

Child's Pullover Sweater

Materials:

500 (650, 760, 925, 1050) yards Sport/DK

Needles: US 3 straight and 16" circular (or size needed to get gauge)

Finished chest circumference: 26 (28, 30, 32, 34)"

Gauge: 6 stitches per inch

Directions are given for smallest size with larger sizes in parentheses.



Back

- Cast on 68 (76, 80, 88, 92) stitches.
- Work k2, p2 ribbing for 1"
- On last ribbing row (WS), increase 10 (8, 10, 8, 10) stitches evenly across row. [78 (84, 90, 96, 102) stitches total.]
- Work in stockinette stitch until piece measures 7 ½ (9, 10 ½, 12, 13 ½)".
- Mark each edge of last row for base of armhole. Continue in stockinette stitch until armhole measures 6 ½ (7, 7 ½, 8, 8 ½)". [Piece should measure 14 (16, 18, 20, 22)" from cast on edge.]
- Knit 25 (25, 27, 30, 33), bind off 28 (34, 36, 36, 36), Knit 25 (25, 27, 30, 33). Place live shoulder stitches on stitch holders or scrap yarn.

Front

- Work as for back until armholes measure 4 ½ (5, 5 ½, 6, 6 ½)", ending with a WS row.
- K33 (34, 35, 38, 41), join new yarn, and bind off 12 (16, 20, 20, 20) sts for front neck. Knit to end of row. There should be 33 (34, 35, 38, 41) stitches on each side.
- Working each side separately:
 - At neck edge, bind off 3 stitches. (For right shoulder work bind-offs on RS rows, for left shoulder work bind-offs on WS rows.)
 - At neck edge, bind off 2 stitches 2 (2, 1, 1, 1) times.
 - Decrease 1 stitch at neck edge every RS row 1 (2, 3, 3, 3) times.
 - There should be 25 (25, 27, 30, 33) stitches on each side.
- Continue in stockinette until armholes measure the same as on the back.
- Place live shoulder stitches on stitch holders or scrap yarn.

Sleeves (make 2)

- Cast on 36 (40, 42, 46, 48) stitches.
- Work k2, p2 ribbing for 1, ending with a WS row.
- When working the following increases, if the number is zero, omit these rows.

- Knitting in stockinette stitch, inc 1 st at each end of needle every 2 rows 3 (0, 0, 0) times
- Inc 1 st at each end of the needle every 4 rows 18, (21, 22, 21, 23) times.
- Inc 1 st at each end of needle every 6 rows 0 (1, 2, 4, 4) times.
- There should be 78 (84, 90, 96, 102) stitches.
- Continue in stockinette until piece measures 12 ½ (14, 15 ½, 17, 18)".
- Bind off all stitches.

Finishing

- Join shoulder seams using 3-needle bind off:
 - Place stitches to be joined on two separate needles, holding them together with right sides facing each other.
 - Using a third needle, insert it into the first stitches on each of the two needles and knit them together as one stitch.
 - Knit the second stitches together in the same way, then pass the first stitch over the second (binding off).
 - Being careful to bind off loosely, continue working across the row in this fashion (knitting the two needles together and binding them off), until one stitch remains on the third needle. Cut the yarn and pull the tail through the last stitch.
- Center the sleeves on the shoulder seams and attach them; sew side/arm seams.
- Neck Band
 - With RS facing, pick up stitches around the neck. Join and knit eight rounds. Bind off loosely.