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Quick Baby Bolero

This short cardigan is fun to knit on the diagonal and a great way to show off the self-patterning of this colorful yarn.

Skill Level 
EASY

Sizes

Girl's size 2 (4, 6, 8, 10) Instructions are given for smallest size, with larger sizes in parentheses. When only 1 number is given, it applies to all sizes.

Finished Measurements

Chest: 22 (24, 26, 28, 30) inches

Length: 9 (9½, 10, 10½, 11) inches

Materials

- Universal Yarn Classic Worsted Tapestry (worsted weight; 75% acrylic/25% wool; 197 yds/100g per ball): 2 (2, 3, 3, 3) balls purple power #7035
- Size 8 (5mm) 24-inch or longer circular needle or size needed to obtain gauge
- Removable stitch markers
- 1-inch JHB Clay Cat button #53392



Gauge

16 sts and 28 rows = 4 inches/
10cm in garter st.

To save time, take time to check gauge.

Special Abbreviation

Make 1 (M1): Inc by making a backward loop over right needle.

Pattern Notes

Back begins at the center bottom. Fronts begin at the lower center diagonal edge. Once shoulder seams are joined, sleeves are picked up and knit down.

Circular needle is used to accommodate large number of stitches. Do not join; work back and forth in rows.

Back

Cast on 5 sts. Place removable marker through center st, and then move it up every few rows.
Row 1 (RS): K1, M1, knit to marked center st, M1, knit center st, M1, knit to last st, M1, k1—9 sts.

Row 2 (WS): Knit across.

Rep [Rows 1 and 2] 12 (12, 15, 16, 17) more times—61 (65, 73, 77, 81) sts.

Bottom edge should measure 11 (12, 13, 14, 15) inches wide.

Shape sides

Row 1 (RS): Ssk, knit to marked st, M1, k1, M1, knit to last 2 sts, k2tog.

Row 2 (WS): Knit across.

Rep Rows 1 and 2 until center length measures 9 (9½, 10, 10½, 11) inches, ending with a WS row.

Shape shoulders & neck edge

Next row (RS): Ssk, knit to 2 sts before marked st, k2tog; join 2nd ball of yarn, bind off 1 st, ssk, knit to last 2 sts, k2tog—28 (30, 34, 36, 38) sts each side.

Working both sides at once with separate balls, knit 1 row.

Row 1 (RS): Ssk, knit to last 2 sts, k2tog; rep for 2nd side.

Row 2 (WS): Knit across.

Rep last 2 rows until 2 sts rem, k2tog. Fasten off.

Left Front

Cast on 15 sts.

Row 1 (RS): K1, M1, knit to last st, M1, k1—17 sts.

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TIP*

Sleeves are picked up and knit downward; this eliminates one seam.

Row 2 (WS): Knit across.

Rep [Rows 1 and 2] 7 (8, 9, 11, 12) more times—31 (33, 35, 39, 41) sts.

Shape side

Row 1 (RS): Ssk, knit to last st, M1, k1.

Row 2 (WS): Knit across.

Rows 3–8: Rep Rows 1 and 2.

Shape neck

Row 1 (RS): Ssk, knit to last 2 sts, k2tog—29 (31, 33, 37, 39) sts.

Row 2 (WS): Knit across.

Rows 3–8: Rep Rows 1 and 2—23 (25, 27, 31, 33) sts.

Continue to shape neck

Row 9 (RS): Ssk, knit to end — 22 (24, 26, 30, 32) sts.

Row 10 (WS): Knit across.

Rows 11–16: Rep Rows 1 and 2—19 (21, 23, 27, 29) sts.

Shape side neck

Row 1 (RS): Ssk, knit to last st, M1, k1.

Row 2 (WS): Knit across.

Rows 3–8: Rep Rows 1 and 2.

Shape shoulder

Row 1 (RS): Ssk, knit to last 2 sts, k2tog—17 (19, 21, 25, 27) sts.

Row 2 (WS): Knit across.

Rep [Rows 1 and 2] 7 (8, 9, 11, 12) times—3 sts rem.

K3tog and fasten off.

Right Front

Cast on 15 sts.

Row 1 (RS): K1, M1, knit to last st, M1, k1—17 sts.

Row 2 (WS): Knit across.

Rep [Rows 1 and 2] 7 (8, 9, 11, 12) more times—31 (33, 35, 39, 41) sts.

Shape side

Row 1 (RS): K1, M1, knit to last 2 sts, k2tog.

Row 2 (WS): Knit across.

Rows 3–6: Rep Rows 1 and 2.

Buttonhole row (RS): K1, M1, k2, yo, k2tog, knit to last 2 sts, k2tog.

Next row (WS): Knit across.





Shape neck

Row 1 (RS): Ssk, knit to last 2 sts, k2tog—29 (31, 33, 37, 39) sts.
Row 2 (WS): Knit across.
Rows 3–8: Rep Rows 1 and 2—23 (25, 27, 31, 33) sts.

Continue to shape neck

Row 9 (RS): Knit to last 2 sts, k2tog—22 (24, 26, 30, 32) sts.
Row 10 (WS): Knit across.
Rows 11–16: Rep Rows 1 and 2—19 (21, 23, 27, 29) sts.

Shape side neck

Row 1 (RS): K1, M1, knit to last 2 sts, k2tog.
Row 2 (WS): Knit across.
Rows 3–8: Rep Rows 1 and 2.

Shape shoulder

Row 1 (RS): Ssk, knit to last 2 sts, k2tog—17 (19, 21, 25, 27) sts.
Row 2 (WS): Knit across.
 Rep [Rows 1 and 2] 7 (8, 9, 11, 12) times—3 sts rem.
 K3tog and fasten off.
 Sew front shoulders to back.

Measure 5 (5½, 6, 6½, 7) inches down from shoulder on fronts and back, place marker or pin for armhole.

Sleeves

With RS facing, pick up and knit 40 (44, 48, 52, 56) sts between markers. Knit 10 rows even.

Beg on next RS row, dec 1 st at each edge by k1, ssk, knit to last 3 sts, k2tog, k1 [every 4th row] 10 (11, 12, 0, 0) times or [every 6th row] 0 (0, 0, 13, 14) times—20 (22, 24, 26, 28) sts.

Work even on rem sts until sleeve measures 7 (8, 10, 12, 14) inches. Bind off all sts.

Sew side and sleeve seams. Sew button opposite buttonhole. ■

