

BABY CARDIGAN BY SARAH HATTON



MATERIALS

- Yarn
4 (4:4:5:5:6:6:7) x 50g of Rowans All Seasons Cotton
- Needles
4mm (UK 8, US 6) knitting needles
4.5mm (UK 7, US 7) knitting needles

YARN DETAILS

- Rowan All Seasons Cotton knitrowan.com
- Aran weight
- 60% cotton, 40% acrylic
- 50g/90m (98yds)
- Machine wash 40°C
- £4.50

TENSION

20 sts and 29 rows to 10cm or 4in over pattern using 4.5mm knitting needles



All Seasons Cotton yarn is true to its name: the cotton means little ones can wear this as a bomber jacket outside in spring and autumn or as a cardigan indoors in winter, while the acrylic ensures it's the practical choice. The main body has a waffle look while the cosy rib stitch collar, cuffs and button and waistbands make a traditional edging. Five chunky brown granddad buttons put a retro spin on the baby coat.

BACK

Using 4mm needles cast on 54 (58:58:62:62:66:66:70) sts.

Row 1 (RS): K2, *p2, k2, rep from * to end.

Row 2 (WS): *P2, k2, rep from * to last 2 sts, p2.

These 2 rows set rib.

Work 5 (5:5:5:7:7:7) rows more in rib, ending with WS facing for next row.

Next row (WS): Rib to end, inc 1 (0:1:0:1:0:1:0) st and dec 0 (1:0:1:0:1:0:1) st at centre of row.

55 (57:59:61:63:65:67:69) sts

Change to 4.5mm needles.

Row 1 (RS): K3 (1:2:3:1:2:3:1), *wyib sl1, k2, rep from * to last 1 (2:0:1:2:0:1:2) sts, (wyib sl1) 0 (1:0:0:1:0:0:1) time, k1 (1:0:1:1:0:1:1).

Row 2 (WS): Purl.

Row 3: P3 (1:2:3:1:2:3:1), *wyib sl1, p2, rep from * to last 1 (2:0:1:2:0:1:2) sts, (wyib sl1) 0 (1:0:0:1:0:0:1) time, p1 (1:0:1:1:0:1:1).

Row 4: K3 (1:2:3:1:2:3:1), *p1, k2, rep from * to last 1 (2:0:1:2:0:1:2) sts, p0 (1:0:0:1:0:0:1), k1 (1:0:1:1:0:1:1).

These 4 rows set pattern.

Working in patt as set throughout, cont until work meas 14 (16:17:18:19:20:21:22) cm, 5½ (6¼:6¾:7:7½:8:8¼:8½)in, ending with RS facing for next row.

SHAPE ARMHOLES

Dec 1 st at each end of next 3 (3:3:5:5:5:5:5) rows, then on 2 (3:3:2:2:3:3:3) foll alt rows.

45 (45:47:47:49:49:51:53) sts

Cont without shaping until armhole meas 11 (11.5:12:12.5:13:13.5:14:14.5) cm, 4¼ (4½:4¾:5:5¼:5¼:5½:5¾) in, ending with RS facing for next row.

SHAPE SHOULDERS

Cast off 5 (5:5:5:5:5:6) sts at beg of next 2 rows.

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A set of vintage-style buttons in brown gives a classic twist to this chunky cardigan



The ribbed collar finishes off this chunky knit and adds a nice flair and a smart finish

next 2 rows. 25 (25:27:27:29:29:29:29) sts. Cast off rem sts.

LEFT FRONT

Using 4mm needles cast on 27 (27:27:31:31:31:35:35) sts.

Row 1 (RS): *K2, p2, rep from * to last 3 sts, k2, p1.

Row 2 (WS): K1, p2, *k2, p2, rep from * to end.

These 2 rows set rib.

Work 5 (5:5:5:7:7:7) rows more in rib as set, ending with WS facing for next row.

Next row: Rib to end, inc 0 (1:2:0:0:1:0:0) sts and dec 0 (0:0:1:0:0:2:1) sts across row.

27 (28:29:30:31:32:33:34) sts

Change to 4.5mm needles.

Row 1 (RS): K3 (1:2:3:1:2:3:1), *wyib sl1, k2, rep from * to last 3 sts, wyib sl1, k2.

Row 2 (WS): Purl.

Row 3: P3 (1:2:3:1:2:3:1), *wyib sl1, p2, rep from * to last 3 sts, wyib sl1, p2.

Row 4: K2 *p1, k2, rep from * to last 1 (2:0:1:2:0:1:2) sts, p0 (1:0:0:1:0:0:1), k1 (1:0:1:1:0:1:1).

These 4 rows set pattern.

Working in patt as set throughout, cont until work meas 14 (16:17:18:19:20:21:22) cm, 5½ (6¼:6¾:7:7½:8:8¼:8½)in, ending with RS facing for next row.

SHAPE ARMHOLES

Dec 1 st at beg of next row and at same edge of next 2 (2:2:4:4:4:4) rows, then on 2 (3:3:2:2:3:3) foll alt rows.
22 (22:23:23:24:24:25:26) sts
Cont without shaping until armhole is 9 (9:9:11:11:13:13) rows shorter than back to start of shoulder shaping, ending with WS facing for next row.

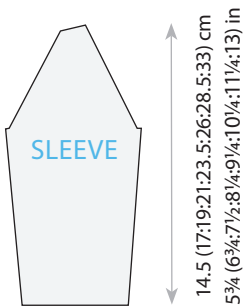
SHAPE FRONT NECK

Next row (WS): Cast off 6 (6:7:7:8:8:8) sts, patt to end.

Dec 1 st at neck edge of next 5 (5:5:5:5:3:3) rows, then on 1 (1:1:1:1:3:3:3) foll alt rows.
10 (10:10:10:10:10:11:12) sts.
Work 1 (1:1:1:3:3:3) rows without shaping, ending with RS facing for next row. (Armhole should now match back to start of shoulder shaping).

SHAPE SHOULDER

Next row (RS): Cast off 5 (5:5:5:5:5:6) sts, patt to end.
Work 1 row. Cast off rem sts.



RIGHT FRONT

Using 4mm needles cast on 27 (27:27:31:31:31:35:35) sts.
Row 1 (RS): P1, k2, *p2, k2, rep from * to end.
Row 2 (WS): *P2, k2, rep from * to last 3 sts, p2, k1.
These 2 rows set rib.
Work 5 (5:5:5:7:7:7) rows more in rib as set, ending with WS facing for next row.
Next row (WS): Rib to end, inc 0 (1:2:0:0:1:0:0) sts and dec 0 (0:0:1:0:0:2:1) sts across row.
27 (28:29:30:31:32:33:34) sts
Change to 4.5mm needles.

Row 1 (RS): K2, *wyib sl1, k2, rep from * to last 1 (2:0:1:2:0:1:2) sts, (wyib sl1) 0 (1:0:0:1:0:0:1) time, k1 (1:0:1:1:0:1:1).
Row 2 (WS): Purl.
Row 3: P2 *wyib sl1, p2, rep from * to last 1 (2:0:1:2:0:1:2) sts, (wyib sl1) 0 (1:0:0:1:0:0:1) time, p1 (1:0:1:1:0:1:1).
Row 4: K3 (1:2:3:1:2), *p1, k2, rep from * to last 3 sts, p1, k2.

These 4 rows set pattern.
Working in patt as set throughout, cont until work meas 14 (16:17:18:19:20:21:22) cm, 5½ (6¼:6¾:7:7½:8:8¼:8½)in, ending with RS facing for next row.

SHAPE ARMHOLES

Dec 1 st at end of next row and at same edge of next 2 (2:2:4:4:4:4) rows, then on 2 (3:3:2:2:3:3) foll alt rows.
22 (22:23:23:24:24:25:26) sts
Cont without shaping until armhole is 10 (10:10:12:12:14:14:14) rows shorter than back to start of shoulder shaping, ending with RS facing for next row.

SHAPE FRONT NECK

Next row (RS): Cast off 6 (6:7:7:8:8:8) sts, patt to end.
Work 1 row.

Dec 1 st at neck edge of next 5 (5:5:5:5:3:3) rows, then on 1 (1:1:1:1:3:3:3) foll alt rows.
10 (10:10:10:10:10:11:12) sts.
Work 2 (2:2:2:4:4:4:4) rows without shaping, ending with RS facing for next row. (Armhole should now match back to start of shoulder shaping).

SHAPE SHOULDER

Next row (RS): Cast off 5 (5:5:5:5:5:6) sts, patt to end.
Work 1 row. Cast off rem sts.

SLEEVES (BOTH ALIKE)

Using 4mm needles cast on 24 (24:28:28:32:32:32:32) sts.
Work 5 (5:5:5:7:7:7) rows in rib, ending with WS facing for next row.
Next row (WS): Rib to end, dec 0 (0:1:1:1:0:0) sts and inc 1 (1:0:0:0:0:1:1) st at centre of row.
25 (25:27:27:31:31:33:33) sts
Change to 4.5mm needles.
Row 1 (RS): K3 (3:1:1:3:3:1:1), *wyib sl1, k2, rep from * to last 1 (1:2:2:1:1:2:2) sts, (wyib sl1) 0 (0:1:1:0:0:1:1) time, k1.
Row 2: Purl.
Row 3: Inc in 1st st, p2 (2:0:0:2:2:0:0), *wyib sl1, p2, rep from * to last 4 (4:2:2:4:4:2:2) sts, wyib sl1, p1 (1:0:0:1:1:0:0), inc in next st, p1.
27 (27:29:29:33:33:35:35) sts
Row 4: K4 (4:2:2:4:4:2:2), *p1, k2, rep from * to last 2 (2:0:0:2:2:0:0) sts, k2 (2:0:0:2:2:0:0).
These 4 rows set pattern placement.
Working inc sts into ridge pattern without slip stitches, inc 1 st at each end of 1st (1st:1st:3rd:3rd:3rd:3rd:5th) and 5 (4:-:-5:5:2:11) foll alt (alt:-:-4th:4th:4th:6th) row then on every foll 4th (4th:4th:4th:6th:6th:6th:8th) row to 45 (47:49:51:53:55:57:59) sts.

MEASUREMENTS BABY JACKET

TO FIT AGE	3-6 mths	6-9 mths	9-12 mths	12-18 mths	2 yrs	3 yrs	4 yrs	5 yrs	
CHEST	cm	55	57	59	61	63	65	67	69
	in	21½	22½	23¼	24	24¾	25½	26¼	26¾
LENGTH	cm	26	27.5	29	30.5	32	33.5	35	36.5
	in	10¼	11	11½	12	12½	13¼	13¾	14¼
SLEEVE	cm	14.5	17	19	21	23.5	26	28.5	33
	in	5¾	6¾	7½	8¼	9¼	10¼	11¼	13

The robust pattern helps the jacket to keep its shape beautifully



A classic rib cuff will ensure the cardigan is a snug fit and keep junior feeling toasty



The ridge pattern on the main body and top of the arm creates a chunky waffle-like texture

Cont without shaping until sleeve meas 14½ (17:19:21:23.5:26:28.5:33) cm, 5¾ (6¾:7½:8¼:9¼:10¼:11¼:13) in, ending with RS facing for next row.

SHAPE SLEEVE TOP

Dec 1 st at each end of next 3 (3:3:5:5:5:5) rows, then on 2 (3:3:2:2:3:3) foll alt rows. 35 (35:37:37:39:39:41:43) sts
Cast off 5 sts at beg of next 6 rows. 5 (5:7:9:9:11:13) sts. Cast off rem sts.

MAKING UP

Using mattress stitch, join both shoulder seams.

BUTTONBAND

With RS facing, using 4mm needles pick up and knit 48 (52:52:56:60:60:64:68) sts evenly along one front opening edge (left front for a girl, right front for a boy).
Row 1 (WS): K1, *p2, k2, rep from * to last 3 sts, p2, k1.
Row 2 (RS): K3, *p2, k2, rep from * to last st, k1.
These 2 rows set rib. Work 5 rows more in rib. Cast off in rib.

BUTTONHOLE BAND

With RS facing, using 4mm needles pick up and knit 48 (52:52:56:60:60:64:68) sts evenly along other front edge.

Work 2 rows in rib as set on buttonband.

Row 3: Rib 3, (cast off 2 sts (1 st left on needle), rib 7 (8:8:9:10:10:11:12)) 4 times, cast off 2 sts, rib 2.

Work 4 rows more in rib.

Cast off in rib.

COLLAR

With RS facing, using 4mm needles, starting and ending halfway across buttonbands pick up and knit 16 (16:17:17:18:18:20:20) sts up right front neck, 24 (24:26:26:28:28:28:28) sts from back neck & 16 (16:17:17:18:18:20:20) sts down left front neck. 56 (56:60:60:64:64:68:68) sts
Beg with a 2nd row, work four rows as set on buttonband.
Next row (RS of collar, WS of body): Rib 20, (m1p (by picking up loop between last and next st and purling into the back of this loop), rib 4) 4 (4:5:5:6:6:7:7) times, m1p, rib to end. 61 (61:66:66:71:71:76:76) sts

Next row: Rib 19, (k3, p2) 4 (4:5:5:6:6:7:7) times, k3, rib to end.

Next row: Rib 19, (p3, k2)

4 (4:5:5:6:6:7:7) times, p3, rib to end.


These 2 rows set patt.

Cont in patt until collar meas

6 (6:6:7:7:7:8:8)cm, 2¼ (2¼:2¼:2¾:2¾:2¾:3¼:3¼) in, ending with RS facing for next row.

Cast off in patt.

Join side and sleeve seams. Sew in sleeves using the semi set in method, matching decreases of body and sleeve.


Sew on buttons. 

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