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"...all the better to knit with my dear"





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A tribute to the 'Dainty Doris' hat pattern, this newborn cardy showcases all the things we love about the 1950s; femininity, practicality, and (post war) newborn babies!

This pattern is written for 8ply/DK weight yarn, and to fit a newborn babe 3-4kg (7-9lb) in weight, with an approximate chest circumference of 37.5cm.

Construction

***Ode to Doris** has you cast on at the neckline, and work flat utilising raglan increases, and forming a rounded garter neck line, before working the lacework fronts, until you reach the required chest size. From here the arm stitches are put on to waste yarn (or a stitch holder), and the body finished. Once the body is completed, the sleeve stitches are returned to the needles and worked in the round, before finishing gathered at the elbow.*

Skills required

*knitting small circumferences in the round
long tail cast on
simple lace
working top down raglan construction*

If you are not familiar with these techniques you may need to reference a knitting guide book, or view videos on the internet.

Abbreviations

***k**.....knit
k2tog.....knit 2 stitches together (a decrease)
kfb.....knit into the front and back of a stitch (an increase)
p.....purl
sl1p.....slip 1 stitch as if to purl
ssk..... slip one stitch as if to knit, slip one stitch as if to purl, then pass both stitches back to the left hand needle and knit both together through the back loop (a decrease)
yo.....yarn over (an increase; in this case used to create a buttonhole)*

Gauge

(in stocking stitch)

22sts/10cm on 4.0mm needles

Materials

2x 12mm buttons

8ply/dk weight yarn (210-250m/100g)

This pattern is suitable for yarn with good elasticity and memory – a wool or wool blend.

Suggested yarn:

Red Riding Hood Yarns Belle (434m/200g)

0.5 skein

Equipment

80cm 4.0mm circular needles

(or needle size required to achieve gauge)

6 stitch markers

2 stitch holders, or small lengths of waste yarn

darning needle for sewing in ends

Note: if you are not working your sleeves via 'Magic Loop', you will not need an 80cm circular needle, however you will need whatever other needles you use to work small circumferences in the round (ie Double Pointed Needles)

The Pattern

Part A: Yoke

Using long tail cast on, cast on 52 stitches

Rows 1, 2, and 3: sl1p, knit all stitches to end of row

Row 4 – buttonhole row (WS): sl1p, k1, yo, k2tog, knit to end of row

Row 5 (RS): sl1p, k3, place marker, k2, kfb, (k2, kfb, k1, kfb) work stitches within brackets 7 times total, k2, kfb, k3, place marker, k4 (68sts)

Rows 6, 7, and 8: sl1p, knit all stitches to end of row

Row 9: sl1p, k3, slip marker, k3, kfb, (k3, kfb, k2, kfb) work stitches within brackets 7 times total, k3, kfb, k3, slip marker, k4 (84sts)

Row 10: sl1p, knit all stitches to end of row

Row 11 – shaping row: sl1p, k53, turn work, k24, turn work, knit all stitches to end of row

Row 12: sl1p, knit all stitches to end of row

Row 13: sl1p, k3, slip marker, k4, kfb, (k4, kfb, k3, kfb) work stitches within brackets 7 times total, k4, kfb, k3, slip marker, k4 (100sts)

Row 14 (WS): sl1p, k3, slip marker, p12, place marker, p20, place marker, p28, place marker, p20, place marker, p12, slip marker, k4

Part B: Chest

When working the chest, you may choose to follow the written instructions below, or follow the charts on page 4. The charts show Right Side rows, and are only for the fronts of the cardigan (ie, the Left front is between markers 1 and 2, and the Right front is between markers 5 and 6)

Row 1 (RS): sl1p, k3, slip marker, k3, yo, cdd, yo, k3, yo, ssk, kfb, slip marker, (kfb, knit to 1 stitch before marker, kfb, slip marker)x3, kfb, k2tog, yo, k3, yo, cdd, yo, k3, slip marker, k4

Row 2 (WS): sl1p, k3, purl all stitches to last marker, k4

Row 3 (RS): sl1p, k3, slip marker, (yo, cdd, yo, k3)x2, kfb, slip marker, (kfb, knit to 1 stitch before marker, kfb, slip marker)x3, kfb, (k3, yo, cdd, yo)x2, slip marker, k4

Row 4 – buttonhole row (WS): sl1p, k1, yo, k2tog, purl all stitches to last marker, k4

Row 5 (RS): sl1p, k3, slip marker, (k3, yo, cdd, yo)x2, k1, kfb, slip marker, (kfb, knit to 1 stitch before marker, kfb, slip marker)x3, kfb, k1, (yo, cdd, yo, k3)x2, slip marker, k4

Part B: Chest continued

Row 6, and all WS/even rows: sl1p, k3, purl all stitches to last marker, k4

Row 7 (RS): sl1p, k3, slip marker, (yo, cdd, yo, k3)x2, yo, ssk, kfb, slip marker, (kfb, knit to 1 stitch before marker, kfb, slip marker)x3, kfb, k2tog, yo, (k3, yo, cdd, yo)x2, slip marker, k4

Row 9 (RS): sl1p, k3, slip marker, (k3, yo, cdd, yo)x2, k3, kfb, slip marker, (kfb, knit to 1 stitch before marker, kfb, slip marker)x3, kfb, k3, (yo, cdd, yo, k3)x2, slip marker, k4

Row 11 (RS): sl1p, k3, slip marker, (yo, cdd, yo, k3)x2, yo, cdd, yo, k1, kfb, slip marker, (kfb, knit to 1 stitch before marker, kfb, slip marker)x3, kfb, k1, yo, cdd, yo, (k3, yo, cdd, yo)x2, slip marker, k4

Row 13 (RS): sl1p, k3, slip marker, (k3, yo, cdd, yo)x2, k3, yo, ssk, kfb, slip marker, (kfb, knit to 1 stitch before marker, kfb, slip marker)x3, kfb, k2tog, yo, k3, (yo, cdd, yo, k3)x2, slip marker, k4

Row 15 (RS): sl1p, k3, slip marker, (yo, cdd, yo, k3)x3, kfb, slip marker, (kfb, knit to 1 stitch before marker, kfb, slip marker)x3, kfb, (k3, yo, cdd, yo)x3, slip marker, k4

Finish having just worked a **Row 15 (RS)**.

You will now have 164 stitches, broken down as follows: 4/20/36/44/36/20/4.

Sleeve separation row (WS): sl1p, k3, slip marker, purl to next marker (front), slip marker, place stitches between this marker and next marker onto waste yarn (sleeve), remove marker, purl to next marker (back), slip marker, place stitches between this marker and next marker onto waste yarn (sleeve), remove marker, purl to next marker, slip marker, knit to end of row (front).

After working sleeve separation row, you will have 92sts on the needles as follows: 4 stitches, marker, 20 stitches, marker, 44 stitches, marker, 20 stitches, marker, 4 stitches.

You will have 36sts on each piece of waste yarn.



Part C: Body

When working the body, you may choose to follow the written instructions below, or follow the charts to the right. The charts show Right Side rows, and are only for the fronts of the cardigan (ie, the Left front is between markers 1 and 2, and the Right front is between markers 3 and 4)

Row 1 (RS): sl1p, k3, slip marker, (k3, yo, cdd, yo)x3, k2, slip marker, knit all stitches to next marker, slip marker, k2, (yo, cdd, yo, k3)x3, slip marker, k4

Row 2 (WS): sl1p, k3, slip marker, purl all stitches to last marker in row, slip marker, k4

Row 3 (RS): sl1p, k3, slip marker, (yo, cdd, yo, k3)x3, k2, slip marker, knit all stitches to next marker, slip marker, k2, (k3, yo, cdd, yo)x3, slip marker, k4

Row 4 (WS): sl1p, k3, slip marker, purl all stitches to last marker in row, slip marker, k4

Continue working **Body Rows 1-4**, until your work measures approximately 12-13cm from the underarm.

Edging Row: sl1p, knit to end of row.
Repeat **Edging Row** until you have a 1.5-2cm edging. Loosely cast off body.

Part D: Sleeves

Return stitches from one piece of waste yarn to your needle, and pick up 4sts under each arm, placing a marker in the centre of these 4sts just picked up (40sts).

You will be working sleeve in the round. The marker sits under the arm and marks the start/finish of round.

Knit in stocking stitch (knit all stitches, every round), until your sleeve measures approximately 4cm from underarm.

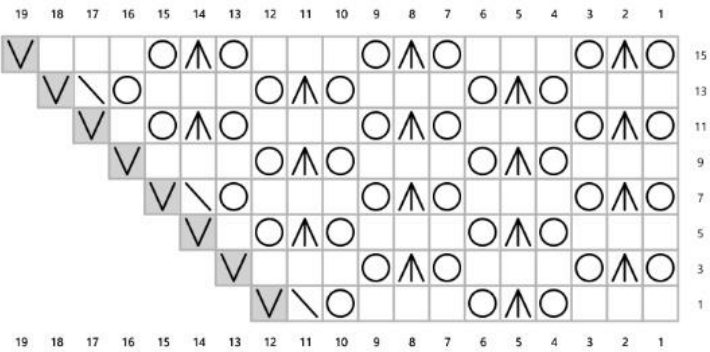
Decrease round: k10, (k2tog)x10, k10 (30sts)

Work 4 rounds of garter stitch (knit one round, purl one round). Cast off. Repeat for second sleeve

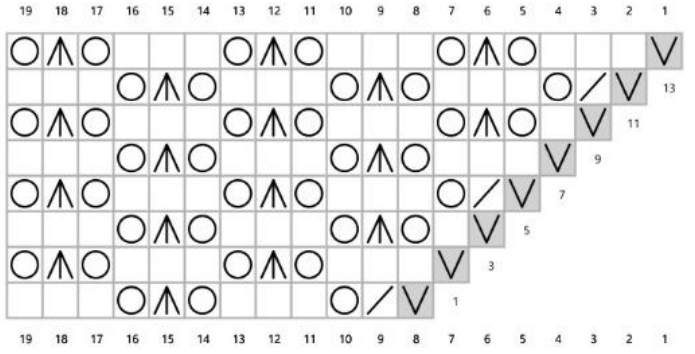
Finishing

Sew in all ends
Wash in a gentle wool wash, then lay flat and in shape, to dry
Securely sew on buttons to garter stitch button band, corresponding with the 2 buttonholes.

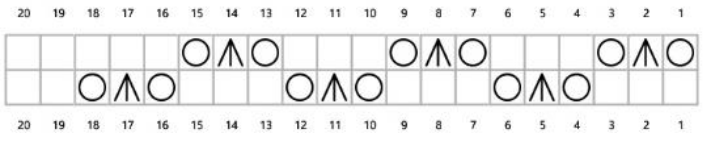
Chest chart – Right Front



Chest chart – Left Front



Body chart – Right Front



Body chart – Left Front

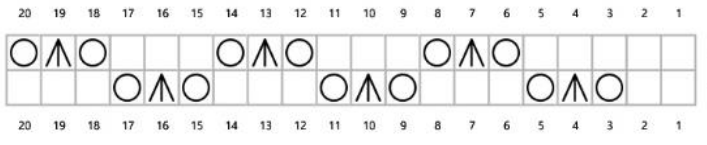








Chart instructions and Key

Charts are worked from Right to Left, and from Bottom to Top

-  knit
-  yo – yarn over
-  kfb – knit into the front and back of the stitch
-  k2tog – knit 2 stitches together
-  cdd – central double decrease. Slip 2 stitches together as if to knit. Knit 1 stitch. Pass 2 slipped stitches over stitch just knit.
-  ssk – slip, slip, knit.