

Baby Bees Sweater Pattern



Abbreviations used:

CO = [Cast On](#)

K = [Knit](#)

P = [Purl](#)

K1 = [Knit 1 stitch](#)

P1 = [Purl 1 stitch](#)

K 2 tog = [Knit two stitches together](#) (as if they were one)

Increase = [Increase](#)

yo = [Yarn Over \(forward\)](#)

BO = [Bind Off](#)

Sl 1, K1, pss0 = [Slip 1, Knit 1, Pass the Slipped Stitch Over](#)

Pickup stitches = Pick up stitches

General Info:

Size: Age 2 (4) years old

Finished chest circumference:
26" (28")

Yarn: Lion Brand Yarn, "White Frost 501", or other worsted weight yarn

Needle size: US size 8 needles (5mm), or size to obtain gauge

Gauge: 4½ stitches = 1"

This sweater is worked using the following two pattern stitches:

Simple Seed Stitch (a stockinet stitch interspersed with purl stitches):

Row 1: *K3, P1* (repeat the stitches between the *'s, over and over, until end of row.

Don't worry if you don't have enough stitches at the end to complete the last set of

stitches.)

Row 2, 4, 6 and 8: purl

Rows 3 and 7: knit

Row 5: K1, *P1, K3*

Butterfly Stitch:

Instructions given for multiple of 10 stitches plus 5 (ie. 15, 25, 35 stitches). You will have to add or decrease some knit (or purl) stitches from the beginning and end of the knit (or purl) rows, in order for the butterflies to be centered where you want them to be in the garment. I've given instructions, when appropriate, on how many stitches to adjust.

Rows 1 and 3: K5, *K 2 tog, yo, K1, yo, sl 1, K1, pssso (pass slipped stitch over), K5*

Rows 2 and 4: *P7, sl 1 P-wise, P2* P5

Rows 5 and 11: knit

Rows 6 and 12: purl

Rows 7 and 9: *K 2 tog, yo, K1, yo, sl 1, K1, pssso, K5*, K 2 tog, yo, K1, yo, sl 1, K1, pssso

Rows 8 and 10: *P2, sl 1 P-wise, P7*, P2, sl 1 P-wise, P2

Back of Sweater

CO 57 (63) stitches

Row 1, 2 and 4: Knit

Row 3 and 5: Purl.

Work "Simple Seed" stitch until piece measures approximately 7½" (8¼"), ending after completing a Row 8 or Row 4 of the Simple Seed Stitch instructions.

Shape armholes

With RS (right side of work) facing you:

Rows 1 and 2: BO (bind off) 4 (4) stitches. Purl the remainder of the row.

Row 3: BO 3 (3) stitches. *K2, P1* the rest of the row.

Row 4: BO 3 (3) stitches. Purl the rest of the row.

Row 5: purl row, decreasing 1 (1) stitch at each end of row. (2 stitches decreased total.)

Row 6: purl

Row 7: knit

There will remain 41 (47) stitches.

Begin Butterfly stitch; adjust by Knitting or Purling 3 (1) extra stitch(es) at the beginning and end of each row, to center this pattern in the garment. Continue until armholes measure 5½" (6¾")

Shape Shoulders

At beginning of next 4 rows, (each armhole edge) BO 5 (6) stitches.

BO remaining 22 (23) stitches for back of neck.

Cardigan Left Front

Cast on 28 (32) stitches.

Row 1: Knit

Row 2 and 4: Knit

Row 3 and 5: Purl.

Begin working in Simple Seed stitch. Continue until piece measures approximately 7½" (8¼"), ending after completing a Row 8 or Row 4 of the Simple Seed Stitch instructions.

With RS (right side of work) facing you:

Row 1: BO (bind off) 3 (3) stitches. Purl the remainder of the row.

Rows 2, 4, and 6: purl

Row 3: BO 3 (3) stitches. *K2, P1* the rest of the row.

Row 5: P 2 tog, purl remainder of row

There will remain 21 (25) stitches.

With RS facing:

Begin Butterfly stitch; adjust by Knitting or Purling 3 (0) extra stitches at the beginning and end of each row, to center this pattern in the garment. Continue until armholes measure 4" (5¼"), ending after completing a RS row.

Shape Crewneck

With WS facing:

BO 5 (7) stitches, work to end.

At neck edge (all WS rows)

BO 2 stitches, work to end

BO 2 stitches, work to end

P 2 tog, work to end

P 2 tog, work to end

There will remain 11 (12) stitches. Continue even until armhole measures 5½" (6¾").

Shape Shoulder

At beginning of next RS row:

BO 5 (6) stitches

At beginning of following RS row:

BO remaining 6 (6) stitches

Cardigan Right Front

Cast on 28 (32) stitches.

Row 1: Knit

Row 2 and 4: Knit

Row 3 and 5: Purl.

Begin working in Simple Seed stitch. Continue until piece measures approximately 7½" (8¼"), ending after completing a Row 8 or Row 4 of the Simple Seed Stitch instructions.

With RS (right side of work) facing you:

Row 1: Purl

Rows 2: BO (bind off) 3 (3) stitches. Purl remainder of row.

Row 3: *K2, P1*

Row 4: BO 3 (3) stitches. Purl remainder of row

Row 5: purl

Row 6: P 2 tog, purl remainder of row

There will remain 21 (25) stitches.

With RS facing:

Begin Butterfly stitch; adjust by Knitting or Purling 3 (0) extra stitches at the beginning and end of each row, to center this pattern in the garment. Continue until armholes measure 4" (5¼"), ending after completing a WS row.

Shape Crewneck

With RS facing:

BO 5 (7) stitches, work to end.

At neck edge (all RS rows):

BO 2 stitches, work to end

BO 2 stitches, work to end

K 2 tog, work to end

K 2 tog, work to end

There will remain 11 (12) stitches. Continue even until armhole measures 5½" (6¾").

Shape Shoulder

At beginning of next WS row:

BO 5 (6) stitches

At beginning of following WS row:

BO remaining 6 (6) stitches

Sleeves

Cast on 27 (29) stitches.

Rows 1, 2 and 4: Knit

Row 3 and 5: Purl.

Begin working in Simple Seed stitch.

When piece measures 2¼" increase 1 stitch at each end of needle. Work the same set of increases, every 6 rows, until you have increased a total of:

2 (3) rows

Then increase 1 stitch at each end of needle every 4 rows:

10 (12) times

There will remain:

51 (59) stitches

Continue until piece measures approximately 10½" (11½"), ending after completing a Row 8 or Row 4 of the Simple Seed Stitch instructions.

With RS (right side of work) facing you:

Rows 1, 2, 4, 5, and 6: Purl

Row 3: *K2, P1*

With RS facing:

Begin Butterfly stitch; adjust by Knitting or Purling 3 (2) extra stitches at the beginning and end of each row, to center this pattern in the garment. Continue until piece measures 12" (13") (or desired length to armhole).

Shape Cap

At beginning of next two rows, BO 4 (4) stitches.

At beginning of following two rows, BO 3 (3) stitches.

At the next RS row, decrease 1 stitch at each end of needle.

There will remain 35 (45) stitches.

Decrease 1 stitch each end of needle every RS row 1 (3) more time(s).

BO 2 stitches at beginning of next 2 (4) rows.

BO 3 stitches at beginning of next 6 (2) rows

BO remaining 11 (15) stitches.

Finishing

With yarn threaded on tapestry needle, sew shoulder seams, side seams, arm seams, and armhole seams.

Back of Neck

On needles one size smaller than those you've worked in (optional), pick up one stitch for every stitch along back of neck. Work in stockinette stitch (RS continuing RS of garment), decreasing 1 stitch at each end of needle the second and fourth rows. Work for a total of 6 rows. Fold to the inside of garment, and sew remaining stitches to the inside purl stitches of garment.

Button Band

On left front, with RS facing, pick up and knit one stitch for every row along center front edge. Work in K1, P1 ribbing until band measures $\frac{3}{4}$ ". BO all stitches.

Buttonhole Band

On right front, work as for button band, working one-row buttonholes when band measures $\frac{1}{2}$ ". BO all stitches.

Bottom Hem

Pick-up one stitch for every stitch along bottom edge. Work in stockinette (RS continuing RS of garment), decreasing one stitch on each end of needle every 2 rows. On second row, decrease every 10th stitch. Work a total of 8 rows. Fold hem to the inside, and sew each stitch off to one of the inside purl stitches.

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