

# Modified Drops Eyelet Baby Cardigan

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This cardigan is heavily inspired by a Drops pattern (BabyDROPS number 13-18), but worked top-down without the picot collar and with different eyelet motifs. I can't say that it really counts as an original pattern, but since the Drops pattern is also free, I feel I can safely offer my adaptation.



**Note:** eyelet/lace patterns are from Barbara Walker's First and Second Treasuries of Knitting Patterns.

**Size:** 9 months

**Gauge:** 8 st = 1 inch

**Requirements:**

2 skeins Dale Baby Ull or fingering-weight substitute

size 3 needles

tapestry needle

waste yarn or stitch holders

matching buttons (about 6)

## Directions:

CO 84 st. and work 3 rows in garter stitch (knit all rows). In next row, make a buttonhole as follows: k2, yo, k2tog, k to end of row. Work 4 more rows of garter stitch (8 rows altogether).

**note:** continue to make buttonholes in this manner at the beginning of RS every 2" or 10 garter ridges.



## Begin yoke increases and eyelet pattern:

Rows 9, 11, and 13: k4, p to last 4 stitches, k4.

Rows 10 and 12: knit, increasing by eight stitches spaced evenly across row\*\*

Row 14: knit, increasing by SEVEN stitches spaced evenly across row (107 st.).

Row 15: knit.

Row 16: k4, \*k2tog, yo; rep from \* until five st from end, k5.

Row 17: knit.

Row 18: knit, increasing by SIXTEEN stitches spaced evenly across row (123 st.)

Rows 19, 21, and 23: k4, p to last 4 stitches, k4.

Rows 20, 22 and 24: knit, increasing by eight stitches spaced evenly across row.

Rows 25 and 27: knit.

Row 26: knit, increasing by eight stitches spaced evenly across row (155 st).

Row 28: k4, \*k1, k2tog, yo, k1, yo, ssk, k1; rep from \*, end k4.

Row 29: k4, \*p2tog-b, yo, p3, yo, p2tog; rep from \*, end k4.

Row 30: k4, \*k1, yo, k2tog, yo, sl1-k2tog-ssso, yo, k1; rep from \*, end k4.

Row 31: k4, \*p1, yo, p2tog, p1, p2tog-b, yo, p1; rep from \*, end k4.

Row 32: k4, \*k2, yo, sl1-k2tog-ssso, yo, k2; rep from \*, end k4.

Rows 33 and 35: knit.

Rows 34 and 36: knit, increasing by SIXTEEN stitches spaced evenly across row.

Rows 37, 39, and 41: k4, p to last 4 stitches, k4.

Rows 38, 40 and 42: knit, increasing by eight stitches spaced evenly across row.

Rows 43 and 45: knit.

Row 44: k4, \*k2tog, yo; rep from \*, end k4.

Row 46: knit, increasing by TWENTY-FOUR stitches spaced evenly across row (235 st.).

Rows 47, 49 and 51: k4, p to last 4 stitches, k4.

Rows 48 and 50: knit, increasing NINE stitches spaced evenly across row (253 st. and end of row 50).

\*\* **note:** when increasing in yoke, avoid making stitches within the four garter stitches that serve as the button band to keep band looking consistent.

**Divide stitches for arms:**

Row 52: k39, slip 51 st to holder, k 73 [back], slip 51 st to holder, k39.

**Work body (151 st):**

Work the following eyelet pattern until body measures 10":

Row 1 and all other wrong sides: k4, p to last 4 stitches, k4.

Row 2: knit.

Row 4: k4, k2, yo, sl1-k2tog-ssso, yo, \*k5, yo, sl1-k2tog-ssso, yo; rep from \*, end k2, k4.

Row 6: k4, k3, yo, ssk, \*k6, yo, ssk; rep from \*, end k2, k4.

Row 8: knit.

Row 10: k4, k1, \*k5, yo, sl1-k2tog-ssso, yo; rep from \*, end k6, k4.

Row 12: k4, k7, \*yo, ssk, k6; rep from \*, end k4.



When body measures 10", work three repeats of feather and fan, increasing two stitches in the first "row 1" and making a final buttonhole in the last "row 3" (153 st):

**Feather and fan pattern:**

Row 1: knit.

Row 2: k4, p to last 4 stitches, k4.

Row 3: k5, (yo, k1) three times, (k2tog six times), \*(yo, k1) six times, (k2tog six times); rep from \* until last 7 stitches, (yo, k1) three times, k4.

Row 4: knit.

Work two rows of garter stitch and bind off.

**Work sleeves:**

Put 51 arm stitches on a needle. Work in eyelet pattern as established above for sweater body, but omitting the four button band stitches on either end, centering pattern between extra stitches (there will be two extra stitches on each end at the beginning of the arm). After first pattern repeat, decrease by one stitch every sixth row (in the plain knit row) until there are 39 st. left on needles; continue in eyelet until you have worked four pattern repeats. Work eight rows of garter stitch and bind off.

**Finishing:**

Sew arm seams, weave in ends, block sweater, sew buttons to band to match buttonholes.

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