

Premature/Low Birth Weight baby Body Warmer (for N.I.C.U. use)

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Notes

Used for babies with drips in their arms.

Using 4 ply Yarn and No 10 needles. If using DK use size 8 needles
Finished garment weighs approx 20gms 4 ply or 30 gms DK

BACK

Cast on 41 stitches and knit 6 rows in garter stitch (every row knit)
Work 24 rows in stocking stitch (Knit 1 row, purl 1 row) or any small pattern
Next row:-Shape Armhole.
Cast off 2 stitches at the beginning of the next two rows (37sts)
Next Row:-Work in stocking stitch or pattern for a further 24 rows.
Next row:- Cast off.

LEFT FRONT

Cast on 21 stitches and knit 6 rows in garter stitch
Next row:- Work in stocking stitch (or pattern) for 24 rows
Shape Armhole and Neck
Next row:- Cast off 2 stitches at the beginning of the row (19 sts)
Next row:- Purl
Next row:- Knit 2 together at neck edge only and on every following fourth row until 13 stitches remain.
Next row:- Work straight for another 3 rows (24 rows in all from end of armhole shaping) Cast Off.

RIGHT FRONT

Work as for left front, reversing all shapings.

ARM BANDS

Sew up shoulder seams neatly
Next row:- With right side facing, pick up and knit 36 stitches
Next row:- knit 2 together knit to the end of the row.
Next row:-Repeat last row 5 more times. (30stitches).

V NECK BAND

Next row:- With right side facing, starting at the lower edge of the right front.
Pick up and knit.
23 stitches along straight edge.
21 stitches along V neck
19 stitches along back neck.
21 stitches along V neck (left side)
23 stitches along straight edge
You should now have 107 stitches on your needle.
Next row:-
Knit 2 rows garter stitch
-Next row:- Knit to the last 24 stitches, Knit 2 together, yarn forward knit 8 knit 2 together yarn forward, knit 8 knit 2 together, yarn forward, knit 2.
Next row:- Knit 2 rows garter stitch
Next row:- Cast off fairly loosely
To make up :--- Sew up side seams neatly. Sew on 3 small buttons.