Playground Hoodie
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DIFFICULTY
Easy

SIZES
2 (4, 6, 8, 10, 12) yrs
Shown in 4 yrs size.

FINISHED MEASUREMENTS
Chest: 21¾ (23¼, 24¾, 26¼, 27¾, 29½)"
Length: 17½ (18, 18½, 19, 19½, 20)"

MATERIALS
Universal Yarn *Cotton Supreme Waves*
(100% cotton; 100g/ 230yds)
- 910 Equator – 3 (3, 3, 3, 3, 4) skeins
  See Pattern Notes

Needle: US Size 6 (4 mm) straight or your preferred ndl for knitting flat *or size needed to obtain gauge*
US Size 5 (3.75 mm) straight and 16" circular
Notions: Tapestry needle, stitch markers, stitch holders or waste yarn

GAUGE
21 sts x 28 rows = 4" in Stockinette Stitch (St st) with larger ndl
Save time, check your gauge.

PATTERN NOTES

Cool and casual, the Playground Hoodie is the perfect back-to-school project. Knit in our superbly soft, self-shading Cotton Supreme Waves, this sweater is colorful, cute, and comfy! Perfect for warm and cool weather alike, the practical hood and kangaroo pocket will allow your little one to ward off any breeze in the air.

This sweater is knit flat in pieces from the bottom up and seamed. The kangaroo pocket is picked up and worked flat from the Front body, then joined into a knit row after completion. The hoodie is worked flat after the shoulders are joined, and the Neck and Hood edging is picked up and worked in the round.

Cotton Supreme Waves is a self-striping yarn. To ensure your project looks as close to the sample as possible, when breaking and rejoining yarn, be sure to visually match the point at which you're rejoining. This may require you to wind off some yarn. We promise the results are worth the effort!

STITCH GUIDE
K1, P1 Rib
(odd number of sts, worked flat)
Row 1 (RS): * K1, p1; rep from * to last st, k1.
Row 2 (WS): P1, * k1, p1; rep from * to end.
Rep Rows 1-2 for patt.

PATTERN BEGINS
FRONT
Hem
With smaller ndl, cast on 59 (63, 67, 71, 75, 79) sts.
Row 1 (RS): K1, pm, work Row 1 of K1, P1 Rib to last st, pm, k1.
Row 2 (WS): P1, sl m, work Row 2 of K1, P1 Rib to m, sl m, p1.
Cont as est'd in K1, P1 Rib until piece meas approx 1¾" from cast-on edge, ending with a WS Row. Change to larger ndl.

Main Body
Row 1 (RS): Knit to end, slipping markers as you come to them.
Row 2 (WS): Purl to end, slipping markers as you come to them.
Cont working even as est'd in St st until piece meas approx 7¼ (7¼, 7¼, 7¾, 7¾, 7¾)" from cast-on edge, ending with a WS Row. Set aside.

Kangaroo Pocket
With separate skein of yarn, RS facing, measure up approx 3" from cast on edge. Beg 15 sts in from the edge, pick up and knit 29 (33, 37, 41, 45, 49) sts from the main body fabric.
Row 1 (WS): [K1, p1] 3 times, purl to last 6 sts, [p1, k1] 3 times.

Row 2 (RS): [K1, p1] 3 times, knit to last 6 sts, [p1, k1] 3 times.
Row 3: Rep Row 1.
Row 4: Rep Row 2.
Row 5: Rep Row 1.
Row 6 (RS Dec Row): [K1, p1] 3 times, ssk, knit to last 8 sts, k2tog, [p1, k1] 3 times – 2 sts dec'd, 27 (31, 35, 39, 43, 47) sts rem.
Rep Rows 1-6, one more time – 2 sts dec'd, 25 (29, 33, 37, 41, 45) sts rem.
Cont even as est'd, maintaining first and last 6 sts on each side in ribbing patt until piece meas approx 4¼ (4¼, 4¼, 4¾, 4¾, 4¾)" from picked-up edge, ending with a WS Row. Place rem live sts on holder or waste yarn.

Join with Front Body
Row 1 (RS): K1, sl m, k14, knit one stitch of body together with one stitch of kangaroo pocket until all pocket sts have been knit together with body sts, k14, sl m, k1 - 59 (63, 67, 71, 75, 79) sts.
Row 2 (WS): Purl, slipping markers as you come to them.
Row 3 (RS): Knit, slipping markers as you come to them.
Cont working even as est'd in St st until piece meas approx 13" from cast-on edge, ending with a WS Row.

Shape Armholes
Bind off 2 sts at the beg of the next 2 rows – 4 sts bound off, 55 (59, 63, 67, 71, 75) sts rem.
Cont working even as est'd in St st until piece meas approx. ¾ (1¼, 1¾, 2, 2½, 3)" from first underarm bind off.

Separate Left and Right Front
Next Row (RS): Cont as est'd over 27 (29, 31, 33, 35, 37) Left Front sts, bind of center st, cont as est'd over 27 (29, 31, 33, 35, 37) Right Front sts to end. Place Left Front sts on holder or waste yarn.

Shape Right Front Neck
Even Row (WS): Cont as est'd to end.
Dec Row (RS): K1, ssk, cont as est'd to end – 1 st dec'd, 26 (28, 30, 32, 34, 36) sts rem.
Rep Even Row and Dec Row 12 (12, 12, 13, 13, 13) more times – 12 (12, 12, 13, 13, 13) sts dec'd, 14 (16, 18, 19, 21, 23) sts rem.
Right Front Neck Shaping is complete. Place rem live sts on holder or waste yarn. Return Left Front sts to ndl, ready to work a WS Row.

Shape Left Front Neck
Even Row (WS): Cont as est'd to end.
Dec Row (RS): Cont as est'd to last 3 sts, k2tog, k1 – 1 st dec'd, 26 (28, 30, 32, 34, 36 sts rem.)
Rep Even Row and Dec Row 12 (12, 12, 13, 13, 13) more times – 12 (12, 12, 13, 13, 13) sts dec'd, 14 (16, 18, 19, 21, 23) sts rem.

Left Front Neck Shaping is complete. Place rem live sts on holder or waste yarn.

BACK
Hem
With smaller ndl, cast on 59 (63, 67, 71, 75, 79) sts.
Row 1 (RS): K1, pm, work Row 1 of K1, P1 Rib to last st, pm, k1.
Row 2 (WS): P1, sl m, work Row 2 of K1, P1 Rib to m, sl m, p1.
Cont as est'd in K1, P1 Rib until piece meas approx 1¾" from cast-on edge, ending with a WS Row. Change to larger ndl.

Main Body
Row 1 (RS): Knit to end, slipping markers as you come to them.
Row 2 (WS): Purl to end, slipping markers as you come to them.
Cont working even as est'd in St st until piece meas approx. 13" from cast-on edge, ending with a WS Row.

Shape Armholes
Bind off 2 sts at the beg of the next 2 rows – 4 sts bound off, 55 (59, 63, 67, 71, 75) sts rem.
Cont working even as est'd in St st until piece meas approx. 4½ (5, 5½, 6, 6½, 7)" from first underarm bind-off, ending with a WS Row.

Separate Back Sections
Place 14 (16, 18, 19, 21, 23) Right Back sts on one holder, place 27 (27, 27, 29, 29, 29) Center Back sts on one holder, and place 14 (16, 18, 19, 21, 23) Left Back sts on one holder. You now have 3 separate 'sections' for the Back.
Set aside.

SLEEVES
(make 2 alike)
With smaller ndl, cast on 31 (31, 31, 33, 33, 33) sts.
Row 1 (RS): K1, pm, work Row 1 of K1, P1 Rib to last st, pm, k1.
Row 2 (WS): P1, sl m, work Row 2 of K1, P1 Rib to m, sl m, p1.
Cont as est'd in K1, P1 Rib until piece meas approx. 1¾" from cast-on edge, ending with a WS Row. Change to larger ndl.

Establish Pattern and Shape Sleeve
Note: Maintain inc'd sts as est'd in St st.
Next Row (RS): Knit, slipping markers as you come to them.
Next Row (WS): Purl, slipping markers as you come to them.

Following rows as outlined below, work an Inc Row every 4 (4, 2, 2, 2, 2) rows, 1 (7, 1, 5, 10, 14)

time(s), then work an Inc Row every 6 (6, 4, 4, 4, 4) rows, 7 (3, 12, 10, 8, 6) times.

RS Inc Row: K1, sl m, m1R, knit to m, m1L, sl m, k1 – 2 sts inc'd,
WS Even Row: Purl to end, slipping markers as you come to them.
RS Even Row: Knit, slipping markers as you come to them.

After all incs are completed, 16 (20, 26, 30, 36, 40) sts have been inc'd – 47 (51, 57, 63, 69, 73) sts. Cont working even as est'd in St st, if necessary, until piece meas 9½ (9½, 10, 10, 10½, 10½)" from cast-on edge, ending with a WS row. Bind off all sts kwise.

FINISHING
Gently wash and block to finished measurements. Weave in ends. With RS facing, join Right Front and Right Back shoulders using the three-needle bind-off. Rep for Left Front and Left Back shoulders. 27 (27, 27, 29, 29, 29) sts rem from center Back on holder for Hood. Sew Sleeves to Body. Sew Sleeve Seams. Sew Side Seams.

Hood
Beg at Right Front Shoulder, pick up and knit 5 (5, 5, 7, 7, 7) sts from the Right Front Neck Edge closest to shoulder seam, pick up and knit 27 (27, 27, 29, 29, 29) sts from holder, pick up and knit 5 (5, 5, 7, 7, 7) sts from the Left Front Neck Edge closest to shoulder seam – 37 (37, 37, 43, 43, 43) sts.
Inc Row (WS): P18 (18, 18, 21, 21, 21), m1, p19 (19, 19, 22, 22, 22) – 1 st inc'd, 38 (38, 38, 44, 44, 44) sts.
Increase Section
Note: Maintain inc'd sts in St st as est'd during shaping.
Inc Row (RS): K18 (18, 18, 21, 21, 21), m1L, k1, pm, k1, m1R, knit to end – 2 sts inc'd, 40 (40, 40, 46, 46, 46) sts.
Even Row (WS): Purl to end, slipping marker as you come to it.
Rep Inc Row and Even Row, 10 (10, 10, 14, 14, 14) more times – 20 (20, 20, 28, 28, 28) sts inc'd, 60 (60, 60, 74, 74, 74) sts.

Even Section
Next Row (RS): Knit, slipping marker as you come to it.
Next Row (WS): Purl, slipping marker as you come to it.
Cont working even as est'd in St st until piece meas 6½ (6½, 6½, 7½, 7½, 7½)" from picked-up edge, ending with a WS Row.

Decrease Section

Dec Row (RS): Knit to 2 sts bef m, ssk, sl m, k2tog, knit to end – 2 sts dec'd, 58 (58, 58, 72, 72, 72) sts rem.

Even Row (WS): Purl to end, slipping marker as you come to it.

Rep Dec Row and Even Row 9 (9, 9, 11, 11, 11) more times – 18 (18, 18, 22, 22, 22) sts dec'd, 40 (40, 40, 50, 50, 50) sts rem.

With RS Facing, fold rem sts in half lengthwise and join each half of live sts together using the three-needle bind-off.

Weave in rem ends.

Hood and Neck Edging

With smaller ndl and beg at tip of Right Shoulder, pick up and knit 97 (97, 97, 113, 113, 113) sts around hood, 18 (18, 18, 20, 20, 20) down the Left Front neck, place removable marker, pick up and knit 1 center st, place removable marker, pick up and knit 18 (18, 18, 20, 20, 20) sts up the Right Front neck – 134 (134, 134, 154, 154, 154) sts. PM and join to knit in the rnd.

Rnd 1: * P1, k1; rep from * to 1 st bef m, p1, sl m, k1, sl m, * p1, k1; rep from * to end.

Rnd 2: Cont as est'd to 1 st bef m, S2KP2 (removing markers to complete dec and replacing them on each side of center Front Neck st after dec is complete), cont as est'd to end – 2 sts dec'd, 132 (132, 132, 152, 152, 152) sts rem.

Rep Rnds 1-2, 4 more times – 8 sts dec'd, 124 (124, 124, 144, 144, 144) sts rem.

Bind off all sts in patt.

Weave in rem ends.

Abbreviations

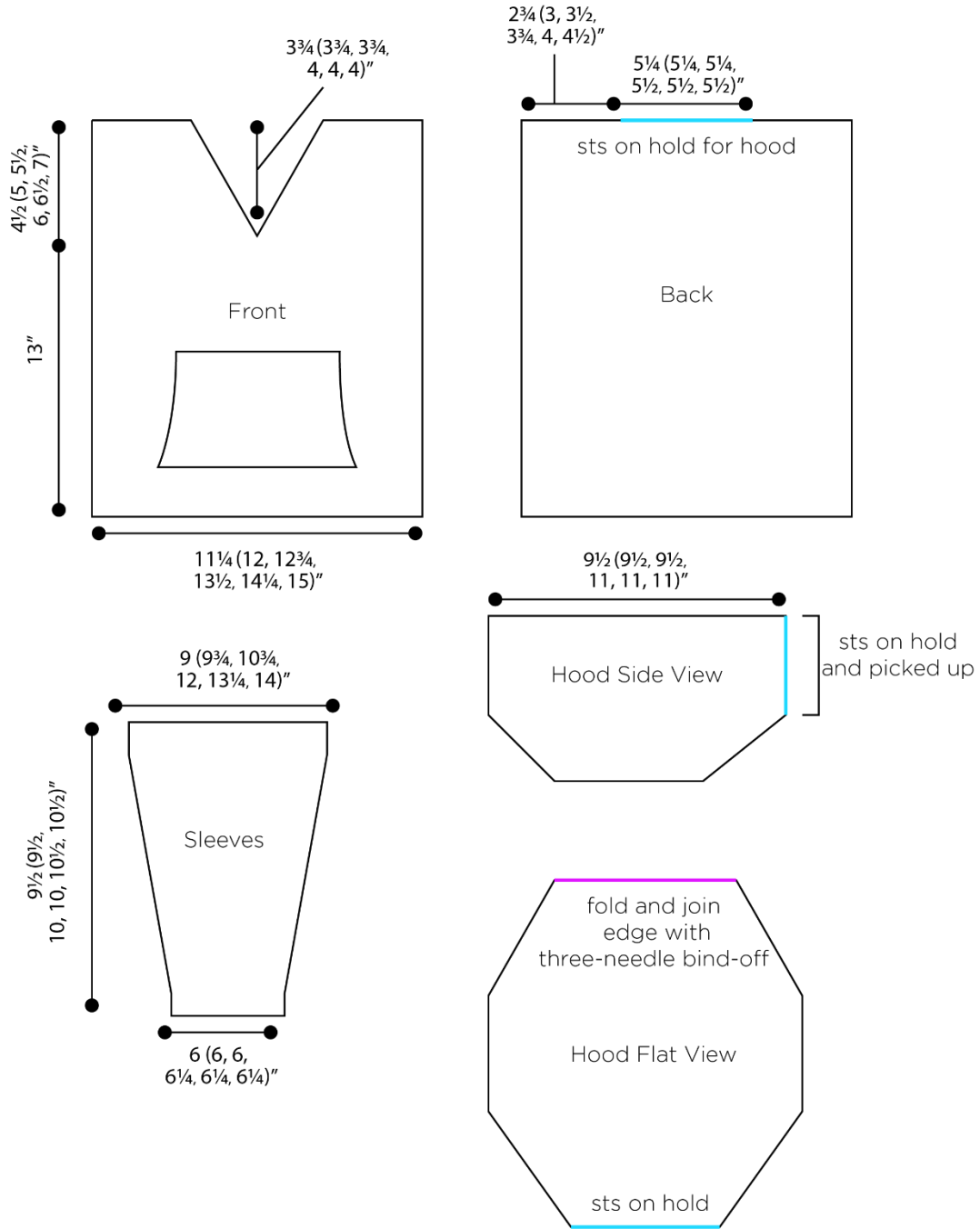|	
approx	approximately
bef	before
beg	begin(ning)
circ	circular
cont	continue
dec('d)	decrease(d)
est'd	established
inc('d)	increase(d)
k	knit
k2tog	knit 2 stitches together (1 st dec'd)
kwise	knitwise
m	marker
m1	insert left needle from front to back under horizontal strand of yarn lying between st just worked and next st, knit or purl this st through the back loop (1 st inc'd)
m1L	insert left needle from front to back under horizontal strand of yarn lying between st just worked and next st, knit or purl this st through the back loop (1 st inc'd)
m1R	insert left needle from back to front under horizontal strand of yarn lying between st just worked and next st, knit or purl this st through the front loop (1 st inc'd)
meas	measures
ndl	needle
p	purl
patt	pattern
pm	place marker
rem	remain(ing)
rep	repeat
rnd	round
RS	right side
S2KP2	slip 2 stitches as if to knit 2 together, knit 1, pass 2 slipped stitches over knit stitch; centered double decreases
sl	slip
ssk	slip next 2 sts individually knitwise, slip them back to left needle in this position, knit them together through the back loops (1 st dec'd)
St st	Stockinette stitch (knit on RS rows, purl on WS rows; in the rnd, knit every rnd)
st(s)	stitch(es)
WS	wrong side

3¾ (3¾, 3¾, 4, 4, 4)"

2¾ (3, 3½, 3¾, 4, 4½)"

5¼ (5¼, 5¼, 5½, 5½, 5½)"

4½ (5, 5½, 6, 6½, 7)"

sts on hold for hood

13"

Front

Back

11¼ (12, 12¾, 13½, 14¼, 15)"

9½ (9½, 9½, 11, 11, 11)"

9 (9¾, 10¾, 12, 13¼, 14)"

Hood Side View

sts on hold and picked up

9½ (9½, 10, 10, 10½, 10½)"

Sleeves

6 (6, 6, 6¼, 6¼, 6¼)"

fold and join edge with three-needle bind-off

Hood Flat View

sts on hold

Knit, Relax, Smile, Repeat!