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DREAM DK Crochet Baby Cardigan



Sizes: 0-3 months (6-9 months, 12-18 months, 24 months)

Finished Measurements: Chest: 18.5" (20, 21.5, 23) Length: 9.5" (10.5, 11, 12.25)

Materials

Dream DK: 2 (3, 3, 4) 50g balls, color 176 Denim Heather

Gauge: 16 HDC and 12 rows = 4"

Hook/Notions: Size E (3.5mm) hook or size to obtain gauge, 5 (6, 6, 6) buttons, Locking

markers

Notes

• Ch 1 and ch 2 at beginning do NOT count as a stitch unless noted otherwise.

Abbreviations: Ch = chain, st(s) = stitch(es), sc = single crochet, hdc = half double crochet.

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Pattern

Ch 75 (80,85,93).

Row 1: Insert hook into 3rd ch from the hook and hdc to end of row. Turn.

Row 2: Ch 2, hdc in each st to end of row. Turn.

Repeat Row 2 until the work measures 5" (5.5, 6, 7) from the beginning.

. Work in sc for 5 rows.

Fasten off.

Separate the Fronts and Back

Count in 18 (19,21,23) sts from each end and mark those sts with a marker.

Back

Attach yarn by inserting hook into the 2nd st from the marker (right side marker if right handed, left side marker if left handed), ch 2. Work hdc in each st, stopping 1 st prior to the marked st. Turn.

Ch 2, hdc in each st to the end of the row. Turn.

Repeat this row until armhole measures 3.5" (3.75, 4, 4.25) from the marker. Fasten off.

Left Front

Note: Up to this point, there is no right or wrong side in the pattern. Buttonholes will be on the left front for a boy's sweater. If making a girl's sweater, make the buttonholes on the right front.

Row 1: Beginning at the armhole edge, attach yarn into the 2^{nd} st from the marker. Ch 2. Work hdc into each st to end of row. Turn.

Repeat Row 1, 5 (7, 7, 7) times. You have ended at the armhole side.

Row 6 (8, 8, 8): Hdc in 11 (12, 13, 15) sts. Turn, leaving the last sts unworked.

Row 7 (9, 9, 9): Ch 2, decrease 1 hdc at the beginning of the row. Turn.

Row 8 (10, 10, 10): Ch 2, hdc across the row and decrease 1 st in the last 2 hdc sts. Turn. Continue until the Front measures the same as the Back. Fasten off.

Right Front

Row 1: Beginning at the front edge, attach yarn. Ch 2, work hdc in each st across the row to the 2^{nd} st prior to the marker. Turn.

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Row 2: Ch 2, hdc across the next 5 (7, 7, 7) rows. Turn at the end of each row. You have ended at the front edge.

Row 3: Slip st across the first 6 (6, 7, 8) sts. Ch 2 and hdc in each st to the end of the row. Turn.

Row 4: Ch 2, hdc in each st across the row, decreasing 1 st at the end of the row (in the last 2 sts). Turn.

Continue (ch 2, hdc in each st) until the Front measures the same as the Back. Fasten off.

Sleeves

Sew shoulder seams.

Row 1: With right side facing, begin with the marked st at the underarm, ch 2 and work 15 (16, 17, 18) hdc to the shoulder seam and 14 (15, 16, 17) hdc to the end of the armhole. Join to the first hdc using a sl st. There will be a total of 31 (33, 35, 37) sts including the skipped sts at the underarm. Turn.

Row 2: Ch 2 and hdc in each st around the armhole. Join to the first hdc using a sl st. Turn.

Row 3: Ch 2, hdc across row, decreasing 1 st end. Join to the first hdc using a sl st. Turn.

Repeat Rows 2 and 3, decreasing 1 st every 4th row, until the sleeve measures 5" (6, 7, 8.5).

Ch 1 and work 4 rows in sc without decreasing, turning at the end of each row. Fasten off.

Neckband

Beginning at the neck edge of the right front, ch 1 and make 12 scs along the neckline to the shoulder.

Sc across the back, decreasing 2 sts evenly.

Sc 13 sts along the left front neckline. Turn.

*Ch 1 and sc across the neckline. Repeat from * for a total of 3 rows.

Left Front Band

Note: You will be working 2 rows of slip stitches in the front bands to ensure firm edges. Be sure to keep your tension correct as this stitch tends to tighten up.

Row 1: Starting at the neck edge, ch 1 (counts as a sc) and work to the bottom of the front. Count the number of stitches used. Turn.

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Row 2: Slip st in every sc to the end of the row. Turn

Row 3 (buttonhole row for boys): All scs will be worked into the 2 strands that are facing you. Ch 1, sc in next 2 sts, *ch 1, skip 1 st, sc 8 sts. Repeat from * until there are fewer than 8 sts left. Sc in each remaining st. Turn.

Row 4: Slip st in each sc to the end of the row. Fasten off.

Right Front Band

Row 1: Starting at the bottom of the sweater, work the same number of sc sts as you did on the left front band.

Row 2: Slip st in every sc to the end of the row. Turn.

Row 3: Ch 1, work ses into each slip st, using the 2 strands facing towards you. Turn.

Row 4: Slip st in every sc to the end of the row. Fasten off.

Sew on buttons to correspond with buttonholes.

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