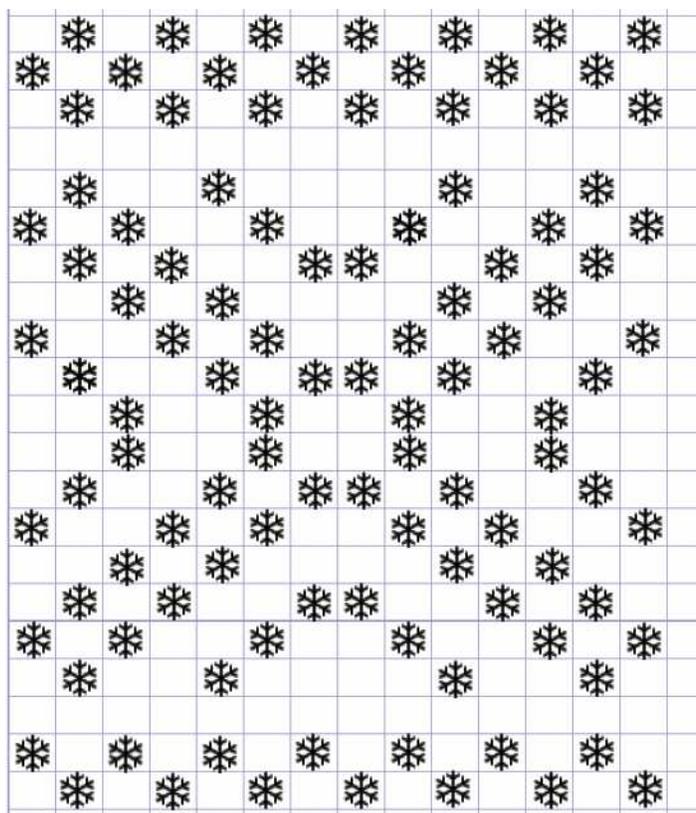


Classic Baby Pullover

Based on Elizabeth Zimmermann's percentage system.
 Size: 20" Gauge: 4 sts 5 rws per 1" Use needles and yarn that will give you this gauge. For me it was Worsted Weight and 4.5mm needles.



I used almost about 185 yards of Main Color (MC) and much less than that of the CC (Contrast Color).



Body

With rib needle, cast on 84 sts using Norwegian cast on (better stretch), place marker, join.

After third round start lice pattern: K3 MC, K1 CC. Knit three rounds MC. K1 MC, K1 CC, K2 MC. Repeat these 5 rounds until you have 7 rows of lice pattern. Knit 2 rounds MC. On 2nd round of MC, add one stitch to each side "seam" for a cutting guide for sleeves. Keep this column of sts in MC as much as possible. Follow chest pattern chart. K2 rounds in MC. On next round K13, Cast off 16, K23, CO 16, K13. Place shoulder stitches on a long piece of CC yarn. Do not join shoulders yet!

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Sleeves

With double point needles, cast on 22 sts. Place marker. Join. Work in rib for 7 rounds.

On the next rib rnd: [Work 7, inc 1 in next st, work 6 inc 1 in next st] 1x, work 7.

Sleeve Shaping

Start lice patterning as on body (you'll begin Sleeve Chart after four rows of lice). At the same time begin sleeve shaping:

Inc 1 st on each side of marker every 2nd rnd 1x, then every 4th rnd 5x. After Sleeve Chart is complete knit 3 rounds in MC. Bind off 36 sts.

Cutting Armholes

Lie body on flat surface. Line sleeve up matching shoulder seam to top center of sleeve. Mark where the bottom of the sleeves come (for me it was right at the bottom of the Chest Chart. You will sew down the center of each column of sts on each side of the "seam" stitch you knit in MC. Make sure to sew across the bottom. Forming an elongated "U" around the center "seam" st. Carefully cut down the center of the seam st. Place one front sts on one shoulder on a dp needle. Repeat with back of same shoulder. Use a three-needle bind off working from sleeve edge to neck edge. You can do this with the sweater inside out for a hidden seam or right side out for a ridge along the shoulder line. Repeat with second shoulder making sure to work from shoulder edge to neck edge again. Sew the sleeves in.

Hem

Pick up sts on back side of ridge formed by cast on edge of body. Knit about ten rounds or as deep as you want the hem. You can knit the baby's name into the hem if you chart it out first. I added the baby's middle name and hearts to fill in the blank area so that I could knit all the way around or you could just knit plain. Do not cast off or you will have no stretch in the bottom of the sweater. Fold the hem to the inside and graph the stitches to the inside of the sweater grabbing just the back "loop" of a stitch. In other words, you don't want the sts to be seen from the front. I used regular sewing thread to eliminate bulk from this step but you could use a thinner yarn that matches.

