
Opal Baby Sweater

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**Sizes:**

0-3 months (3-6 months, 6-9 months, 12 months)

Materials:

Yarn: 1 skein of Opal, 6-Ply, DK Weight 460 yds / 150 gram ball

Needles: US# 4 circular and dpn's.

Notions: Darning needle, 4 buttons

Gauge: 6 sts= 1"

**Body:**

CO 112 (120, 128, 136) sts and join being careful not to twist the stitches; place a marker to indicate the beginning of the round.

Round one 1: *K1, P1* repeat * to * all around.

Repeat round 1 for 1½".

St st until piece measures 4½ (5, 5½, 6)" from CO edge.

Back of the sweater:

Knit 56 (60, 64, 68) sts and then put the remaining stitches on hold on some waste yarn. Turn your work: this is the back of the sweater and you are going to work it back and forth.

Continue even in st st until piece measures 8" (9", 9.5", 10.5") from CO edge ending with a WS row.

BO 18 (19, 20, 21) sts, leave the next 20 (22, 24, 26) sts on a holder for the neck, BO the next 18 (19, 20, 21) sts.

Front of the sweater:

Put the 56 (60, 64, 68) sts on hold on the waste yarn back on the needles and work back and forth until the piece is measures 7" (7.5", 8", 8.5") from CO edge ending with a WS row.

Knit 20 (21, 22, 23) sts, K2tog, K1. Put the remaining sts on a holder.

Next row: Purl.

Next row: Knit to last 3 sts, K2tog, K1, turn.

Next row: Purl.

Continue even in st st until piece measures 8" (9", 9.5", 10.5") from CO edge ending with a WS row. Work 3 rows all knit for the garter stitch button band. Work next row for button holes:

K4 (5, 5, 5) K2tog, YO, K3, K2tog, YO, K3, K2tog, YO, K4 (4, 5, 6).

Knit 3 rows.

BO these sts.

Of the 36 sts on hold, keep the first 16 on hold and put the remaining 20 back on the needles.

K1, SSK, knit across.

Next row: Purl.

Next row: K1, SSK, knit across.

Next row: Purl.

Continue even in st st until piece measures 8" (9", 9.5", 10.5") from CO edge ending with a WS row, bind off.

Sleeves (make 2):

CO 30 (33, 37, 42) and join being careful not to twist the stitches; place a marker to indicate the beginning of the round.

Round 1: *K1, P1* repeat * to * all around.

Repeat round 1 for 1".

Work 6 rounds in st st then start increases:

K1, M1, K until last 2 sts, M1, K1.

Work 5 rounds even.

Repeat the increases in this manner until you have 40 (45, 51, 59) sts.

Work even until the sleeve measures 6 (6.5, 7, 8)" from the CO edge.

BO all sts.

Finishing:

Block pieces for assembly.

Sew the shoulder. Sew the sleeve caps to the arm hole – note when sewing the shoulder seam that has the button bands you will need to overlap the button bands as if they are closed before sewing that shoulder to the sleeve.

Sew the side seam and under arm seam

Neck:

Pick up and knit: back shoulder 10 sts, 20 (22, 24, 26) sts from holder, 4 sts from back shoulder, front shoulder 8 sts, 20 (22, 24, 26) sts from holder, 12 sts front shoulder for a total of 74 (78, 82, 86) sts.

Next row: *K1, P1* repeat * to * end.

Repeat row onw 10 more times.

BO all sts.

Weave in all loose ends

Attach buttons to the shoulder band.

