



## Opal Baby Set

<b>Size</b>	3	6	9	mths
<b>Width</b>	64	68	73	cms
<b>Length</b>	24	27	30	cms

### You will need:

2x 100gm balls of Opal Lollipop  
1x pair 2.75 or 3.0mm needles (check tension)  
5x buttons

**Tension:** 28st is 10cm stocking stitch



### Abbreviations

Dec: decrease, decreasing, garter st (every row knit), inc: increase, increasing, K: knit, M1: make 1, st: stitch, sts: stitches, st st: stocking stitch (1 row knit, 1 row pur), tog: together.

**NB.** Cardigan is knitted from sleeve to sleeve.

### First Sleeve - front & back

Cast on 40(42, 44)sts for the first sleeve and knit garter st. for 5 rows. Increase 1 at each side of the sleeve in every 4th row until 62(68, 74) sts. Continue until sleeve measures 12(16, 20)cm in length. DO NOT BREAK YARN

And cast on 36(42, 48)sts for the front. Knit front sts, then sleeve sts and (again with same thread) cast on another 36(42, 48)sts for the back (134, 152, 170)sts.

Knit the first & last 5 sts in garter stitch all the way, this will form the waistband. Continue until total length of 22.5(27, 31½)cm.

### Left Front

Now the work will be divided in two and the front neck will be formed. Knit the first 67(76, 87)sts and put them on a stitch holder. This will become the back eventually.

Continue for the left front and decrease 1 st at the beginning of the row. Repeat this decrease on every 2nd row 12 times until 55(64, 75)sts remain. Continue until left front measures 16(17, 18)cm. The total length of your work should be 27(32, 37)cm.

Knit another 2cm in garter stitch for the button band. Cast off loosely. Put aside until required.

### Right Front

Cast on 55(64, 75)sts for the second front. Work 2cm in garter st. for the band and make 5 buttonholes evenly divided after 1cm (1st row M1 2nd row k2tog).

Continue to work the right front as given for the left, but in reverse. Put the 67(76, 87)sts on stitch holder until required.

### Back

Put sts for back on needle again and work until back measures 21½(23, 24½)cm in length. Total length of your work should be 33½(39, 44½)cm.

### Back & Right Front

Put the right front on the needle again and knit back & front until back measures 32(34, 36)cm in length. Total length should be 44(50, 56)cm.

Cast off 36(42, 48)sts at beginning of next 2 rows. Only the sts. For the 2nd sleeve are left on your needle now. There should be 62(68, 72)sts remaining.

### Second Sleeve

Knit the sleeve as given for the 1st sleeve, but in reverse. So, dec 1 st at each side of the row on every 4th row until 40(42, 44)sts and finish with knitting 5 rows in garter st at a length 12(16, 20)cm. Total length of work from wrist to wrist should be 56(66, 76)cm.

### Collar & Finishing

From the wrong side, pick up & knit 64(68, 72)sts between buttonhole bands for the neck. Work 6cm in garter stitch. Cast off loosely. Join sleeve & side seams. Sew on 5 buttons.

### Opal Baby Hat

Using set double pointed needles cast on 112(118, 124)sts. Work 2cm ribbing 2x2. Continue in st st until 9(10, 11)cm. Now decrease on every 4th row by knitting every 6th & 7th st together. Continue to do so until 14 st remain. Finish the hat any way you please.

Eg: Decrease until all st have been cast off or continue knitting the 14st for a while cast off & knot. Whatever your imagination likes.

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