



DEAR WEE SINGLET

NEWBORN SIZE ONLY—TO
8LBS



Size: newborn up to about 8lbs

25g (1 oz) 3ply merino wool

Needles: size 2.75 mm, 3 mm. (USA sizes 2 and 3)

Gauge: 28 st x 46 rows = 10cm (4 inches)

Note: if you want you may knit the body up to the armhole shaping in the round, just be sure to finish the round at a side seam, and then continue on straight needles. This eliminates a lot of the seaming, and would probably be more comfortable for baby.

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Back:

With 2.75 mm needles cast on 50 sts, and knit 8 rows of 2x2 rib.

Change to 3 mm needles, knit 40 rows stst.

Armholes: Cast off 4 st at the beginning of the next 2 rows.

Dec 1 sts each end every row twice (total of 6 sts decreased each side) *

Knit straight for 28 rows.

Neck shaping: Knit 12 sts, place centre 14 sts on a holder, place lefthand 12 sts on a holder. Work on righthand sts, knit 5 rows, repeat for lefthand side. (total 34 rows)

Ribbing: Replace all sts onto a 2.75mm needle, knit 12 sts, pick up and knit 6 sts, knit centre 14sts, pick up and knit 6 sts, knit 12 sts. Work 8 rows 1x1 rib, cast off loosely in rib.

Front:

As for back to *

Knit straight for 20 rows

Neck shaping: Place centre 14 sts on a holder, work on righthand 12 sts first, dec 1 st at neck edge on every other row 3 x, knit straight for 8 rows (total 34 rows)

Repeat for lefthand side.

Ribbing: Replace all sts back on a 2.75 mm needle, knit 9 sts, pick up and knit 16 sts, knit centre 14 sts, pick up and knit 16 sts, knit 9 sts.

Work 8 rows 1x1 rib, cast off loosely in rib.

Sleeves:

As this is an envelope neck top, there is no shoulder seam, the top ribbing of the back, folds over the top ribbing of the front, and is held together by the armhole seam. The armhole seam is formed when sts are picked up for the sleeve

Pin back to front as shown in the pictures, then pick up and knit a total of 52 sts (right-side facing) for the sleeve, as shown bottom– remember that when you are picking up where the 2 shoulders overlap, that you will need to pick up one st from the back and one from the front, then knit both together.

Knit 8 rows 1x1 rib, cast off loosely in rib. Repeat for other side.

Finishing: sew side seams together, using a flat seam e.g. mattress stitch, press gently.

