



Purple Pansy Designs

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A Last Minute Baby Sweater

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Beginner

Size: Newborn to 3 months

Gauge: 16 stitches /24 rows= 4 inches in stockinette

Materials:

Yarn: Approx. 200 yards of Worsted Weight Yarn

Needles: US Size 7 needles (straight or circular)

Notions: Buttons, stitch Holder and darning needle

Pattern notes:

This is a quick knit pattern in simple moss and stockinette stitch that has minimum shaping. The sweater is worked in one piece from the bottom of the back up to the shoulders and then back down to the bottom of the front.

Abbreviations and Terms:

K - Knit

P- Purl

Stitch Pattern:

Row 1 & 2: K2, P2 across

Row 3& 4: P2, K2 across

Back:

Cast On 36 Stitches; work 4 rows garter stitch, then continue working in stockinette stitch for 36 rows or until back measures 6 ½ inches from cast on edge, ending with a purl row.

Increase for Sleeves:

Row 1: K 36; cast on 24 stitches

Row 2: P24; knit 36, cast on 24 stitches

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(84 stitches total)

Begin working in pattern stitch over 84 stitches for 22 rows or until sleeve measures 3.25" from beginning

Start Neck shaping:

Work 34 stitches in pattern (place on holder), bind off 16 stitches; work pattern over remaining 34 stitches

Front*:

Work in pattern on 34 stitches for 1 inch ending at neck edge. Increase 1 stitch at neck edge on next row, and every 2nd row for a total of 10 increases (44 stitches) while continuing to work in pattern for 50 rows or until sleeve measures 7 ½ inches. Bind off 24 stitches beginning at sleeve edge 20 stitches remain.

** for a buttoned cardigan, add buttonholes on row 5 / 15 / 25 and 35 at edge of either right or left front as appropriate for boy/girl baby. **Buttonhole:** (worked 2 st from edge) K2tog, yo.*

Continue working these 20 stitches in stockinette for 5 ½ inches (about one inch from bottom) then work 4 rows of garter stitch. (36 rows stockinette / 4 garter).

Return stitches from holder to needle and repeat for other side reversing the shaping done at neck edge.

Sew side seams and add buttons to side opposite button holes or sew on I-cord ties or ribbon as alternate closure.

