

Spring Fling Baby Sweater

sized for a medium preemie --
for large preemie or newborn, may I suggest using heavier yarn and larger needles

Materials:

size 3.0mm (US 3) and 4.0mm (US 6) knitting needles

MC: approx 2 ounce light worsted yarn
(pictured with Caron's Simply Soft -- gauge:14 st/18 r = 3")

Color A/B/C: approx 20 yards contrasting sports-weight/baby yarn

Five 1/2" buttons (if using a larger or smaller size, be sure to recalculate buttonhole size)

Instructions:

With MC and larger needles, cast on 67

ribbing:

♥ *k3, p2, s1, p2. repeat from * across

♥ *p3, k2, p1, k2. repeat from * across

♥ work row 1 six times and row 2 five times (11 rows total) -- ending with row 1

♥ increase 5 stitches evenly (72 stitches)

♥ work next 18 rows in stockinette stitch, following chart below, ending with MC and a knit row

split for armholes:

♥ p 18 st and transfer to a stitch holder (left front)

♥ p 36 (back)

♥ transfer remaining st to a stitch holder (right front)

knitting back:

♥ k1, ssk twice, knit to last 5 st, k2tog twice, k1

♥ p across

♥ repeat prev 2 rows until 12 stitches remain, ending with a purl row

♥ place stitches on stitch holder

knitting right front (beginning at sleeve edge):

♥ p across

♥ knit to last 5 st, k2tog twice, k1

♥ repeat prev 2 rows until 6 stitches remain, ending with a purl row

♥ place stitches on stitch holder

knitting left front (beginning at sleeve edge):

♥ k1, ssk twice, knit across

♥ p across

♥ repeat prev 2 rows until 6stitches remain, ending with a purl row

♥ place stitches on stitch holder



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Stitch Key:

Symbol	Color
A +	Parrot Green
B ⌘	Violet
C ■	Pink

sleeves:

(this is also easily done with dpns by knitting all purl rows)

With MC and smaller needles, cast on 24

- ♥ k2, p2 ribbing for 6 rows
- ♥ with larger needles, stockinette st for 6 rows (end w/purl row)
- ♥ k1, m1, knit across to last 2 stitches, m1, k1
- ♥ purl across
- ♥ stockinette for 6 rows, ending w purl row

sleeve shaping:

(if using dpns, begin working back and forth here)

- ♥ k1, ssk twice, knit to last 5 st, k2tog twice, k1
- ♥ purl across
- ♥ repeat 2 rows 5 times (8 stitches remain - slip to holder)

repeat for other sleeve

finishing:

- ♥ join each sleeve to sweater along decrease lines.
- ♥ pick up all stitches currently on holders with smaller needles (40 stitches)
- ♥ k2, p2 ribbing for 4 rows
- ♥ bind off loosely with larger needles.
- ♥ Using a yellow sport-weight yarn, embroider lazy-daisy flowers at the peak of each green scallop.

front edge and button holes (3 styles to choose from):

plain knit edge:

- ♥ pick up 42 stitches along right front edge
- ♥ purl across
- ♥ knit across

♥ create buttonholes right side only:

p4, *bind off 3, p5, across, end p4

for left side, purl across

♥ right side only:

k4, *cast on 3, k5, across, end k4

for left side, knit across

♥ purl across

♥ bind off



crocheted edge:

- ♥ starting at neck, sc in each stitch along front edge (42 st)
- ♥ 6 sc, ch 8 (or twice diameter of button), sc in same stitch. repeat across, end with 3 sc.



knit I-cord bind-off:

this version will be made using "standard" knitting needles, not dpns

- ♥ starting at bottom, pick up 42 stitches in the back loop of the row edge
- ♥ create buttonholes **right side only**:

p4, *bind off 3 (ensure that this number is large enough to accommodate your button -- it should be sufficient for a 1/2" button), p5 across, end p4

for left side, purl across

- ♥ **right side only** (beginning bottom edge again):

CO 2. k1, k2tog. Slide the just-worked stitches back to the left needle and give a gentle tug to the working yarn repeat until you reach the stitches which are bound off on the previous row

CO 2, k both stitches. Slide the stitches back to the left needle and give a gentle tug to the working yarn repeat 3 times to create buttonhole (an unattached i-cord of 4 stitches has been created)

Repeat these 2 steps down the length of the sweater. When last attached stitch has been reached, pull 6" thread through remaining 2 loops on left needle. Tie off and work in end.

- ♥ **left side only** (beginning bottom edge again):

CO 2. k1, k2tog. Slide the just-worked stitches back to the left needle and give a gentle tug to the working yarn Repeat this step down the length of the sweater. When last attached stitch has been reached, pull 6" thread through remaining 2 loops on left needle. Tie off and work in end.

