

Patriotic Preemie #2 Sweater

med preemie with adj for large preemie & newborn in parenthesis

materials & gauge:

- ☆ 2.75mm/3.5mm (US 2/4) circular or double-point needles
- ☆ fingering yarn -
- MC (blue): 1 oz, C1 (red): 1/2 oz, C2 (white): 1/2 oz
- ☆ four 5/8" to 3/4" buttons

gauge: 2" = 13 st/18 r in gingham stitch design

all yarn requirements are approximate

yarn in photo: Bernat Sox

abbreviations:

MC: main color
CC: contrasting color
k: knit
k2tog: knit 2 sts together
as one
p: purl
p2tog: purl 2 sts together
as one

rnd(s): round(s)
sl X: slip X sts, purlwise and with yarn in back, unless otherwise noted
skp: slip 1, knit 1, pass slipped st over knit st
st(s): stitch(es)
YIB: yarn in front
YIF: yarn in back



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This pattern is worked in the round from the bottom up. Unless you make the sleeves separately, there is no sewing required except for the buttons.

gingham stitch pattern (multiple of 10):

each color is worked separately. each 2 steps will result in one visual round. as this is a stranded st pattern, use larger needles.

red check rows:

- step 1: *with red, k5, sl 5. repeat from * around.
- step 2: *with white, sl 5, k5. repeat from * around.
- step 3: *using red, k5. [sl 1 YIF. sl 1 YIB] twice. sl 1 YIF. (this weaves the contrasting yarn between 5 sts.) repeat from * around.
- step 4: *with white, sl 5, k5. repeat from * around.
- step 5: *with red, k5. [sl 1 YIB, sl 1 YIF] twice. sl 1 YIB. repeat from * around.
- step 6: *with white, sl 5, k5. repeat from * around.
- steps 7 - 12: repeat steps 3 - 6 once and then steps 3 and 4 once more. visually, you will have completed 5 rounds with red checks dominant.

white check rows:

- step 13: *with white [sl 1 YIF. sl 1 YIB] twice. YIF, slip next stitch purlwise. k 5 sts. repeat from * around.
- step 14: *with red, k5, sl 5. repeat from * around.
- step 15: *with white, [sl 1 YIB, sl 1 YIF] twice. sl 1 YIB. k5 sts. repeat from * around.
- step 16: *with red, k5, sl 5. repeat from * around.
- steps 17 - 22: repeat steps 13 - 16 once and then steps 13 and 14 once more. visually, you will have completed 5 rounds - with white checks dominant.

instructions:

With BLUE and smaller needles, cast on 81 (90/99), place marker to define beginning of round, and join to work in a circle.

ribbing:

- 12 rnds: with blue, k2, p1 around.
- ☆ med preemie: k around, decreasing one stitch, (80 sts)
- ☆ large preemie: k around, (90 sts)
- ☆ newborn: k around, increasing one stitch. (100 sts)

body:

work the following gingham stitch pattern repeats—

med & large preemie:

red, white, red, white, red

newborn:

red, white, red, white, red, white

yoke:

- ☆ 2 (2/6) rnds: with blue, k around.
- ☆ slip 40 (45/50) sts to a holder or piece of waste yarn. Armholes begin at this point and sweater will be worked back and forth, for each side, through completion of the front and back.

front armholes & shaping:

- ☆ med preemie- k1, skp, k to last 3 sts, k2tog, k1 (38 sts)
- ☆ large preemie: k1, skp, k across (44 sts)
- ☆ newborn: k across (50 sts)
- 2 - 11: work in stockinette (purl wrong side rows, k right side rows), slipping the first stitch on each row. end having worked knit across.

split for neck shaping:

left shoulder

- (when front of sweater is facing you)
- 12: sl1, p10 (12, 14) sts, slip remaining sts to a stitch holder.
- 13: beginning at neck edge, k1, skp, k to end of row (10, 12, 14) sts)
- row 14: sl1, purl across. clip yarn

right shoulder

- first 16 (18, 20) sts remain on st holder. shoulder begins with last 11 (13, 15) sts.
- 12: p across
- 13: at shoulder, sl1, k7 (9, 11), k2tog, k1 (10, 12, 14) sts)
- row 14: p across

back armholes & shaping:

Place the sts currently on hold for the back onto a working needle and repeat the *front armholes & shaping* and *split for neck shaping* sections.



My mom was the most patriotic person I've ever known ... even when it wasn't as fashionable. Federal holidays always found the flag proudly displayed in the yard and her wearing red/white/blue.

She loved my patriotic layettes the best, so this set is in memory of my mom ... I know it would have made her smile.

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neck ribbing:

worked the same for both front and back with right side facing and smaller needles,

- 1: k10 (12, 14) sts, pick up 3 sts in the side of the shoulder rows and 1 stitch in the "corner". k 16 (18, 20) sts from stitch holder. pick up one stitch in the "corner" and 3 sts in the side of the shoulder rows. k remaining 10 (12, 14) sts. (44 (50, 56) st -- a multiple of 3 + 2 st)
- 2: k1, p1, *k1, p2. repeat from * across, ending p1, k1
- 3: *k2, p1. repeat from * across. end with k2
- 4: k1, p1, *k1, p2. repeat from * across, ending p1, k1

button holes

for front only, for back work 2 rows in established ribbing

with right side facing, work the following 2 rows:

- 1: k2, p1, k2, slip 2nd stitch on working needle over the last stitch worked (1 stitch cast off). p1, k2, p1, k1. slip 2nd stitch on working needle over the last stitch worked. work in established ribbing pattern until 9 sts from the end. p1, k1, slip 2nd stitch on working needle over the last stitch worked k1, p1, k2, p1, slip 2nd stitch on working needle over the last stitch worked. end with k2
- 2: (wrong side)
k1, p1, k1, yo, p1, k1, p2, yo
(p2, k1) across until 9 sts from end
p2, yo, p2, k1, p1, yo, k1, p1, k1

continue with ribbing as before:

- 3: (right side) *k2, p1. repeat from * across. end with k2
- 4: k1, p1, *k1, p2. repeat from * across, ending p1, k1
- 5: k2, p1. repeat from * across. end with k2 cast off from purl side.

left sleeve (with front of sweater facing)

With larger needles and back side facing, begin picking up sts at the center of the underarm.

- 1: pick up 1 stitch in the center of the underarm (between sts)
pick up 14 (14, 18) sts along the armhole, last stitch should be at the top of the back ribbing
pick up the next stitch at the BOTTOM OF THE FRONT NECK RIBBING (front ribbing will not be attached to the sleeve, for ease of dressing baby)
pick up 9 (9, 13) sts in the remaining purl bumps, finishing at the center underarm (25, 25, 33 st)
- 2: k around

short row sleeve cap shaping:

- 3: k15, turn
- 4: sl 1, p4, turn
- 5: sl 1, k5, turn
- 6: sl 1, p6, turn
- 7: sl 1, k7, turn
- 8: sl 1, p8, turn
- 9: sl 1, k9, turn
- 10: sl 1, p10, turn
- 11: sl 1, k11, turn
- 12: sl 1, p12, turn
- 13: sl 1, k13, turn
- 14: sl 1, p14, turn
- 15: sl 1, k15, turn
- 16: sl 1, p16, turn
- 17: sl 1, k17, turn
- 18: sl 1, p18, turn
- 19: sl 1, k19, turn
- 20: PREMIE SIZES ONLY sl 1, p22, wrap the first stitch on the next needle and turn
- ROWS 20 - 28 FOR NEWBORN SIZE ONLY
- 20: sl 1, k20, turn
- 21: sl 1, k21, turn
- 22: sl 1, p22, turn
- 23: sl 1, k23, turn
- 24: sl 1, p24, turn
- 25: sl 1, k25, turn
- 26: sl 1, p26, turn
- 27: sl 1, p27, turn
- 28: sl 1, k30
wrap the first stitch on the next needle and turn

working in the round again, k around until sleeve measures 1½" (2", 3") from the underarm

left sleeve decreases:

- ★ k1, k2tog, k to last 3 sts, skp, k1 23 (23, 31) st
- ★ 2 (2, 3) rnds: k around
- ★ k1, k2tog, k to last 3 sts, skp, k1 21 (21, 29) st
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sleeve ribbing:

7 rnds: k2, p1 around.
bind off loosely (shown with a sewn cast off).

right sleeve:

With larger needles and back side facing, begin picking up sts at the center of the underarm.

- 1: pick up 1 stitch in the center of the underarm (between sts).
pick up 9 (9, 13) sts, stopping when you reach the bottom of the neck ribbing
pick up the next stitch at the TOP OF THE BACK NECK RIBBING
pick up 14 (14, 18) sts, finishing at the center underarm (25, 25, 33 st)
- 2: k around
- 3: work short row sleeve cap shaping as for left sleeve

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finishing:

- ★ fasten buttons securely to back shoulders, aligned with buttonholes (shown in pic with 1/2" star buttons atop 3/4" round buttons)