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### **Hello Baby Cardigan**

An original design by, Susan B. Anderson for Spud & Chloë

**Size:** To fit newborn to 3 months

#### **Measurements:**

8 inches in length from shoulder to bottom edge

16½ inches chest circumference

**Yarn:** Spud & Chloë Sweater (55% superwash wool, 45% organic cotton; 160 yards/100 grams), 2 hanks in Igloo #7517 for the cardigan and 1 hank (or a small amount) in Toast #7506 for the edging

**Needles:** US size 7 needles, 24-inch circular and a set of 4 double-pointed needles or size to obtain gauge

\*I also used a set of two US size 5 double-pointed needle for the applied I-cord edging. The smaller size needle for the applied I-cord gives a tighter effect but you could also use your larger dpns from the sleeves.

**Gauge:** 5 stitches per inch in stockinette stitch

**Materials:**

Tape measure or ruler

Scissors

Stitch markers

Waste yarn

Yarn needle

3 buttons – ½ inch

Sewing needle and matching thread

**Abbreviations:**

k knit

p purl

ssk slip 2 stitches separately as if to knit and knit the two slipped stitches together through the back loop

k2tog knit 2 stitches together

yo yarn over the needle

sl slip

pm place marker

dpn(s) double-pointed needle(s)

**Note:** This is a top-down seamless cardigan so you start at the neck edge and work down. I'd like to give technique credit to both Wendy Bernard author of [Custom Knits](#) and Meg Swansen of Schoolhouse Press.



### **Cardigan:**

With the 24-inch circular needles and Igloo cast on (co) 34 stitches (st(s)) and place markers (pm) as follows:

Co 1 st, pm, co 6 sts, pm, co 20 sts, pm, co 6 sts, pm, co 1 st (34 sts)

Work rows 1 and 2 as follows, slipping the stitch markers as you go:

**Row 1 (right side (RS)):** knit in the front and back (kfb) on each side of each stitch marker (increasing 8 sts)

**Row 2 (wrong side (WS)):** knit

Now **AT THE SAME TIME** as you are working rows 1 and 2, kfb in the first and last sts on the RS rows. (increasing 10 sts)

Continue working rows 1 and 2 until the back measures about 1½ inches from the cast on edge, there should be 5 garter stitch ridges and the stitch count is as follows as you are looking at the right side:

10 sts for the front  
16 sts for the sleeve  
30 sts for the back  
16 sts for the sleeve  
10 sts for the front  
Total: 82 sts

Now continue increasing on the RS rows on each side of the stitch markers but **NO LONGER** increasing in the first and last stitches of the row (increase 8 sts on RS rows). At the same time begin to slip as if to knit the first stitch on every row.

Continue in this way until the raglan line measures about 4 inches (the measurement from the cast on edge on the back will be about 3 inches) and end with a WS row.

There will be 13 garter stitch ridges and the stitch count is as follows as you are looking at the right side:

18 sts for the front  
32 sts for the sleeve  
46 sts for the back  
32 sts for the sleeve  
18 sts for the front  
Total: 146 sts

**Divide for the sleeves:**

Knit the front sts, (remove all of the st markers as you go), place the sleeve sts on waste yarn, co 1 st, knit the back sts, place the sleeve sts on waste yarn, co 1 st, knit the front sts (84 sts)

Work 6 rows in garter stitch (knit every row) and continue to slip the first stitch as if to knit on each row.

Begin stockinette stitch as follows:

**Row 1 (RS):** knit

**Row 2: (WS):** slip 1, k1, purl to the last 2 sts, k2

Repeat rows 1 and 2 until the body measures 7 ½ inches from the cast on edge (measuring from the back neck edge to the bottom edge).

Work 4 rows in garter stitch. Bind off.

**Sleeve:**

Starting at the front underarm, place the 32 stitches from the waste yarn on 3 double-pointed needles as follows:

Needle 1: 10 sts

Needle 2: 11 sts

Needle 3: 11 sts

Reattach the yarn at the underarm and pick up one stitch in the cast on stitch at the underarm and place it on the first needle. Place a stitch marker on this stitch to mark the beginning of the round. (11 sts per needle, 33 sts total)

Rnd 1: k1, k2tog, knit to the last 2 sts, ssk

Knit every round until the sleeve measures 1 inch from the underarm.

Repeat round 1. (29 sts remain)

Knit every round until the sleeve measures 2 inches from the underarm.

Repeat round 1. (27 sts remain)

Knit every round until the sleeve measures 3 inches from the underarm.

Repeat round 1. (25 sts remain)

Knit every round until the sleeve measures 3 ½ inches from the underarm.

Work the garter stitch cuff as follows:

Rnd 1: purl

Rnd 2: knit

Rnd 3: purl

Bind off in knit.

Repeat the sleeve on the other side.



**Applied I-cord edging around the front opening:**

Starting at the bottom right front corner and using the 24-inch circular needles, pick up (or place on the needle) 1 stitch in each garter stitch bump as follows:

18 sts for the stockinette stitch section on the right front

To place the buttonholes on the front garter stitch section, place the stitches as follows:

Pick up 1 st, skip 1 ridge

Pick up 3 sts, skip 1 ridge

Pick up 3 sts, skip 1 ridge

Pick up 6 stitches to the front raglan line.

Pick up 3 stitches across the sleeve.

Pick up 20 stitches across the back.

Pick 3 stitches across the sleeve.

Pick up 32 stitches down the front to the bottom edge of the cardigan.

Total: 89 stitches

With Toast and using a US size 5 double-pointed needle to work onto begin the applied I-cord as follows:

Cast on 2 stitches on the dpn.

(k1, sl 1 as if to knit, yo, knit the edge stitch on the circular needle, pass 2 sts over the first stitch on the right needle and off the needle) repeat until you reach the first skipped ridge on the front edge for the buttonhole.

Slide the stitches to the other end of the dpn and knit the two stitches onto a second dpn. Now go back to working the repeat between the ( ).

Continue to work the applied I-cord and then knitting the 2 stitches as a regular I-cord for the next 2 buttonholes as for the first and where there is a skipped ridge, until you reach the bottom of the left front.

Bind off.

Weave in all ends to the inside of the cardigan and trim.

With a sewing needle and matching thread securely sew the buttons across from the three buttonholes. Tie off securely on the inside and trim.

Block as desired.

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