



Knitting: Jumper for Baby or Toddler

This little jumper is quick to knit, and has buttons across the shoulders to make dressing your toddler easier. Your baby or toddler will be snug and warm.



Photo: toddler jumper

You will need:

8 ply yarn: I used Heirloom Silk Touch 8 ply in Shade 103, 5 x 50g balls

1 pair each of 3.25 mm and 4.00 mm needles, or sizes necessary to get a tension of 22 stitches per 10cm, worked in garter stitch.

Stitch holder

4 or 6 x 13mm buttons (4 for sizes 0,3,6,9, 6 for sizes 12,18)

Wool needle for sewing seams



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Measurements:

	Months:	0	3	6	9	12	18
To fit chest:	cm	35	40	45	50	53	55
Actual size:	cm	38	43	48	53	56	58
Length:	cm	19	24	28	33	38	43
Sleeve: (or length desired)	cm	15	17	19	21	23	25
50g balls required:		4	4	4	5	5	6
Quantities of yarn are based on average requirements and are approximate.							

Tension:

This jumper has been designed at a tension of 22 stitches per 10cm, worked in garter stitch. Check your tension by knitting a tension square: using 4.00 mm needles, cast on 31 stitches. Work 40 rows garter stitch (1st row: Knit; 2nd row: Purl; repeat these 2 rows.) Place two pins 10 cm apart, and count stitches between pins. If you have less than 22 stitches, use smaller needles. If you have more than 22 stitches, use larger needles.

Back:

Using 3.25 mm needles, cast on 56 [62, 66, 72, 76, 82] stitches.

Back rib:

Row 1: *K1, P1, repeat from * to last 2 sts, K2.

Repeat Row 1 for 11 more rows (12 rows rib in all). Sizes 0, 6, 12 months: 56 [66, 76] stitches

Sizes 3, 9 and 18 months: In last row, work to last 2 sts, K2tog. [61,71,81] stitches.

Change to 4.00mm needles.

Back pattern:

Row 1: p2, *yon, K2tog, p3, repeat from * to last 4 sts, yon, K2tog, p2.

Row 2: K2, *p2, k3, repeat from * to last 4 sts, p2, k2.

Row 3: P2, *k2tog, yfwd, yrn, p3, repeat from * to last 4 sts, k2tog, yfwd, yrn, p2.

Row 4: K2, *p2, K3, repeat from * to last 4 sts, p2, k2.

Rows 1-4 form pattern. Keeping pattern correct, continue until Back measures 11 [13, 16, 19.5, 23, 27] cm, ending with a row on the wrong side of the jumper.

Shape armhole: Cast off 2 [2,3,3,3,3] sts at the beginning of the next 2 rows 52 [57, 60, 65, 70, 75] stitches.

Decrease one stitch at the beginning and end of the next row and following 1 [2,2,3,3,3] alternate rows. 48 [51,54, 57,62,67] stitches.

Continue without shaping for 23 [23, 25, 25, 27, 27] rows.

Work 8 rows K1, P1 rib. Cast off in rib.



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Photo: Close up of pattern and shoulder closing

Front: Work the same as the Back until after armhole shaping. Continue without shaping for 17 [17, 19, 19, 21, 21] rows.

Shape neck:

Next row: Work 22 [23,24,25,26,28] stitches in pattern, turn, leaving 26 [28,30,32,36,39] stitches unworked on needle. Continue on these stitches.

Next row: K2tog, work 20 [21,22,23,24,26] stitches in pattern.

Next row: Work 19 [20,21,22,23,25] stitches in pattern, work 2 together.

Next row: K2tog, work 18 [19,20,21,22,24] stitches in pattern.

Next row: Work 17 [18,19,20,21,23] stitches in pattern, work 2 together.

Next row: K2tog, work 16 [17,18,19,20,22] stitches in pattern. Transfer these stitches to a stitch holder, and return to the stitches on needle. Work these stitches, keeping pattern correct.



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Next row: Work 20 [21,22,23,24,26] stitches, k2tog, turn, leaving 4 [5,6,7,10,11] stitches unworked on needle.

Next row: Work 2 together, work 19 [20,21,22,23,25] stitches in pattern.

Next row: Work 18 [19,20,21,22,24] stitches in pattern, k2tog.

Next row: Work 2 together, work 17 [18,19,20,21,23] stitches in pattern.

Next row: Work 16 [17,18,19,20,22] stitches in pattern, k2tog. Pick up 4 [5,6,7,8,9] stitches along neckline, work 4 [5,6,7,10,11] stitches from needle, pick up 4 [5,6,7,8,9] stitches along neckline, work 16 [17,18,19,20,22] stitches from stitch holder 46 [51, 56, 61, 68, 75] stitches

Next row: Work 16 [17,18,19,20,22] stitches in K1, P1 rib, work 2 together, rib 2 [3,4,5,6,7], work 2 together, rib 2 [3,4,5,8,9], work 2 together, rib 2 [3,4,5,6,7], work 2 together, rib 16 [17,18,19,20,22] 42 [47, 52, 57,64,71] stitches.

Work 3 rows K1, P1 rib.

Next row: (Rib 4, yrn, work 2 tog) 2 [2,2,2,3,3] times, rib 18 [23,28,33,28,35], (yrn, work 2 tog, rib 4) 2 [2,2,2,3,3] times = 2 or 3 buttonholes on each shoulder of jumper.

Work 3 rows K1, P1 rib. Cast off in rib.

Sleeve (work two the same)

Using 3.25 mm needles, cast on 32 [34,36,38,42,44] stitches.

Work 12 rows K1,P1 rib as for Back, increasing once at beginning of each of last 4 [2,5,3,4,2] rows 36 [36,41,41,46,46] stitches.

Change to 4.00mm needles.

Work in pattern as for Back, increasing 1 st at each end of Row 5 and every following 4th row until there are 42 [48,55,61,66,72] stitches.

Continue without shaping until sleeve measures 15 [17,19,21,23,25] cm or length desired.

Cast off 2 [2,2,3,3,3] stitches at beginning of next 4 rows 34 [40,47,49,54,60].

Cast off 1 [1,2,2,2,2] stitches at beginning of next 4 rows 30 [36,39,41,46,48] stitches.

Cast off all stitches, knit stitches knit way and purl stitches purl way.

To make up:

Using same yarn, sew buttons on back shoulder rib, to correspond with buttonholes on front. Place front shoulder rib on top of back shoulder rib, and join shoulder seams. Using mattress stitch, sew sleeves into armholes, then join sleeve seams and side seams.