

Patriotic Preemie Cardigan 2007

med preemie (3 lb-13" finished chest)/lg preemie (5 lb-16" finished chest)
adjustments for larger size in ()

materials & gauge:

- ♥ circular needles (at least 24") – 4.25mm (us 6); for picot neck, one extra needle (straight or circ) same size or one size smaller or sizes necessary to achieve gauge
 - ♥ light worsted or DK weight yarn:
gauge: 10 s/20 r = 2" in garter st
- medium preemie:**
C1 (red): 60 yards, C2 (white): 30 yards, C3 (blue): 60 yards
- large preemie:**
C1 (red): 80 yards, C2 (white): 40 yards, C3 (blue): 80 yards
- ♥ four ½" buttons

all yarn requirements are approximate



instructions:

with C2, cast on 36 sts. Do NOT join—cardigan will be worked flat.

ribbed neck:

- 1: (WS)*p2, k2, p3. repeat from * across. end p1, sl1.
- 2: *k2, m1, *k3, p2. repeat from * to last 2 sts. end m1, k1, sl1.
- 3: *p3, k2. repeat from * across. end p2, sl1.

picot neck:

use a provisional cast on to create 37 st

- 1: purl across, sl last st
- 2: knit across, sl last st
- 3: p1. *(yo, p2tog) to last st. yo, sl1. (38 st)
- 4: knit across, sl last st
- 5: p across
- 6: remove provisional anchor, transferring those stitches to the empty needle
fold the newly mounted stitches and needle to the front, wrong sides together, and hold needle parallel to the circular needle with the working neck stitches
(WS) purl together 1 stitch from each needle until all stitches on needle are worked (38 st)

raglan yoke:

- 1: C1: (RS) k7, yo, k1, yo, k3, yo, k1, yo, k14, yo, k1, yo, k3, yo, k1, yo, k7. (46 st)
- 2: k across.
- 3: C2: k8, yo, k1, yo, k5, yo, k1, yo, k16, yo, k1, yo, k5, yo, k1, yo, k8. (54 st)
- 4: C1: slide. k across.
- 5: k9, yo, k1, yo, k7, yo, k1, yo, k18, yo, k1, yo, k7, yo, k1, yo, k9. (62 st)
- 6: C2: slide. p across.
- 7: C1: k10, yo, k1, yo, k9, yo, k1, yo, k20, yo, k1, yo, k9, yo, k1, yo, k10. (70 st)
- 8: k across.
- 9: C2: k11, yo, k1, yo, k11, yo, k1, yo, k22, yo, k1, yo, k11, yo, k1, yo, k11. (78 st)
- 10: C1: slide. k across.
- 11: k12, yo, k1, yo, k13, yo, k1, yo, k24, yo, k1, yo, k13, yo, k1, yo, k12. (86 st)
- 12: C2: slide. p across.
- 13: C1: k13, yo, k1, yo, k15, yo, k1, yo, k26, yo, k1, yo, k15, yo, k1, yo, k13. (94 st)
- 14: k across.
- 15: C2: k14, yo, k1, yo, k17, yo, k1, yo, k28, yo, k1, yo, k17, yo, k1, yo, k14. (102 st).
- 16: C1: slide. k across. LAST ROW SIZE SM

- 17: k15, yo, k1, yo, k19, yo, k1, yo, k30, yo, k1, yo, k19, yo, k1, yo, k15. (110 st)

both sizes: C2: slide. p across.

split for sleeves & lower body:

- With C3, k15 (17) sts (left front). c/o 4 st.
place next 21 (25) st (sleeves) onto a piece of waste yarn
k next 30 (34) st (back). c/o 4 st.
place next 21 (25) st (sleeves) onto a piece of waste yarn
k15 (17) sts (right front). 68 (76) working st
1. Knit every row until piece measures 2½" (3") from armhole.
 2. (RS) k across, decreasing 5 (3) sts evenly. (63, 73) st
 - 3: p3, k2 across. End p3.
 - 4: k3, p2 across. End k3.
- repeat steps 3 and 4 until ribbing is 1" (1¼").
bind off using a decrease bind off.

sleeve (worked in the round):

- transfer sleeve st from waste yarn to a circular needle or dpns.
1. With RS facing, attach yarn and pick up a st in each of the 3rd and 4th cast on st at the underarm. pick up on st in the corner between the cast on and the yoke st.
knit around the sleeve st. pick up a stitch in the opposite corner and then in the first 2 cast on st. PM to note beg of round. 27 (31) st
 - 2: 12 rnds: work in garter – p one round, k one round
 - 13: k1, k2tog. k to last 3 st on round. ssk, k1.
 - 14: 3 rnds: work in garter
- repeat steps 13 and 14 until 21 (25) sts remain.
- 15: k around, decreasing 1 st.
 - 16: 3 (5) rnds: k2, p2 around.
- finish with a decrease cast off. make 2nd sleeve.

front band and buttonholes

- 1: pick up 3 st for every 4 rows from right front edge (bottom of ribbing) to neck. do not pick up st at edge of neck band.
- 2-4: knit across
- 5: (buttonholes) with RS facing, k3. [work one buttonhole, then knit buttonhole gap] 4x. knit to end.
- 6/7: knit across.
- 8: using a decrease cast off, cast off.
repeat above for left front edge, skipping row 5 (buttonholes)

calculating button placement and gap:

1. # of st on front band less 5 sts = _____ st
2. subtract 12 (4 buttonholes) from the previous st count.
_____ st (# from step 1) - 12 = _____ st
3. divide the remaining number by 3 (3 spaces between the 4 buttonholes). then subtract 1 for the anchor st.

this number is the button gap.

_____ st (new number from step 2)/ 3. then subtract 1 = _____ button gap

if button gap is fractional, reduce to a whole number and add the resulting st(s) before starting the lower buttonhole.

one-row buttonhole for a 1/2" button:

1. slip one stitch knitwise. bring the yarn forward and drop it. slip the next stitch knitwise and pass the first slipped stitch over the second slipped stitch and off the needle.
2. leave the working yarn dropped and bind off 2 more stitches in this manner (3 total) .
3. slip the last stitch on the right hand needle back to the left needle. turn.
4. bring the working yarn back to the front. using a purl-through-the-back-loop cast on, create 3 new stitches. turn.

5. slip the first stitch knitwise onto the working needle. slip the 2nd stitch over the first and off the needle. tug to tighten. slip the first st on the working needle back onto the LH needle. *one buttonhole completed.*

techniques & abbreviations:

Cx: each color

c/o: cast on

k: knit

k2tog: knit 2 stitches together as one

p: purl

p2tog: purl 2 stitches together as one

PM: place marker

RS: right side

sl x: slip x stitch(es)

purlwise, unless otherwise noted

slide: slide stitches

back to other end of

circular needle to pick up dropped yarn

st(s): stitch(es)

WS: wrong side

yo: yarn over

decrease cast off:

*k2tog. return new st to LH needle. *repeat across.

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