

Twist & Twirl Sweater

sock-weight version:

medium (large) preemie

adjustments for larger size is indicated in parenthesis

straight needles: 3.75 mm (US 5) and 4.25 mm (US 6)

MC: 2 1/4 oz

CC: 20 yds

gauge: 12 st/16 r = 2" in twirl pattern

DK version:

(newborn)

straight needles: 4.25 mm (US 6) and 4.5 mm (US 7)

MC: 2 1/2 ounce

cc: 25 yds

gauge: 10 st/13 r = 2" in twirl pattern

all sizes: six 3/8" - 1/2" buttons

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abbreviations:	m1: increase
bo: bind off	p: purl
c/o: cast on	ssk: slip slip knit
garter stitch: always knit	stockinette: right side - knit, wrong side - purl
k: knit	
k2tog: knit 2 stitches together	

yarn used in photo: Bernat Baby Softee - white, Plymouth Astra DK - variegated



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instructions:

border:

- ♥ cast on 81 (90) stitches with CC on larger needles
- ♥ knit in garter stitch for 5 rows
- ♥ **twist row:** knit 4 (4). before knitting next stitch take left needle and rotate it forward and around back, making a full twist in the work. *knit next stitch. one twist completed. knit 9 (9). twist. repeat from * across, ending with knit 5 (5). This is the right side of the sweater. clip cc. (NOTE: IF YOU ARE LEFT HANDED, THE "TWISTING NEEDLE" SHOULD BE THE RIGHT NEEDLE).

body (stitch pattern is a multiple of 9 stitches):

using smaller needles and MC, cast on 6 stitches. turn K6 sts and purl across row. cast on 6 stitches at end of row.

NOTE: THE 6 STITCHES AT THE BEGINNING AND END OF EACH ROW WILL BE A GARTER-STITCH BORDER FOR BUTTONS/BUTTONHOLES

- row 1: k13, p2 (k7, p2) 8 (9) times. k5, sl 1.
- row 2: k8, p7 (k2, p7) 8 (9) times. k5, sl 1.
- row 3: k6, p1 (k7, p2) 8 (9) times. k7, p1, k5, sl 1.
- row 4: k7, p7 (k2, p7) 8 (9) times. k6, sl 1
- row 5: first buttonhole. k3, bo 2, k1. (p2, k7) 9 (10) times. k5, sl 1.
- row 6: k6 (p7, k2) 10 times. k2, c/o 2, k1, sl 1. buttonhole completed.
- row 7: k7, (p2, k7) 8 (9) times. p2, k11, sl 1.
- row 8: k6, p6 (k2, p7) 8 (9) times. k2, p1, k5, sl 1
- row 9: k8, (p2, k7) 8 (9) times. p2, k10, sl 1.
- row 10: k6, p5 (k2, p7) 8 (9) times. k2, p2, k5, sl 1

- row 11: k9, (p2, k7) 8 (9) times. p2, k9, sl 1.
- row 12: k6, p4 (k2, p7) 8 (9) times. k2, p3, k5, sl 1
- row 13: k10, (p2, k7) 8 (9) times. p2, k8, sl 1.
- row 14: k6, p3 (k2, p7) 8 (9) times. k2, p4, k5, sl 1
- row 15: buttonhole. k3, bo 2, k1. k5 (p2, k7) 8 (9) times. p2, k7, sl 1.
- row 16: k6, p2 (k2, p7) 8 (9) times. k2, p5, k2 c/o 2, k1, sl 1. buttonhole completed.
- row 17: k12, (p2, k7) 8 (9) times. p2, k6, sl 1.
- row 18: k6, p1 (k2, p7) 8 (9) times. k2, p6, k5, sl 1
- row 19: k13, p2 (k7, p2) 8 (9) times. k5, sl 1.
- row 20: k8, p7 (k2, p7) 8 (9) times. k5, sl 1.
- row 21: k6, p1 (k7, p2) 8 (9) times. k7, p1, k5, sl 1.
- row 22: k7, p7 (k2, p7) 8 (9) times. k6, sl 1
- row 23: k6, p2 (k7, p2) 9 (10) times. K12, sl 1.
- row 24: k6 (p7, k2) 9 (10) times. k5, sl 1
- row 25: buttonhole. k3, bo 2, k2. (p2, k7) 8 (9) times. p2, k11, sl 1.
- row 26: k6, p6 (k2, p7) 8 (9) times. k2, p1, k2 c/o 2, k1, sl 1. buttonhole completed.

split for armholes (right side):

yoke is worked in garter stitch

- ♥ k6, k 20 (22) st and transfer to a stitch holder (28 sts. right front)
- ♥ k 41 (46) (back)
- ♥ transfer remaining 26 (28) st to a stitch holder (left front)
- ♥ knit one row on back stitches

knitting back (right side):

- ♥ k1, ssk, knit to last 3 st, k2tog, k1
- ♥ k across
- ♥ repeat prev 2 rows until 11 (16) stitches remain, ending with a knit row
- ♥ place stitches on stitch holder

knitting right front (wrong side):

- make buttonhole, as before, every 10th row
- ♥ k across to last stich, sl 1 (always slip the stitch at the center front)
 - ♥ k to last 3 stitches, k2 tog, k1
 - ♥ repeat prev 2 rows until 12 (14) stitches remain, ending with a knit row
 - ♥ place stitches on stitch holder

knitting left front (right side):

- knit 2 rows
- ♥ k1, ssk twice, k across to last stich, sl 1 (always slip the stitch at the center front)
 - ♥ knit across
 - ♥ repeat prev 2 rows until 12 (14) stitches remain, ending with a knit row
 - ♥ place stitches on stitch holder

sleeves (cuff up):

(this is also easily done with dpns by knitting all purl rows)

cuff (worked on straight needles):

- ♥ cast on 24 (30) stitches with CC on larger needles
- ♥ knit in garter stitch for 5 rows
- ♥ twist row: knit 1 (4). before knitting next stitch take left needle and rotate it forward and around back, making a full twist in the work. *knit next stitch. one twist completed. knit 6 (6). twist. repeat from * across, ending with knit 1 (4). This is the right side of the sleeve. clip cc. (note: if you are left handed, the "twisting needle" should be the right needle).

sleeve (if using dpns, transition here):

- ♥ with MC and smaller needles, stockinette st for 8 (10) rows (end w/purl row)
- ♥ k1, m1, knit across to last 2 stitches, m1, k1
- ♥ repeat last 8 (11) rows twice

sleeve shaping (worked in garter stitch):

(if using dpns, begin working back and forth here)

- ♥ knit 2 rows
- ♥ k1, ssk, knit to last 3 st, k2tog, k1, turn
- ♥ k1, ssk, knit to last 3 st, k2tog, k1, turn delete this row
- ♥ knit across, turn
- ♥ repeat last 2 rows 5 (6) times. 6 (8) stitches remain - slip to holder

there should be an equal number of garter stitch ribs in the shaping of the sleeve as there are in the yoke of the sweater. If not, knit back and forth for a row or two until they are.

repeat for other sleeve

finishing:

- ♥ join each sleeve to sweater by weaving along decrease lines. be sure to matching garter ribs.
- ♥ pick up all stitches currently on holders with smaller needles. 47 (60) stitches.
- ♥ work in k2, p2 ribbing for 4 rows, or create ruffle and attach as indicated below
- ♥ bind off loosely with larger needles.
- ♥ sew on buttons.

neck ruffle:

- ♥ cast on 47 (60) stitches with CC on larger needles (the number cast on should be equal to the number of stitches picked up from around the neck).
- ♥ knit in garter stitch for 4 rows
- ♥ twist row: knit 5 (7). before knitting next stitch take left needle and rotate it forward and around back, making a full twist in the work. *knit next stitch. one twist completed. knit 8 (8). twist. repeat from * across, ending with knit 5 (7). This is the right side of the ruffle. clip cc. (note: if you are left handed, the "twisting needle" should be the right needle).
- ♥ attaching and last buttonhole
ruffle will be attached via a 3-needle bind off. put ruffle against sweater, right sides and needles touching. Bind off will begin at right front.
BO 3 stitches with 3-needle bind off. bo next 2 stitches separately on the ruffle and the sweater neck (makes buttonhole). beginning with next stitch, begin 3-needle bind-off again and continue around to other side. Tie off, clip and weave in end.

extra embellishment:

- ♥ with a double strand of CC and a tapestry needle, start at the top of the bottom ruffle and weave over and under every 2 ribs in the 7th stitch from the edge.