



V-Neck Cardigan for Premature Babies

1 ball

You'll need: 1 x 50g of 4ply 100% Pure Wool.

Using 4 x 3.25mm knitting needles

Stitch Holder

NOTE: This garment is worked in one piece, so that there are no seams to irritate the small body.

Lower Body: Cast on 83sts, work in garter stitch for 40 rows, working buttonholes on rows 23 and 39 as follows: K2tog, YFW. K to end.

Row 41: Start front shaping – Knit 3, K2tog then knit to last 5sts, K2tog, K3.

Knit 3 rows, and then repeat the last 4 rows once (79sts).

Right Front and Sleeve: Third shaping – 1st row K3, K2tog K 16sts, turn and cast on 15sts (35sts). Leave all other sts on a spare needle. K 3 rows. *Next row K3, K2tog, K to end. K 3 rows. Repeat last 4 rows until 28sts remain and 30 rows have been worked from sleeve cast on edge. Leave sts on needle ready to cast off with Back & Sleeves when completed.

Left Front and Sleeve: Slip 37sts from stitch holder onto another holder so you can work on the balance of 21sts for the left front. Join wool at armhole edge to the remaining 21 sts and cast on 15sts (36sts). 1st row - Knit to last 5sts, K2tog, K3 (35sts). K 3 rows. *K to last 5sts, K2tog, K3. K 3 rows. Repeat last 4 rows until 28sts remain and 30 rows have been worked in total. Leave sts on needle ready to cast off with Back & Sleeves when completed.

Back and Sleeves: Transfer 37sts from holder onto needle; join wool to back with buttonhole part of front on left side. Pick up and knit 15sts from cast on edge of right sleeve, starting at armhole and knit towards end of sleeve. Turn and knit to end. Then pick up and knit 15sts from cast on edge of other sleeve (67sts). Work 30 rows in garter stitch.

To complete: Join seams along top of sleeves joining right sides together of front without buttonhole and back and cast off the next 22 sts by knitting through the front and the back and cast off in the normal manner repeating until 3sts remain from the front and cast these off on their own.

Join yarn to next 17sts and leave the following 25sts from front on a spare needle then knit 6 rows across these 17sts and cast off.

Join seams along top of sleeves by joining right sides together of front with buttonhole and back. Cast off the first 3sts of the front on their own, then cast off next 22sts by knitting through the front and the back and cast off in the normal manner repeating until all sts have been cast off.

Note that 3 border sts on fronts are joined to side of 6 rows worked across back.

