Luna Poppy

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Luna Poppy is named for my newest granddaugther. This cardigan can be made in two styles; a longer length A-line or a shorter length straight style. Both styles feature a pretty eyelet increase circular yoke and neat ribbed neckline, cuffs and button/hole borders with 3 buttons

Requirements

Materials... Sirdar Snuggly (55% nylon, 45% acrylic) 164m per ball 1 (2, 3, 4) balls, 4 mm (US 6, UK8) straight and/or circular needle/s. You can substitute yarn and needle size, but be sure to check your gauge. 3 buttons

Sizes... preemie-baby 14 and 16.5" baby-toddler-21 and 23"

Gauge... 22 sts x 28 rows = 4" sq over st st

Skills... stocking/ette and an understanding of top-down, one piece circular yoke construction

Techniques... I used tincanknits Magic Loop Technique for knitting in the round on one long circular needle

Notions... stitch markers, scrap yarn for holding sleeve stitches, wool needle for sewing in ends and sewing on buttons

Abbreviations... **K**-knit, **P**-purl, i**nc1K**-lift the thread between the stitches onto the LHN and knit into the front of it, **K2tog**-knit the next 2 sts together Kwise, **SSK**-slip the next 2 stitches, one at a time, Kwise, then knit together through the back of the loops, **pm**-place marker, **sm**-slip marker

Instructions

All sizes follow instructions in Black then add instructions in Spice for preemie-baby sizes 14 and 16.5" and in Olive for baby-toddler size 21 and 23"

Begin at neck and work down

Cast/bind on... 39 (55) sts

** **R1 and 3...** K1 (K1, P1) to last 2 sts, K2

R2 and 4... P1 (P1, K1) to last 2 sts, P2 **

Commence yoke shaping

R1... K2 (3) (**pm,** inc1K, **pm,** K5 (7)) 7 times, **pm,** inc1K, **pm,** K2 (3)... 47 (63) sts

R2-4... work in stocking/ette stitch

R5... K2 (3) (inc1K, **sm,** K1, **sm,** inc1K, K5 (7)) 7 times, inc1K, **sm,** K1, **sm,** inc1K, K2 (3)... 63 (

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79) sts
R6-8... work in stocking/ette stitch
R9... K3 (4) (inc1K, **sm,** K1, **sm,** inc1K, K7 (9)) 7 times, inc1K, **sm,** K1, **sm,** inc1K, K3 (4)... 79 (95) sts
R10-12... work in stocking/ette stitch
R13... K4 (5) (inc1K, **sm,** K1, **sm,** inc1K, K9 (11)) 7 times, inc1K, **sm,** K1,**sm,** inc1K, K4 (5)... 95 (111) sts
R14-16... work in stocking/ette stitch
Continue... as established working 16 inc1Ks on next and every following 4th row
Work... a total of 26, (30, 34, 38) rows from **'commence yoke shaping'**... 143 (159, 191, 207) sts
Divide for sleeves and body
R1... K19 (22, 28, 31) * slip next 33 (35, 39, 41) sts onto holding thread * K39 (45, 57, 63) repeat * to * once more, K19 (22, 28, 31)... 77 (89, 113, 125) sts
Shorter straight style only
R2-24 (36, 42, 58)... work in stocking/ette (adjust length here)
Hem
Work... ** to ** as neckband
Cast/bind off
Longer A-line style only
R2... work in stocking/ette stitch
R3... K8 (9, 11, 12) * inc1K, K1, inc1K, K6 (8, 12, 14) SSK, K4, K2tog, K6 (8, 12, 14) inc1K, K1, inc1K * K17 (19, 23, 25) * to * once, K8 (9, 11, 12)... 81 (93, 117, 129)
R4-6... work in stocking/ette stitch
R7... K9 (10, 12, 13) * as R3 * once, K19 (21, 25, 27) * as R3 * K9 (10, 12, 13) … 85 (97, 121, 133) sts
R8-10... work in stocking/ette stitch
R11... K10 (11, 13, 14) * as R3 * once, K21 (23, 27, 29) * as R3 * K10 (11, 13, 14)... 89 (101, 125, 137) sts
R12-14... work in stocking/ette stitch
Continue... as established working the 8 inc1Ks, 2 SSKs and 2 K2togs, on next and every following 4th row
Work... a total of 44 (56, 72, 88) rows... 121 (145, 185, 213) sts
Hem
Work... ** to ** as neckband
Cast/bind off
Sleeves (both styles)
Slip... sts of one sleeve onto circular needle/s so the start and end of the round is under the armpit and K in rounds to desired length working **K2tog** in centre of last round... 32 (34, 38, 40) sts
Cuff
R1-4... work in K1, P1 or 1x1 or single rib **Cast/bind off and work second sleeve the same**
Buttonhole border (both styles)
With... RS facing measure from cast/bind off edge to cast/bind on edge and PUK 22 sts per 4”
R1... P1 (P1, K1) to last 2 sts, P2
R2... K1 (K1, P1) to last 2 sts, K2
R3... P2, K1 (YRN, K2tog, rib 6 (6, 10, 10)) 2 times, YRN, K2tog, rib to end
R4... as R2
Cast/bind off
Button border
Work... as for buttonhole border, but PUK from cast/bind on edge to cast/bind off edge, ommiting buttonholes
Neaten loose ends and sew on buttons

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