casting On

- **Needle Size:** Begin by using the **smaller needles (6 US / 4.00 mm)**.
- **Cast On:** Cast on **48(52,56,58) stitches** using a long tail cast on.
- **Initial Rows (Button Band Setup):**
 - **Row 1 (WS):** Knit to the end.
 - **Row 2 (RS):** Knit to the end.
 - **Row 3 (WS):** Knit to the end.
 - **Row 4 (RS) (Buttonhole Row):** Knit 2, **YO**, **K2tog**, Knit to the end.

Yoke Construction (Raglan Increases & Buttonholes)

- **Change Needles:** After Row 4, **change to the larger needles (7 US / 4.50 mm)**.
- **Row 5 (WS - Yoke Setup):** Knit 4, purl 6(7,8,9) (front), **Pm**, purl 6(6,6,6) (sleeve), **Pm**, purl 16(18,20,20) (back), **Pm**, purl 6(6,6,6) (sleeve), **Pm**, purl 6(7,8,9) (front), knit 4.
- **Raglan Increase Sequence:**
 - **Row 6 (RS - Increase Row):** Knit to 1 stitch before the next marker, (**Kfb**, **Sm**, **Kfb**, knit until you have 1 stitch before the next marker) work 4 times, knit to the end (**8 stitches increased**).
 - **Row 7 (WS - Purl Row):** Knit 4, purl to the last 4 stitches, knit 4.
 - **Repeat:** Work rows 6 and 7, **3 times total**.
- **Buttonhole & Increase Sequence:**
 - **Row 8 (RS - Buttonhole Row & Increase Row):** Knit 2, **YO**, **K2tog**, knit to 1 stitch before the next marker, (**Kfb**, **Sm**, **Kfb**, knit until you have 1 stitch before the next marker) work 4 times, knit to the end (**8 stitches increased**).
 - **Row 9 (WS - Purl Row):** Knit 4, purl to the last 4 stitches, knit 4.
 - **Repeat:** Work rows 8 and 9 (Buttonhole Row), **1 time total**.
- **Further Increases:**
 - Work rows 6 and 7, **3 times total**.
 - Work rows 8 and 9 (Buttonhole Row), **1 time total**.
- **Size-Specific Increases:**
 - **For size 0-3 months:** Work rows 6 and 7, **1 time**.
 - **For size 3-6 months:** Work rows 6 and 7, **2 times**.
 - **For size 6-12 months:** Work rows 6 and 7, **3 times**.
 - **For size 12-18 months:** Work rows 6 and 7, **3 times**, and then rows 8 and 9 (Buttonhole Row), **1 last time**.

- **Stitch Count:** At this point, you will have **152(164,176,186) stitches** total and **13(14,15,16) raglan increases**.

Dividing for Sleeves and Body

- **Row 10 (RS - Divide for Sleeves):** Knit to the sleeves, **Rm**, slip the **32(34,36,38) sleeve stitches** onto a piece of scrap yarn, **Rm**, M1 (make 1 stitch, creating a new stitch), knit across the back, **Rm**, slip the **32(34,36,38) sleeve stitches** onto a piece of scrap yarn, **Rm**, knit to the end.
- **Body Stitch Count:** You will now have **89(97,105,111) stitches** for the body.
- **Initial Body Rows:**
 - **Row 11 (WS):** Knit 4, purl to the last 4 stitches, knit 4.
 - **Row 12 (RS):** Knit to the end.
 - **Row 13 (WS):** Knit 4, purl to the last 4 stitches, knit 4.

Main Body Construction

- **Texture Pattern:** The main body uses a texture pattern where you knit on the RS and purl on the WS for most stitches, interspersed with a ribbing section.
- **Body Pattern Rows:**
 - **Row 14 (RS):** Knit to the end.
 - **Row 15 (WS):** Knit to the end.
 - **Row 16 (RS):** Knit 4, (Knit 1, purl 1) repeat to the last 5 stitches, knit 5.
 - **Row 17 (WS):** Knit 4, purl 1, (Knit 1, purl 1) repeat to the last 4 stitches, knit 4.
- **Body Length:** Repeat rows 14 through 17 **until the body of the sweater measures 5”(7”,9”,10”) inches from the underarm**. End after working row 17.
- **Final Body Rows and Bind Off:**
 - **Row 18 (RS):** Knit to the end.
 - **Row 19 (WS):** Bind off knitwise.

Sleeves Construction (Worked Separately in the Round)

- **Note:** Work each sleeve separately, **in the round**. Place a start of round marker. Leave a **6” tail** when starting to sew close the hole under each arm.
- **Needle Size:** Use the **larger needles (7 US / 4.50 mm)** for the sleeves.
- **Set Up Rounds:**
 - **Set up round:** Knit to the end.
 - Work the set up round, **3 times total**.
- **Sleeve Texture Pattern Rounds:**
 - **Round 1:** Knit to the end.
 - **Round 2:** Purl to the end.
 - **Round 3:** (Knit 1, purl 1) repeat to the end.
 - **Round 4:** (Knit 1, purl 1) repeat to the end.
- **Sleeve Length:** Repeat rounds 1 through 4 **until the sleeve measures 4 ¼”(6”,7 ½”,8 ½”) inches from the underarm**, or to desired length. End after round 4.
- **Final Sleeve Rounds and Bind Off:**

- **Round 5:** Knit to the end.
 - **Round 6:** Bind off purlwise.
- **Second Sleeve:** Repeat all sleeve instructions as worked for the first sleeve to complete the second sleeve.

Finishing

- Weave in all your ends.
- Sew the **4(4,4,5) buttons ($\frac{3}{4}$ " or 1" size)** onto the front.
- Block the cardigan.
- Enjoy!