Sweet Pea Sweater

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This uniquely constructed & eye catching shrug style cardigan is a great addition to your little ones handmade wardrobe & is perfect for keeping them warm on those chilly spring & autumnal days.

This pattern includes sizes Newborn through to 3 years of age.

What you will need:

Yarn: Yarn of your choice

Hook: Hook of your choice suitable for the weight of yarn you are using.

Finished sizes: Newborn to 3 Years

Note: Different hook sizes and yarn weights can be used to achieve a lighter or heavier finished item.

Terminology: US

Other items needed: Darning needle & stitch marker

Abbreviations:

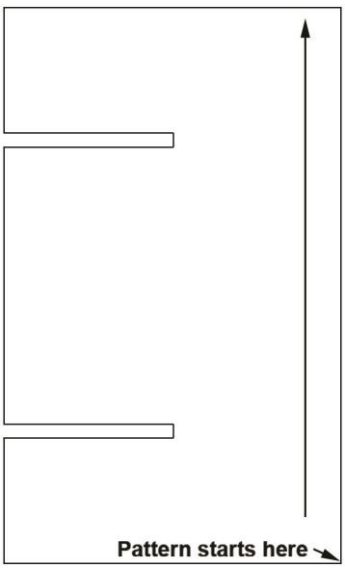
Chain (ch)	Skip (skp)
Half Double Crochet (hdc)	Stitch (st)
Loop (lp)	Slip Stitch (sl st)
Next (nxt)	Yarn Over (yo)
Space (sp)	

Special Stitches

Herringbone Half Double Crochet (hhdc): Yo, insert hook into st, yo, pull through (3 lps on hook), pull first lp through second lp on hook (without another yo), then yo and draw through 2 remaining lps on hook

Pattern Notes:

The body of the sweater is worked from right front, up and down across the back to the left front. The arm spaces are created within the body and then the hem is worked. Next the shoulders are sewn together, the collar is worked and the sleeves are crocheted in the round. Finally a button loop is added.



*All chart measurements are in inches (to convert to centimetres multiply figures by 2.5

Pattern Start:

Foundation chain: Using yarn and hook of your choice, ch a length equal to the height of the size cardigan you are making according to the chart that follows, **then ch2 extra**.

NB	Up to 3 Mo	Up to 6 Mo	12 Mo	2 Yrs	3 Yrs
6	6.5	7	7.5	8	8.5

Row 1: Hdc into third ch from hook and into each ch across – make a note of the amount of sts you have at the end of this row and write it here: This will be the amount of sts you need to finish on for all rows for the body. Turn.

Row 2: Ch2 (this does not count as a st from now on) and hdc into the back lp of every st to end of row, making sure that you have the same amount of sts as you worked in row 1. Turn.

Rows: 3+: Repeat row 2 until piece measures length indicated in the following chart, **making sure to end with an odd number row** – make a note of the amount of rows you have worked up to this point here:

NB	Up to 3 Mo	Up to 6 Mo	12 Mo	2 Yrs	3 Yrs
2.25	2.25	2.5	2.5	2.75	2.75

Next Row: This row creates space for the arm. Hdc into back lp of each st BUT leave a length of sts unworked as indicated on the following chart.

NB	Up to 3 Mo	Up to 6 Mo	12 Mo	2 Yrs	3 Yrs
3	3.25	3.5	3.75	4	4.25

Record the amount of sts you have worked here:

Count the number of sts you have worked (blue box) and minus this amount from the sts you have been working up until this point (pink box) and then ch the amount necessary to complete the row, (e.g. if your work was 23sts long and you had worked 11sts you would need to ch12) **ch2,** turn.

Next row: Hdc into third ch from hook and into each ch, until you reach the hdc's from the previous row, then hdc into the back lp of each st to the end, turn.

Following rows: Continue to repeat row 2 until the piece measures the length on the following chart for the size you are working, **making sure again to end on an odd row**.

NB	Up to 3 Mo	Up to 6 Mo	12 Mo	2 Yrs	3 Yrs
10	10.5	11	11.5	12	13

Next row: Hdc into back lp of each st and leave the same length of sts worked as before and recorded in the blue box.

Then as before, count the number of sts you have worked (blue box) and minus this amount from the sts you have been working up until this point (pink box) and ch the amount necessary to complete the row, **ch2,** turn.

Next row: Hdc into third ch from hook and into each ch, until you reach the hdc's from the previous row, hdc into back lp of each st to the end, turn.

Following rows: Continue to ch2 and repeat row 2 for the same amount of rows you recorded in the green box (see rows 3+).

Rotate work 90 degrees clockwise to begin the herringbone hdc trim at the bottom of the cardigan (see special sts).

Next row: Ch2, then work 3 hhdc's equally at the bottom of every 2 rows in the body of the cardigan, turn. Record the amount of sts you have worked here:

Following 2 rows: Ch2, hhdc into each st across, turn, making sure that your st count is the same as the previous row.

Fasten off.

Shoulders

Using a darning needle and a length of yarn. Sew shoulders together on the wrong side (see how to tell the right side from the wrong side here - http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_Na1he5XCJc)

Turn inside out to continue to work on the right side.

Collar

Row 1: Attach yarn to bottom left hand corner at the front. Ch2, work 4 hhdc up the side of the hem, continue to hhdc into the sts up the front of the cardigan, then work 2 hhdc where the shoulder joins, work 1 hhdc across each vertical row across the neck, work 2hhdc into top of nxt shoulder, hhdc into each st to bottom right corner, working 4hhdc down side of hem and turn. Record the amount of sts you have worked here: ☐

Row 2: Ch2 and hhdc into each st around, turn. Making sure that your st count is the same as the previous row.

Following rows: Continue to repeat the previous row of hhdc's until the two sides meet in the centre of the cardigan.

Finishing: To neaten the edges you can choose to sl st (not too tightly!) all the way around the cardigan, chaining 1 on the corners.

Sleeves

The sleeves are crocheted in continuous spirals, without joining the rounds. You will need a stitch marker to keep track of where the beginning of each round starts; move the marker up to the first stitch of the nxt round after finishing the previous one.

Row 1: Attach yarn to centre under the arm, ch2, hhdc evenly around. Record the number of sts here: ☐ (you will want the same number of sts when you start the nxt sleeve).

Rows 2+: Continue to work rows of hhdc around until your sleeve measures the length indicated on the following chart. Record how many rows you do for the first sleeve here: ☐ (so you know how many to work for the second)

NB	Up to 3 Mo	Up to 6 Mo	12 Mo	2 Yrs	3 Yrs
2	2	2.25	2.5	2.5	3

* to make full length sleeves multiply figures by 3

Finishing: Sl st (but not too tightly!) around the sleeve edge.

Fasten off and hide any loose ends.

Button Loop

Imagine a line running across the centre of your sweater from under arm to under arm, this is where we want to place the fastening.

Attach yarn to the right hand side of the cardigan (not the right as you're looking at it) and ch an amount which will fit snuggly over your chosen button, then skp a number of sts up towards the neck and sl st into a st, sl st into the nxt st and turn. Work several sc into the ch sp until you reach the st you attached the yarn to and sl st into it again. Fasten off and hide any loose ends.

Attach the button to the cardigan and all you need to do now is wake the baby and have them try it on!

I hope you enjoy making your Sweet Pea Sweater!

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