Spring Fling Baby Sweater

sized for a medium preemie --

for large preemie or newborn, may I suggest using heavier yarn and larger needles

Materials:

size 3.0mm (US 3) and 4.0mm (US 6) knitting needles

MC: approx 2 ounce light worsted yarn

(pictured with Caron's Simply Soft -- gauge:14 st/18 r = 3")

Color A/B/C: approx 20 yards contrasting sports-weight/baby yarn

Five 1/2" buttons (if using a larger or smaller size, be sure to recalculate buttonhole size)

Instructions:

With MC and larger needles, cast on 67 ribbing:

- *k3, p2, s1, p2. repeat from * across
- *p3, k2, p1, k2. repeat from * across
- work row 1 six times and row 2 five times (11 rows total) -- ending with row 1
- increase 5 stitches evenly (72 stitches)
- work next 18 rows in stockinette stitch, following chart below, ending with MC and a knit row split for armholes:

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- p 18 st and transfer to a stitch holder (left front)
- p 36 (back)
- transfer remaining st to a stitch holder (right front)

knitting back:

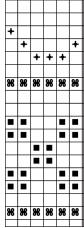
- k1, ssk twice, knit to last 5 st, k2tog twice, k1
- op across
- repeat prev 2 rows until 12 stitches remain, ending with a purl row
- place stitches on stitch holder

knitting right front (begining at sleeve edge):

- op across
- mit to last 5 st, k2tog twice, k1
- repeat prev 2 rows until 6 stitches remain, ending with a purl row
- place stitches on stitch holder

knitting left front (begining at sleeve edge):

- k1, ssk twice, knit across
- op across
- repeat prev 2 rows until 6stitches remain, ending with a purl row
- place stitches on stitch holder



Stitch Key:

Color

Parrot Green

Violet

sleeves: (this is also easily done with dons by knitting all purl rows)
With MC and smaller needles, cast on 24
× k2, p2 ribbing for 6 rows
with larger needles, stockinette st for 6 rows (end w/purl row)
×1, m1, knit across to last 2 stiches, m1, k1
purl across
stockinette for 6 rows, ending w purl row
sleeve shaping: (if using dpns, begin working back and forth here)
♥ purl across
repeat 2 rows 5 times (8 stitches remain - slip to holder)
repeat for other sleeve
 □ purl across □ repeat 2 rows 5 times (8 stitches remain - slip to holder) repeat for other sleeve finishing: □ join each sleeve to sweater along decrease lines. □ pick up all stitches currently on holders with smaller needles (40 stitches) □ k2, p2 ribbing for 4 rows □ bind off loosely with larger needles. □ Using a yellow sport-weight vam, embroider lazy-daisy flowers at the peak of each green scallop.
front edge and button holes (3 styles to choose from):
plain knit edge:
pick up 42 stitches along right front edge
y purl across
knit across
create buttonholes right side only:
p4, *bind off 3, p5, across, end p4
for left side, purl across
right side only:

k4, *cast on 3, k5, across, end k4

for left side, knit acrs

purl acrossbind off

crocheted edge:

- starting at neck, sc in each stitch along front edge (42 st)
- 6 sc, ch 8 (or twice diameter of button), sc in same stitch. repeat across, end with 3 sc.



knit I-cord bind-off:

this version will be made using "standard" knitting needles, not dons

- starting at bottom, pick up 42 stitches in the back loop of the row edge
- create buttonholes right side only:



for left side, purl across

right side only (beginning bottom edge again):

CO 2. k1, k2tog. Slide the just-worked stitches back to the left needle and give a gentle tug to the working yarn repeat until you reach the stitches which are bound off on the previous row

CO 2, k both stitches. Slide the stitches back to the left needle and give a gentle tug to the working yarn repeat 3 times to create buttonhole (an unattached i-cord of 4 stitches has been created)

Repeat these 2 steps down the legth of the sweater. When last attached stitch has been reached, pull 6" thread through remaining 2 loops on left needle. Tie off and work in end.

left side only (beginning bottom edge again):

CO 2. k1, k2tog. Slide the just-worked stitches back to the left needle and give a gentle tug to the working yarn Repeat this step down the legth of the sweater. When last attached stitch has been reached, pull 6" thread through remaining 2 loops on left needle. Tie off and work in end.

