

Checked Mates Cardigan

a drop-sleeve pattern

needed:

- ♥ straight and double point or circular needles in the following sizes: 3.0mm (us 3) and 3.5mm (us 4)
- ♥ DK yarn in the following quantities:
 - preemie small:*
MC: 120 yards/CC: 35 yards
 - preemie medium:*
MC: 160 yards/CC: 45 yards
 - preemie large:*
MC: 190 yards/CC: 50 yards
 - newborn:*
MC: 235 yards/CC: 60 yards
- gauge: 17 st/ 22 r = 3" in stockinette w/larger needles
- ♥ for all sizes: 6 or 7 7/16" or 1/2" buttons

all yarn requirements are approximate

yarn used in photo: lavender set: Dreambaby DK/Sirdar Snuggly Tiny Tots
blue set: Wendy Peter Pan DK



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abbreviations:

MC: main color
CC: contrasting color
k: knit
incr: knit in the front and back of the next stitch

p: purl
rt: right twist. knit 2nd stitch on left hand needle through front loop. leave on needle and knit first stitch as usual. slip both stitches off needle.

sl X: slip X stitch(es), purlwise and with yarn in back unless otherwise noted

instructions:

ribbing:

with smaller needles and MC, c/o 72 (85/98/111)

row 1: right side of work. p1. (k1, p1) 3 times. *RT 3 times. (p1, k1) 3 times. p1. repeat from * across.

row 2: *(k1, p1) 3 times. k1. p6. repeat from * across. end (k1, p1) 3 times, k1.

row 3: (p1, k1) 4 times. *RT 2 times. (k1, p1) 4 times. k1. repeat from * across. end (k1, p1) 4 times.

row 4: *(k1, p1) 3 times. k1. p6. repeat from * across. end (k1, p1) 3 times, k1.

repeat rows 1 - 4 twice. (12 rows total)

change to larger needles and knit across, increasing 4(7/2/5) stitches evenly. 76(92/100/116) stitches. (end ready for a wrong side row)

checkboxboard & sweater body:

♥ *with MC k4, with CC p4. repeat from * across. end k4.

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repeat these rows until 5 rows of checkerboard have been completed. (end ready for a right side row)

♥ knit one row

♥ purl one row

repeat both rows once.

♥ *with MC p4, with CC k4. repeat from * across. end p4.

♥ *with MC k4, with CC p4. repeat from * across. end k4.

repeat these rows until 5 rows of checkerboard have been completed. (end ready for a wrong side row)

- ♥ work 7(9/11/13) rows in stockinette stitch (purl one row, knit one row), or until desired length to underarm. end ready for a right side row

split for sleeves

- ♥ knit across 18(22/24/28) stitches and place them on a stitch holder or waste yarn. knit across next 40(48/52/60) stitches (back of sweater will be completed first)

place remaining 18(22/24/28) unworked stitches on a stitch holder or waste yarn.

- ♥ work 15(17/19/21) rows in stockinette stitch. last row, do not work the last 3 stitches. end ready for a right side row.

back shoulder shaping (each side is worked separately)

right side:

- ♥ sl 1, knit 7(10/11/14). k2tog. turn without working remainder of stitches on row.

♥ p 7(10/11/14).

♥ sl 1, knit 6(9/10/13).

♥ place 15 stitches, beginning at armhole, on a stitch holder

♥ place center 14(16/18/20) stitches, on a stitch holder

left side:

(row begins in the 5th stitch from the left armhole edge)

- ♥ p 7(10/11/14). p2tog. turn without working remainder of stitches on row.

♥ k 7(10/11/14).

♥ sl 1, purl 6(9/10/13).

♥ place 15 stitches, beginning at shoulder, on a stitch holder

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right side front and neck shaping:

- ♥ remove stitches from stitch holder and, starting on the right center edge, work 15(17/19/21) rows in stockinette stitch. last row, do not work the last 3 stitches. end ready for a wrong side row
- ♥ sl 1, purl 7(10/11/14). p2tog. turn without working remainder of stitches on row.
- ♥ k 7(10/11/14).
- ♥ sl 1, purl 6(9/10/13).
- ♥ place 15 stitches, beginning at shoulder, on a stitch holder. Clip yarn, leaving a 15" tail.
- ♥ place 2(6/8/12) neck stitches on a stitch holder.

left side front and neck shaping:

- ♥ remove stitches from stitch holder and, starting at the left armhole edge, work 16 (18/20/22) rows in stockinette stitch. last row, do not work the last 3 stitches. end ready for a right side row.
- ♥ sl 1. k 7(10/11/14). p2tog. turn without working remainder of stitches on row.
- ♥ purl 7(10/11/14). turn.
- ♥ sl 1, knit 6(9/10/13).
- ♥ place 15 stitches, beginning at shoulder, on a stitch holder clip yarn, leaving a 15" tail.
- ♥ place 2(6/8/12) neck stitches on a stitch holder.

joining shoulders:

- ♥ kitchener 12(15/16/19) left front and back shoulder stitches to join.
- ♥ repeat for right side shoulders.
- ♥ center back 16(18/20/22) stitches should remain on a stitch holder.

sleeves:

sleeves are worked in the round on dpns or circular needles. if desired, sleeves can be worked flat and then attached afterward.

- ♥ beginning at the lower edge of the armhole, pick up 1 stitch in the center bottom between 2 stitches. pick up 31(35/39/43) stitches in the row edges around the armhole. 32(36/40/44) stitches.
 - ♥ using smaller needles, work the checkerboard pattern for 4 rows. clip CC
 - ♥ switch to larger needles and knit one round
 - ♥ k1, k2tog, knit to last 3 stitches, ssk, k2.
 - ♥ knit around for 4(5/6/7) rounds
- repeat previous 2 steps 5 times (6 decreases created).
20(24/28/32) stitches remain.
- ♥ using smaller needles, work 6 rows of k1, p1 ribbing. bind off loosely.
- repeat for other sleeve.

front/neck band and finishing worked with smaller needles and MC:

right side:

- ♥ beginning at neck edge and using smaller needles, pick up 1 in stitch in each row edge, ending at ribbing. 48(52/56/60) stitches
- note: if sweater length has been altered, this number will not be accurate, nor will the spacing between the buttonholes.

- ♥ knit across
- ♥ k1, p1 across
- ♥ buttonhole row (begins at ribbed edge):
knit 4(4,4,3) stitches.
*slip next stitch with yarn in front. move yarn to back.
cast off the next 3 stitches without knitting (slip the next stitch to the working needle, then slip the 2nd stitch on the working needle over the first).
slip the last cast-off stitch back onto the left (non-working) needle and turn work.
using a cable cast on, cast on 4 stitches purlwise.
turn work. slip one stitch knitwise. pass the last cast-on stitch over the slipped stitch.
one buttonhole completed.
knit 6(5/6/5) stitches.
*repeat from * 4(4/5/5) times (5/5/6/6 buttonholes total). last buttonhole will be 5(5/4/4) stitches from neck edge. one buttonhole will also be worked in neck ribbing.*

- ♥ k1, p1 across
- ♥ bind off.

left side:

- ♥ beginning at sweater ribbing and using smaller needles, pick up 1 in-stitch in each row edge.
48(52/56/60) stitches
note: if sweater length has been altered, this number will not be accurate, nor will the spacing between the buttonholes.

- ♥ knit across
- ♥ k1, p1 across
- ♥ knit across
- ♥ k1, p1 across
- ♥ bind off.

neck ribbing:

- ♥ using smaller needles and beginning with right neck edge, pick up 5 stitches over button band, knit 2(6/8/12) stitches from holders at right neck, pick up 9 stitches along shoulder edge, knit 14(16/18/20) back stitches, pick up 9 stitches along shoulder edge, and knit 2(6/8/12) left neck stitches onto needle.
pick up 5 stitches over the left side button band. turn.
- ♥ k1, p1 across
- ♥ p1, k1 across
- ♥ k1, p1 across to last 6 stitches. create one buttonhole as above. finish p1, k1.
- ♥ p1, k1 across
- ♥ k1, p1 across
- ♥ bind off.

finishing:

- ♥ weave in all ends. sew on buttons.