

Baby Sweater Dress *by Maryann Wu*

NOTE: Errors in the pattern has been corrected and updated as of Jan 9, 2009



Autumn has always been my favorite time of the year! The hot summer weather begins to moderate, giving way to cool mornings and many delightful sunny days, the fall foliage is always beautiful, but, more than anything else, because it's sweater season!

Fall inspired, I made this up for Jasmine. Knitted all in one piece, it features a bottom-up construction with a seamless (and painless) set-in sleeve shaping, minimal finishing, and you can possibly size up or down with thicker/thinner yarn to suit your child.

We love the dress length that gives her some extended coverage to keep her snugly warm without wearing a jacket. Just simply perfect for the playground ☺

FINISHED MEASUREMENTS

- ✧ Size: 2T
- ✧ Chest: Approx 26 inches
- ✧ Overall Length: 18.5 inches

YARN, GAUGE & MATERIALS

- ✧ I've used a merino/angora blend that is not commercially available but approx 250-300g of bulky yarn (or 2 strands of worsted yarn held together) should work well as substitute.
- ✧ Gauge 12sts x 18 rows
- ✧ Needles US#10.5, #11 and #12 (6.5/8.0/9.0mm) dpns or 40cm/60cm circulars
- ✧ Ring markers and holders

DIRECTIONS

Cap sleeves (make 2)

With US#11 8.0mm needles, CO 24sts, join in the round and knit 2 rounds of St st. Leave stitches on holder. Repeat for second sleeve.

Body

With the smallest needles, CO 80sts, join in the round and knit 6 rows of 2 x 2 ribbing. Change to the US#11 (8.0mm) needles and continue in St st for 54 rounds (or about 13 inches including hem).

Yoke with seamless set-in sleeve

Joining body and both sleeves: start with the body, k36 from body and place the next 4 sts on holder #1, k20 from first sleeve and place the rem 4sts on holder #2, k36 for body back and place the rem 4 sts on holder #3, k20 from the second sleeve, and place the rem 4sts on holder #4. Knit 2 rounds in St st.



Dec Round 1: [ssk, k32, k2tog, ssk, k16, k2tog] Repeat

Round 2 and all even rounds: knit

Dec Round 3: [ssk, k30, k2tog, ssk, k14, k2tog] Repeat

Dec Round 5: [ssk, k28, k2tog, ssk, k12, k2tog] Repeat

Round 6-12: knit

Dec Round 13: [k30, k2tog, k10, ssk] Repeat

Dec Round 15: [k30, k2tog, k8, ssk] Repeat

Dec Round 17: [k30, k2tog, k6, ssk] Repeat

Dec Round 19: [k30, k2tog, k4, ssk] Repeat

Dec Round 21: slip 1, k29, [k2tog, k1 bind off, k1 bind off, ssk bind off], k1 bind off, k29, Repeat [], slip first stitch back onto right needle, bind off.

Shoulders shaping

From now on, knit front and back flat and separately.

Row 1-2: knit

Row 3 (RS): BO 2sts, knit to end

Row 4 (WS): BO 2sts, purl to the last 2sts, p2tog

Row 5 (RS): BO 2sts (total 5 sts for each shoulder), knit to the last 2sts, k2tog

Row 6 (WS): BO 2sts, k20 and leave on holder for neck/collars

Repeat for front/back. The instructions are identical.

Seam both the sleeve cap stitches and both shoulders.



Neck/Collars

Change to your largest needles, [k20 from holder, pick up and k1 from the seam], Repeat [] and join in the round. *Total 42 sts*. Knit 6 rounds in St st and bind off very loosely.

The embossed leaves (make 2)

Materials:

- ✧ DK or light worsted yarn in pumpkin/green
- ✧ 4mm double pointed needles

The stem (i-cord)

CO 3sts. Knit, don't turn.

Slip the sts back to the beginning of the needle and k the row again.

Continue until you have about 2 inches of knitting.

The leaf

Row 1 (WS): p1, m1, p1, m1, p1 – 5sts

Row 2 (RS): k2, yo, k1, yo, k2 – 7sts

Row 3 and all alternate rows: Purl

Row 4: k3, yo, k1, yo, k3 – 9sts

Row 6: k4, yo, k1, yo, k4 – 11sts

Row 8: ssk, k7, k2tog – 9sts

Row 10: ssk, k5, k2tog – 7sts

Row 10 ssk, k3, k2tog – 5sts

Row 12: ssk, k1, k2tog – 3sts

Row 13: p3tog. Fasten off.



Make one more, and then sew them onto your sweater front.

Finishing

Graft underarms stitches together, and weave in all ends.

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