

Modular (No Sew!) Baby Sweater

Made in America Yarns
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Materials:

2 skeins American Lamb, Bulky.
Cotton waste yarn.

Gauge: 3.5 stitches per inch in garter stitch

Needles: U.S. 10 24" or 32" circular or straight needles. *Note: you will need 2 sets of needles to do 3-needle-bind-offs.*

Sizes: 6 mo. (19" finished), 12 mo. (20" finished), 18 mo. (21" finished), 24 mo. (22" finished).

Read over the pattern before beginning to knit.



Sweater Back

Begin with Center Back Panel

Cast on 16 (18, 18, 18) stitches. Knit in garter stitch for 11.5" (12.5", 13.5", 14.5"), slipping the first stitch of every row purlwise.

To slip purlwise: Begin with the yarn in front, put the right needle into the first stitch on the left needle as if to purl—but slip the stitch off without actually purling—bring the yarn from the front to the back between the needles in the direction of going from purl to knit (i.e., not under, but over the knitting). Continue by knitting across. It is important to slip in this manner to be able to pick up ridges later. Bind off.

Now pick up side panels, one at a time

Left Panel: You are beginning at the top (neck). Cast on 3 stitches. Pick up and knit along the slipped stitches of the center panel, picking up into the back of each stitch. (The front of the stitch will form a decorative ridge where the two pieces meet.) Knit for 2.5" (2.5", 2.75", 3"), slipping the first stitch of every row purlwise. Count the number of stitches on your needle. Hold the live stitches with the waste yarn.

Right Panel: With the front of the work facing you, pick up and knit into the back

of each slipped stitch along the right side, picking up into the back of the stitch so that the front of the stitch forms a ridge between the two pieces. At the neck edge, cast on 3 stitches using a cable cast-on. Count to be sure that you have the same number of stitches as the Left Panel. Knit for 2.5" (2.5", 2.75", 3"), slipping the first stitch of every row purlwise. Place the live stitches on the waste yarn.

Sweater Front

Center Panel: Cast on 16 (18, 18, 18) stitches. Knit in garter stitch for 11" (12", 13", 14", 15"), slipping the first stitch of every row purlwise. Bind off.

Now pick up the side panels:

Left Panel: Cast on 6 stitches to form the neck edge. Pick up the stitches in the same manner as the back left panel. Count to be sure you have the same number of stitches as your back side panels. Knit for 2.5" (2.5", 2.75", 3"), slipping the first stitch of every row purlwise. Hold the live stitches with the waste yarn.

Right Panel: Follow instructions for back panel, casting on 6 stitches at neck edge after picking up. Count stitches to be sure they are the same number as other panels. Knit for 2.5" (2.5", 2.75", 3"), slipping the first stitch of every row purlwise. Hold the live stitches with the waste yarn.

Note: If stitches are not the same number, you may either go back and pick up again, or simply do a make-one or K2tog.

Join shoulders

You will be joining shoulders using a 3-needle bindoff. From the right side, pick up and knit into the back of each slip stitch on left-front and then back-right shoulders. You should have the same number of stitches on each needle. With **WRONG** sides together, do a 3-needle bind-off. Repeat process for the other side.

Sleeves

Measure 4" (4.5", 5", 5.5") from the top of the shoulder down the side of sweater on each side for the sleeve placement. Mark the same number of stitches on the front and the back.

Holding the sweater flat, and leaving the side-seam stitches on your waste yarn, thread live stitches onto a needle for a sleeve, removing the waste yarn as you go. Knit sleeve flat (working from the shoulder to the wrist), slipping the first stitch purlwise on each row.

Decrease every 10 rows (5 ridges) as follows: Slip 1, knit 1, K2tog, Knit across until you have 4 stitches left, SSK, knit 2. Work until sleeve measures approximately 6.5" (7.5", 8", 8.5").

Note: the sleeve will be long enough to fold up into a cuff.

Make an identical sleeve on the other side.

Joining Sleeve and Sides

Using 2 circular needles, put lives stitches from left-front side onto the needle, and then pick up one stitch from each ridge



along sleeve that is attached to the body. On the left back, pick up sleeve stitches first, then break the yarn (leaving a 6" tail to weave in later) and put the body stitches onto a second needle. Count to make sure you have the same number of stitches on the front and back.

With wrong sides together and using a third needle or the other end of a circular needle, do a 3-needle bind-off to join sides and sleeve. Repeat on the other side.

Finishing

Weave in all ends.

Construction Diagram

Arrows indicate direction worked

