

Garter Stitch Baby Kimono

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I decided to write down and publish this pattern since many people had favoured this project in Ravelry... It's my first time writing down a pattern and my English is a little poor, so bare with me if there are any mistakes...

Sizes:

Newborn (1-3 months / 3-6 months)

Finished Measurements:

Chest: 40 (45 / 50) cms or 16 (18 / 20) inches round

Total Length: 20 (24 / 26) cms or 8 (9,5 / 11) inches

Sleeve Length: 12 (15 / 17) cms or 4 $\frac{3}{4}$ (6 / 6 $\frac{3}{4}$) inches

This sample was knit with some acrylic yarn (NUBE Dralón) only found in Argentina, but you could use about 100 (150) g of any fingering weight yarn and a pair of US 2½ / 3.0 mm. needles (or any size needed to get correct gauge).

You'll need 2 buttons of your choice, about 15 mm wide.

Gauge:

28 stitches to 4 inches in garter stitch.

Directions:

Back and Fronts:

Both fronts and back are knit together, back and forward, on two needles (or a circular needle if you prefer).

Cast on 162 (180 / 198) stitches. Knit 53 (58 / 64) stitches (Right front), place marker, k56 (64 / 70) (back), pm, k53 (58 / 64) (Left front). Begin knitting in garter stitch.

You'll need to decide which side you'll want the buttonholes on, whether it's a boy or a girl (boys on the left and girls on the right). Work two buttonholes: one when work measures 7 (8 / 9) cms and the other when it measures 9 (11 / 12) cms. Continue knitting in this manner until work measures 10 (12 / 13) cms from beginning. Then, begin decreases for neck opening. You'll do this by casting off 2 sts at the beginning of **every** row (you'll cast off 2 stitches each side **every other** row). At the same time, when work measures 11 (13 / 14) cms from beginning, cast off 2 sts for the armhole openings (1 stitch each side of markers), leaving 54 (62 / 68) sts for the back. Join in new balls and continue working each side separately. Continue decreasing for the neck opening until there are 11 (11 / 11) stitches left. Cast off all stitches when work measures 20 (23 / 26) cms from beg.

Sleeves:

Pick up **approx.** 50 (58 / 66) sts along the side of the armhole and begin knitting in garter stitch (this is an estimate number, you can also pick up 1 stitch for every ridge of garter stitch). Knit for about 12 (15 / 17) cms. Do 5 (6 / 7) decreases each side evenly distributed along sleeve.

Finishing:

Sew sleeves seams and shoulders.

Then pick up approx. 125 (150 / 180) sts for the neckband and knit 5 rows in garter stitch. Cast off all stitches knitwise.

Knit 2 cords of about 15 cms each and attach them to the inner flap (to tie).

Sew buttons.

Block as desired.

If you have any suggestions or have detected any mistakes, please feel free to email me at jojilocat@fibertel.com.ar.