

Inca-Dincadoo Baby Cardigan

This little asymmetrical cardigan is a quick knit in bulky organic cotton. Knit in one piece from the back bottom edge, you'll knit one for every new baby in your life!

Size: newborn to 3 months (18" finished chest measurement)

Yarn: 1 skein Inca Organic Cotton (100% natural organic cotton;

~155 yds/4oz.) Pictured here in color Oz.

Needles: 24" circular needle size 5.5mm (US 9); size 5.5mm (US I) crochet hook

Notions: tapestry needle, five ¾" buttons (pictured here: Bone Square Filigree by Durango Button Co.)

Gauge: 16 sts x 28 rows = 4" in garter stitch

Abbreviations:

k - knit st(s) - stitch(es)

CO – cast on k2tog – knit 2 sts together

BO – bind off yo – yarn over

m1 – make one (insert tip of left needle from front WS – wrong side to back between sts and knit into the back of RS – right side

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the stitch)

Back:

Cast on 32 sts.

K 35 rows.

Begin Sleeves:

Using backward loop CO, CO 4 sts at the beginning of the next 8 rows. (64 sts) K 17 additional rows.

Shape Neck, Left Sleeve, and Left Front:

Next row (RS): k23, bind off 18 for neck, k to end. You will now be working on the 23 sts of the Left Front only (slip 23 sts for Right Front to waste yarn).

K 7 rows (ending with a WS row).

Next row (RS): inc 1 st at neck edge as follows: k1, m1, k to end.

K 3 rows.

Repeat the last 4 rows 2 more times. (26 sts)

Next row (RS): Using backward loop cast on, CO 6 sts onto left needle, k to end. (32 sts)

K 2 rows.

BO 4 sts at the beginning of next 4 WS rows. (16 sts)

Work even for an additional 36 rows (46 rows from Left Front Cast On).

Bind off.

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Right Sleeve and Right Front:

Return Right Front 23 sts to needle and with WS facing you, join yarn at neck edge.

K 7 rows, ending with a WS row.

Next row (RS): inc 1 st at neck edge as follows: k to last st, m1, k1.

K 3 rows.

Repeat the last 4 rows 2 more times. (26 sts)

Next row (RS): knit

Next row (WS): Using backward loop cast on, CO 14 sts onto left needle,

k to end. (40 sts)

K 2 rows.

BO 4 sts at beginning of next 4 RS rows, and AT SAME TIME make buttonhole on first bind off row and every following 10th row as follows: k to last 3 sts, yo, k2tog, k1.

Work even for an additional 36 rows (46 rows from Right Front Cast On) Bind off.



Finishing:

Fold sweater in half at shoulders, sew side/sleeve seams.

Using crochet hook, with RS facing and starting at bottom of Right Front, slip stitch crochet up Right Front, around Neck, and down Left Front. Sew buttons.