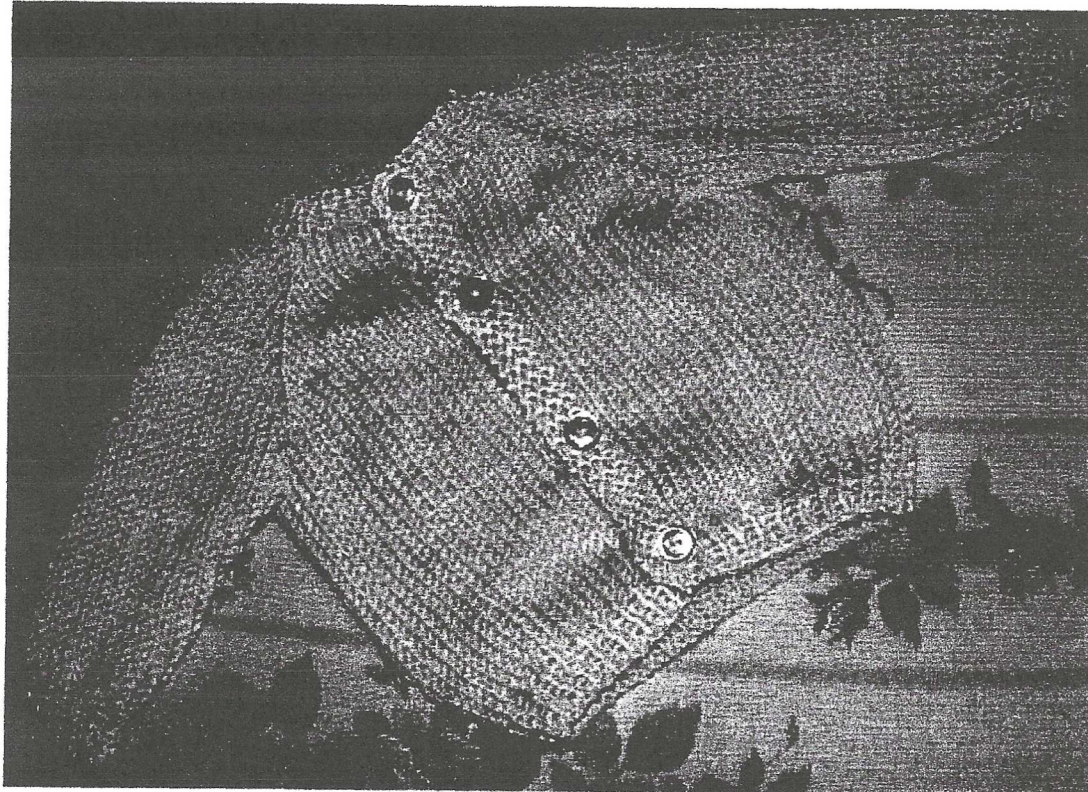


SWEATER

RAGLAN SLEEVE EASY BABY



This pattern was adapted from a Heartland Ranch pattern.

Makes Newborn size sweater

Materials: 1 skein of Caron Simply Soft Baby Sport or Red Heart Soft Baby. Straight knitting needles sizes 5 and 7 or size needed for gauge; 2 stitch holders, stitch markers.

Optional: 4 - size 5 and 7 double-pointed needles for sleeves.

Gauge: With larger needles in stockinette stitch, 5 stitches = 1"; 13 rows = 2".

Instructions:

Button Hole Rows: (optional) Row 4 should be the first buttonhole row. Decide if you want to have button holes on the left or right side of the sweater. The first 3 or last 3 sts (Purl sts) of the row will be used for the buttonhole. They are made as follows - (yo, p2 tog, p1). Do this evenly spaced down the front of the sweater. I put the first buttonhole in the 4th row and then after every 10 ridges. This makes 4 buttonholes.

Neck: With smaller size needles cast on 48 sts loosely and work in k 1, p1 ribbing for 7 rows. Change to larger size needles.

Raglan Shaping: Row 1 (Inc Row): P3, K5 for right side front, knit in front and back of next st (inc made), place marker on needle, inc in next st, K4 for sleeve, inc in next st, place marker on needle, inc in next st, K 16 for back of sweater, inc in next st, place marker on needle, inc in next st, K4 for sleeve, inc in next st, place marker on needle, inc in next st, K5, P3. 54 sts.

Row 2: Purl across, slipping markers.

Row 3: P3, *Knit to within one st of marker, inc in next st, sl marker, inc in next st; repeat from * 3 times, knit across to last 3 sts, P3. **Rep** Rows 2 and 3, 9 times more: 134 sts. **Rep** Row 2 once, removing markers.

Dividing Row: P3, K 17 CO 4 sts, place next 28 sts on holder for sleeve, K 38, CO 4 sts, place next 28 sts on holder for sleeve, K 17 P3: 86 sts. Work even in stockinette st (knit 1 row, purl one row) except for the P3 at the beginning and end of every K row until piece measures 5 ½" from CO sts at under arm.

Change to smaller needles and work in K1, P1 ribbing for 1". Don't forget to put the last buttonhole in the second row of ribbing! Bind off all sts loosely in rib.

Sleeve: With right side facing and using larger size needles, CO 2 sts, K 28 sts from holder for sleeve, CO 2 sts, purl 1 row, knit 1 row until sleeve measures 1" from CO sts at arm, ending by working a purl row. (if using double pointed needles cast on and knit sts from holder as above but evenly distribute between 3 needles. knit each round remembering where the first st is. **Dec Row:** K2 tog (dec made), knit across to last 2 sts, k2 tog. **Rep** Dec Row every 1" 3 times more: 24 sts. Work even in stockinette stitch until piece measures 4 ½" from CO sts at underarm. Change to smaller size needles and work in K1, P1 ribbing for 1". Bind off loosely in rib. Repeat for second sleeve.

Finishing: Sew sleeve seams. Sew on buttons.

NOTE: I add 2 stitches to the original cast-on stitches and make the purl rows 4 stitches wide inside of the 3 called for. The buttonholes seem really large to me. If you use small buttons, you can get away with making no buttonholes and the buttons will just slip between the stitches.