

Bottoms Up Baby Raglan Cardigan Knitting Pattern



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This Bottoms UP Cardigan was knit with Hobby Lobby's "I Love This Yarn" in Soft Pink, Buttercup, Soft Peach and Periwinkle (the back, not shown). The yarn is a heavy worsted weight acrylic yarn that washes and dries over and over again without pilling.

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Materials

Worsted weight yarn - acrylic or superwash wool or wool blend recommended
(amounts are approximate)

0-3 months 250 yards

3-6 months 300 yards

6-12 months 350 yards

12-18 months 400 yards

18-24 months 450 yards

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Needles

US size 7 (4.5 mm) circular needles with a 16" or 24" cord

US size 7 (4.5 mm) circular needles with at least a 32" cord

A note about needles and gauge:

Gauge for this project is 4.5 stitches to the inch (18 stitches = 4 inches) for stockinette stitch. The cardigan runs on the larger side and is roomy.

It is up to the knitter to swatch to be sure that gauge is correct. If gauge is not correct, the sweater may not fit. This may be remedied by going up a needle size if you are a tight knitter and down a needle size if you are a loose knitter.

Use the circular needles with the shorter cord until the sweater is assembled after the 5 sections are made. The 5 sections will then be placed on the needles with the longer cord.

Supplies

- Stitch markers
- Scrap yarn
- Tapestry needle

Abbreviations:

CO: Cast On

K: Knit

P: Purl

St(s): Stitch(es)

K2tog: Knit two together

BO: Bind off

PM: Place marker

SM: Slip marker

RM: Remove marker

RS: Right Side

WS: Wrong Side

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Sizes:

0-3 months [3-6 mths, 6-12 mths, 12-18 mths, 18-24 mths]

Notes:

This baby cardigan is knit in 5 sections with the shorter cable:

- Right Front: (the panel that is to the right when you are wearing it)
- Right Sleeve: (for the right arm)
- Back
- Left Sleeve: (for the left arm)
- Left Front: (the panel on the left when you are wearing it)

Each section, when completed, is placed on scrap yarn. The sections will be placed on the longer cord in this order when they are all made. Alternatively, each section may be placed as you knit them on the needles with the longer cord.

Instructions

Make Right Front:

CO 27 (29, 31, 33, 37) sts.

Row 1: K5, Then knit in K2, P2 ribbing to the end of the row

Row 2: Continue with K2, P2 ribbing until the last 5 sts, K5

Body of Right Front:

Row 1: K5, Knit to the end

Row 2: Purl to the last 5 stitches, K5

Repeat these 2 rows for approximately 5 (6, 7, 8, 9) total inches (including the ribbing) or desired length to underarm, ending with a WS row.

Place sts on scrap yarn.

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Make Right Sleeve:

Cuff:

CO 20 (22, 24, 26, 28) sts.
Knit 8 rows in K2, P2 ribbing

Body of Sleeve:

Knit 1 row, Purl 1 row

Then increase 6 (6, 8, 8) stitches evenly across the next row

Work in stockinette stitch for approximately 5 (6, 7, 8, 9) inches (including the ribbing) or desired length to underarm, ending with a WS row.

Place sts on scrap yarn.

Make Back:

CO 48 (50, 52, 54, 60) sts.

Knit 8 rows in K2, P2 ribbing, ending on a WS row

Then: Work in stockinette stitch (knit RS, Purl WS) for approximately 5 (6, 7, 8, 9) inches (including the ribbing) or desired length to underarm, ending with a WS row.

Place sts on scrap yarn.

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Make Left Sleeve:

Cuff:

CO 20 (22, 24, 26, 28) sts.
Knit 8 rows in K2, P2 ribbing

Body of Sleeve:

Knit 1 row, Purl 1 row

Then increase 6 (6, 8, 8) stitches evenly across the next row

Work in stockinette stitch for approximately 5 (6, 7, 8, 9) inches (including the ribbing) or desired length to underarm, ending with a WS row.

Place sts on scrap yarn.

Make Left Front:

CO 27 (29, 31, 33, 37) sts.

Row 1: Knit in K2, P2 ribbing to the last 5 sts, K5

Row 2: K5, then continue with K2, P2 ribbing

Body of Left Front:

Row 1: Knit to the last 5 sts, K5

Row 2: K5, Purl to the end

Repeat these 2 rows for approximately 5 (6, 7, 8, 9) total inches (including the ribbing) or desired length to underarm, ending with a WS row.

Place sts on scrap yarn.

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Joining Sections:

Lay out all pieces in the following order from left to right:

Left Front, Left Sleeve, Back, Right Sleeve, Right Front.

Transfer all sections to a long circular needle, placing markers between each section, discarding the scrap yarn.

K5, knit all the sections together, placing markers between each section, K5

Raglan Decreases:

K5, Knit to the marker, K2tog, SM (slip marker) K2tog and continue joining the sections by this method (k2tog before and after each marker), then K5.

K5, Purl the wrong side row, slipping markers as you go to the last 5 sts, K5

Continue to decrease every other row in this manner until you have a comfortable fit for the yoke (approximately 6 (6, 7, 8, 9) inches from underarm to neckline). There will be approximately 4-6 sts left between the markers for the sleeves.

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Neckline:

The circumference of the neckline at this point should measure approximately:

- **0-3 months:** 8-10 inches
- **6-9 months:** 12-14 inches
- **9-12 months:** 13-15 inches
- **12-18 months:** 14-16 inches
- **18-24 months:** 16-18 inches

Push the stitches together (not tight and not loose) on your needles and measure the neckline. If the neckline is larger than these estimates, then continue decreasing in this manner:

K5, Knit to 2 stitches before the marker, K2tog. SM.

Knit to the next marker, SM.

K2tog, knit to 2 stitches before the next marker, k2tog. SM.

Knit to the marker, SM

K2tog, knit to the last 5 stitches, K5.

Turn work.

K5, Purl to the last 5 stitches, K5.

Measure again and repeat if necessary.



When neckline is the appropriate measurement, begin the ribbing as follows:

K5, Knit the K2, P2 ribbing to the last 5 stitches, K5

Continue for about 1 inch.

BO all sts. Cut the yarn, pull yarn through the last loop.

Weave in all ends.

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Finishing

Sew up the side seams and sleeves using the mattress stitch.

For convenience I have added a link to this [YouTube video for the mattress stitch technique](#)



Using the Afterthought Buttonhole Method, make the buttonholes.

Here is a link illustrating the Afterthought Buttonhole Method on YouTube: [Youtube Video Afterthought Buttonhole](#)



[I used this tutorial](#) to learn how to embroider the “B” on the front of the sweater

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