

Peach Blossom Baby Jacket Pattern

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Requirements:

Size 5 (0-3 months) or 6 (3-6 months) straight or circular needles

MC: 2 skeins sport weight wool (I used Debbie Bliss baby cashmerino in red)

CC: 1 skein fingering weight wool (I used Karabella Aurora 4 or Baby Ull in black)
2 black buttons

Size: 0-3 months or 3-6 months

Gauge: 5.5 stitches and 7 rows = 1"

Special instructions:

Seed stitch (even number of stitches):

Row 1: *k1, p1, rep from *

Row 2: *p1, k1, rep from *

m1: make a stitch in one of the following ways: lift bar between stitches with the left-hand needle and ktbl; or kfb (knit in the front and back) of stitches outside of markers; or lift the right-hand side of the stitch one row below the last stitch outside markers and place it on the left needle, then knit it as if it was a stitch.

Directions:

CO 62 st with CC. Work 8 rows stockinette. Work one purl turning row. Work 8 rows seed stitch. Work one row purl.

Switch to MC and set up raglan shaping as follows: k2 (right front), pm, k1, pm, k8 (sleeve), pm, k1, pm, k22 (back), pm, k1, pm, k8 (sleeve), pm, k1, pm, k18 (left front).

Next row and all following WS rows: purl, slipping markers.

Next and all following RS rows (until shaping is done): *k to marker, m1, slip marker, k1, slip marker, m1 * rep to end.

Stop after 16 increase rows, or when there are 190 st (18 for right front, 40 for each sleeve, 54 for back, 34 for left front, and 4 raglan seam stitches).

Divide sleeves:

Remove markers on this row. K19 (front + seam st), place 40 sleeve stitches on a holder or a piece of scrap yarn (better because it can bend), k56 (seam st + back + seam st), place 40 sleeve stitches on a holder or a piece of scrap yarn, k35 (seam st + front). Continue in stockinette on body stitches. When piece measures 8.5", switch to CC and work 8 rows seed stitch. Work one purl turning row (if you are on a WS row, be sure to work knit, not purl), and work 8 rows stockinette. Cut yarn, leaving a long tail, and use the tail yarn to tack up the hem stitches, using the line of color-change as a guide.

Work Sleeves:

Place 40 st. from holder on a needle, and work back and forth in stockinette with MC. On 10th row, dec 1 st at each end. Repeat this decrease every 10th row 2 more times. Switch to CC and work 8 rows seed stitch. Work a purl turning row, and work 8 rows stockinette. Tack up hem as above.

Finishing:

Sew sleeve seams and tack down neck hem. Using CC, pick up 3 stitches for every 4 rows along the front edges for button bands. Work 8-10 rows seed stitch (until width matches hem and collar widths) and bind off, knitwise if you are on a WS row and purlwise if you are on a RS row. Weave in all loose ends and block.

Make Frogs:

Make four 3" lengths of i-cord with CC. Fold these lengths in half and sew them to the fronts of jacket as pictured. Use a length of black thread to sew together left-hand frogs about 3/4" from fold, making a loop that will fit your button well. Sew buttons to opposite loops. If desired, sew snaps beneath the frogs on the inside of button bands and at the collar to keep sweater closed a little better.

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