



A child's cardigan with subtle slip-stitch stripes, knit in one piece from the top down with an i-cord collar. The front button band is added at the end. Pattern includes instructions for five sizes: 0-6 months (6-12 months, 1-2 years, 2-4 years, 4-6 years).

Yarn: Estelle DK (50% Acrylic, 40% Wool, 10% Nylon; 273 yds per 100g). 1 (2, 2, 2, 3) skeins. *Shown in 36 Blossom;*

Needles: 3.5mm (US4) and 4.0mm (US6) in both 24"+ circulars and DPNs (or long circular for magic loop).

Gauge: 20 sts and 30 rows = 4"/10cm with larger needles.

Other tools: stitch markers, stitch holders or scrap yarn, darning needle, buttons.

NECKBAND

With smaller circ. needle, CO 3 sts. Hold in right hand.

Round A: Sl 3sts from right needle to left.

Round B: Kf&b, K2

Repeat Rounds A and B until there are 60 (68, 80, 92, 92) sts on right needle.

Finishing round: Sl 3sts from right needle to left. K2tog, K1. Sl 2sts from right needle to left. K2tog. [58 (66, 78, 90, 90) sts].

YOKE

Change to larger needle size.

Set Up Row (WS): P 9 (11, 13, 15, 15), pm, P 8 (8, 10, 12, 12), pm, P 24 (28, 32, 36, 36), pm, P 8 (8, 10, 12, 12), pm, P 9 (11, 13, 15, 15).

Row 1 (RS): *K to 1 st before marker, m1R, K1, sm, K1, m1L, rep from * three more times, K to end of row. (8 sts increased)

Row 2 (WS): P all sts, slipping markers as you go.

Repeat Rows 1 & 2 another 10 (11, 12, 12, 14) more times, paying careful attention to special **Slip Stitch Increasing Rows** as follows:

Slip Stitch Increasing Rows (RS):

Row 13 (ALL SIZES): [K1, Sl1] to 1 st before marker, *m1R, K1, sm, K1, m1L, [K1, Sl1] to 1 st before marker, rep from * two more times, m1R, K1, sm, K1, m1L, [Sl1, K1] to end of row.

Row 27 (LARGEST SIZE ONLY): [K1, Sl1] to 2 st before

marker, K1 *m1R, K1, sm, K1, m1L, [K1, Sl1] to 1 st before marker, rep from * two more times, m1R, K1, sm, K1, m1L, K1, [Sl1, K1] to end of row.

When increasing is complete, there will be 146 (162, 182, 194, 210) sts on the needles: 20 (23, 26, 28, 30) sts for each front, 30 (32, 36, 38, 42) sts for each sleeve, and 46 (52, 58, 62, 66) sts for back.

[Row 22 (24, 26, 26, 30) complete.]

Continue working in stocking stitch [*K on RS, P on WS, slipping markers as you go*] without any increasing, for another 6 (6, 8, 12, 12) rows, paying careful attention to special **Slip Stitch Yoke Row** as follows:

Slip Stitch Yoke Row (RS):

Row 27 (ALL SIZES except largest): [K1, Sl1] to 2 (1, 2, 2, -) sts before marker, K 2 (1, 2, 2, -), *sm, K1, [K1, Sl1] to 1 st before marker, K1, rep from * two more times, sm, K 2 (1, 2, 2, -), [Sl1, K1] to end of row.

Row 41 (LARGEST SIZE ONLY): [K1, Sl1] to 2 sts before marker, K2, *sm, K1, [K1, Sl1] to 1 st before marker, K1, rep from * two more times, sm, K2, [Sl1, K1] to end of row.

[Row 28, (30, 34, 38, 42) complete.]

Divide for Sleeves on Row 29 (31, 35, 39, 43) (RS): *K to marker, rm, put 30 (32, 36, 38, 42) sts on holder, rm, CO 6 (6, 6, 6, 8) sts using backwards loop, rejoin to body, rep from * once, K1, **m1L**, K to end of row. *[99 (111, 123, 131, 143) sts]*

Next Row (WS): P all sts.

Continue working in stocking stitch [*K on RS, P on WS, slipping markers as you go*] paying careful attention to special '**Slip Stitch Row**' which occurs every 14th row *[Row 41, 55, 69, etc].*

Slip Stitch Row (RS): K1, [Sl1, K1] to end of row.

Work in this manner until work measures approximately 4.5" (5, 5.5, 6.5, 8.5)" from underarm, or 1.5" less than total desired length, ending with a WS row.

Ribbing Setup: K to end of row, decreasing by 1 st along the way. *[98 (110, 122, 130, 142) sts]*

Switch to smaller needles.

Ribbing Row A (WS): P2, [K2, P2] to end of row.

Ribbing Row B (RS): K2, [P2, K2] to end of row.

Repeat Ribbing Rows A and B until cuff measures 1.5".

Bind off loosely in rib.

SLEEVE

Put 30 (32, 36, 38, 42) held sleeve sts on larger sized needles (DPNs or magic loop).

Pick up and knit 6 (6, 6, 6, 8) sts from the cast on edge under the arm, then join in the round with the remaining sleeve sts and K all sts. K 3 (3, 3, 3, 4) sts to middle of underarm and place BOR marker. *36 (38, 42, 44, 50) sts total.*

K 1 round [*this is the equivalent of Row 30 (32, 36, 39, 44)*].

Continue working in stocking stitch [*K all sts*], paying careful attention to '**Slip Stitch Round**' which occurs every 14th round.

Slip Stitch Round: [K1, Sl1] to end of round.

Work until sleeve measures 1" (2, 3, 3, 4)" from the underarm.

Work **Decreasing Round** and then repeat every 6th round 1 (2, 2, 3, 4) more times, while maintaining Slip Stitch pattern every 14th round.

Decreasing Round: K1, K2tog, K to last 3 sts, SSK, K1. (2 sts decreased).

[If the Decreasing Round happens to fall on a Slip Stitch Round, work the first three sts and last three sts as specified in the Decreasing Round, and the Slip Stitch pattern for the remaining sts in between].

When decreasing is complete, there are 32 (32, 36, 36, 40) sts left.

Continue in stocking stitch and established Slip Stitch pattern until sleeve measures 4.5" (5.5, 6.5, 8.5, 10.5)", or 1.5" less than total desired length.

Switch to smaller needles.

[K2, P2] around for 1.5".

Bind off loosely in rib.

RIGHT BUTTON BAND

Using smaller needles: with RS facing and starting at bottom edge, pick up and knit along the right front edge. Pick up about 3 sts for every 4 rows in the body, making sure to finish with an even number of sts.

Starting with P2, work 2x2 Ribbing to the end of row. Match stitches (knit the knits and purl the purls) when returning on the RS.

Work a total of 6 (7, 7, 7, 7) rows of 2x2 Ribbing.

Bind off loosely in rib.

LEFT BUTTON BAND

Using smaller needles: With RS facing and starting at neck edge, pick up and knit along the left front edge. Pick up about 3sts for every 4 rows in the body, making sure to finish with the same number of sts as the Right Button Band.

Work two rows of 2x2 Ribbing, matching the knit/purl ridge pattern to those on the Right Button Band.

In the next row (WS), create 5 (6, 6, 6, 7) button holes evenly spaced along the Left Button Band.

The top and bottom holes should be centred $\frac{1}{2}$ " from the top and bottom edges. The remaining 3 (4, 4, 4, 5) holes should be spaced evenly along the band, approximately 2.5" apart.

Create button hole by binding off 2sts in pattern. In the next row (RS), cast on 2 sts at the same place using backwards loop.

Work 2 (3, 3, 3, 3) more rows of 2x2 Ribbing as established.

Bind off loosely in rib.

Weave in all ends and wet block or steam block sweater, taking care to stretch both button bands to desired final shape & size.

Sew on buttons.

Abbreviations:

K – knit

P – purl

Sl – slip stitch

Kf&b – knit front and back into same stitch

K2tog – knit 2 together

SSK – slip one st then another st knitwise, insert left needle into the front of both sts and K 2 together through back of loop

m1R – make 1 stitch, right leaning

m1L – make 1 stitch, left leaning

CO – cast on

St(s) – stitch(es)

RS – right side of work

WS – wrong side of work

BOR – beginning of round

pm – place marker

sm – slip marker

rm – remove marker

rep – repeat

FINISHED MEASUREMENTS

Size	A Chest	B Torso	C Sleeve
0-6 months	20"	6"	5"
6-12 months	22"	6.5"	5.5"
1-2 years	24"	7"	6"
2-4 years	26"	8"	7"
4-6 years	28"	10"	9"

