



Carnival toddler sweater

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an easy sweater for toddlers, ideal for the advanced beginner wanting to make the move to garment knitting. Worked in the round wherever possible, this simple construction provides enough challenges to keep it interesting and at the same time it ensures minimal finishing

ingredients

finished size 60 cm chest circumference, to fit child at 18 months

yarn aran weight: MC (ie: variegated colour) 150g (340 metres approx); CC contrasting yarn (ie: solid colour) 100g (230 metres approx)

needles size 5mm (40cm) circular and DPNs; 4mm (40cm) circular and DPNs. Adjust needle size if necessary to obtain correct gauge

notions 2x stitch markers; stitch holders or scrap yarn; tapestry needle

gauge 18sts and 26 rows = 10 cm in stocking st on larger needles

stitch guide

stocking st k all rnds when working in the round; k all RS rows and p all WS rows when working flat.

ribbing *k3, p2* repeat from * to * to end of rnd.

notes

The body of this sweater is worked in the round on circular needles from the bottom up to the arm holes, and then worked flat back and forth on circulars.

The sleeves are worked in the round on DPNs picking up stitches from the armholes, from the top down.

body

With larger circular needles and CC yarn, using long-tail method, CO 110 sts. Making sure no sts are twisted, pm and join sts to work in the round. Rnd 1: k 55 sts, pm, k to end of round. There should now be 2 stitch markers in place to mark side edges. Work 5 rnds in stocking st. Work 5 rnds in ribbing. K 1 rnd. Change to MC yarn. Work in stocking st until body measures 22.5 cm from CO edge (edge will roll approx 1 cm).

separate for sleeves K 55 st. Put remaining 55 sts on hold on stitch holder or scrap yarn.

back Continue with the same circular needles, but working flat back and forth, continue in stocking st until body measures 35.5 cm from CO edge. Put sts on hold.

front Sl sts from stitch holder to larger circular needles, working flat back and forth, continue in stocking until body measures 28 cm from CO edge.

neckline K 20 sts, put 15 sts on hold, attach second MC ball and k remaining 20 sts to end of row. Using 2 MC balls,

work both sides of neckline at same time. Decrease 1 st at neck edge on every RS row 3 times as follows:

left shoulder K to 5 sts before end, k2tog, k3

right shoulder K3, ssk, k to end of row

After all decreases, there should be 17 sts either side of neckline. Continue working in stocking st until front measures same as back (35.5 cm from CO edge).

join shoulders

With RS facing the inside, sl 17 sts from back on a larger DPN and 17 st from front on another larger DPN. Using 3 needle bind-off and a third larger DPN, join sts. Repeat for other side.

neck

With smaller circular needles and CC yarn, pu approx 68 sts around neckline as follows: 21 sts from back, 16 sts from right edge, 15 sts from front, and 16 sts from left edge. K 10 rows. Cast off loosely.

sleeves

With larger DPNs and MC yarn, starting at underarm join, pu 50 sts from armhole edge, pm, to mark beg of rnd.

K 6 rows.

decreases rnd: k1, k2tog, k to 3 sts before end of rnd, ssk, k1.

Repeat last 7 rnds 6 more times, until there are 36 sts on the needles.

K 5 rows.

decreases rnd: k1, k2tog, k to 3 sts before end of rnd, ssk, k1.

Repeat last 6 rnds 2 more times, until there are 30 sts on the needles.

K 2 rnds. Switch to smaller DPNs. Work ribbing for 5 rnds. K 6 rnds. Cast off loosely.

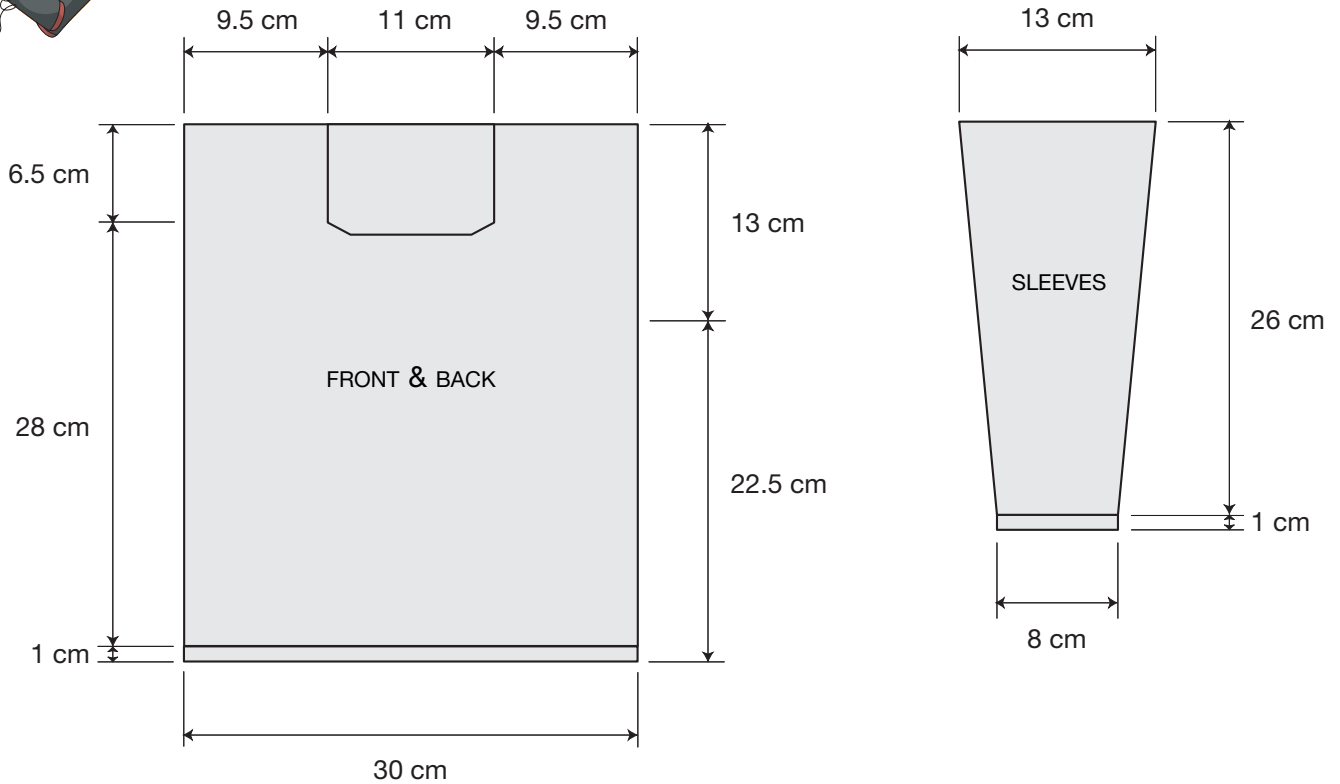
Repeat for second sleeve.

finishing

Weave in ends. Block lightly to finished measurements. Give to your favourite toddler to wear and enjoy!







glossary

CO=cast on; **st(s)**=stitch(es); **k**=knit; **p**=purl; **pm**=place marker; **rnd(s)**=round(s); **sl**=slip; **kwise**=knit wise; **pwise**=purlwise; **k2tog**=knit 2 sts together; **ssk**=slip 1 st kwise, sl 1 st pwise, knit both sts together; **pu**=pick up; **RS**=right-side; **WS**=wrong-side; **beg**=beginning; **DPN(s)**=double pointed needle(s)

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