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Mitered Striped Baby Sweater

SIMPLY SOFT

designed by Diane Moyer
TECHNIQUE USED: Crochet



SIZES

12 months (24 months, 2 years, 4 years)

FINISHED MEASUREMENTS

Chest: 22 (24, 26, 28)"/56 (61, 66, 71)cm **Length:** 11 (12, 13, 14)"/28 (30.5, 33, 35.5)cm

YARN

Caron International's Simply Soft (100% Acrylic): 4 (5, 6, 7) oz (A), 4 (5, 6, 7) oz (B) Shown in: #9707 Dark Sage (A); #9730 Autumn Red (B)
One size US J-10 (6mm) crochet hook, or size to obtain gauge
One size US I-9 (5.5mm) crochet hook (for edging only)
2 buttons—1"/25mm diameter
Stitch markers

GAUGE

Yarn needle

In single crochet, 14 1/2 sts and 16 rows = 4"/10cm, using larger hook





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schematic

STITCHES USED

Chain (ch), single crochet (sc), slip stitch (sl st)

SPECIAL STITCHES

Fsc: Foundation single crochet (This technique creates a foundation chain and a row of single crochet stitches in one) –

Step 1:Place a slip knot on hook, ch 2, insert hook in 2nd ch from hook and draw up a loop; yarn over and draw through one loop on hook (the "chain"); yarn over and draw through 2 loops on hook (the "single crochet").

Step 2:Insert hook into the "chain" of the previous stitch and draw up a loop, yarn over and draw through one loop on hook (the "chain"), yarn over and draw through 2 loops on hook (the "single crochet"). Repeat for the length of foundation.

sc3tog: Single crochet 3 together—Insert hook in next stitch, yarn over and draw up a loop (2 loops on hook), [insert hook in next stitch, yarn over and draw up a loop] twice, yarn over and draw through all 4 loops on hook.

dec-1-sc: Decrease 1 single crochet—Insert hook in next stitch, yarn over and draw up a loop (2 loops on hook), insert hook in next stitch, yarn over and draw loop through stitch and through both loops on hook.

NOTES

- To change color, work last stitch of old color to last yarn over, yarn over with new color and draw through all loops on hook to complete stitch. Do not fasten off old color, until instructed. Carry color not in use neatly up the side of the piece.
- The sleeves are worked from top of sleeve (side edge of miter section) down to wrist.

BACK

Note: If you prefer to begin this piece with a traditional foundation chain, work as follows: Ch 41 (45, 49, 53). Row 1: Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each remaining ch across, turn—40 (44, 48, 52) sc. Then proceed to Row 2 of instructions.

Row 1 (RS): With larger hook and A, Fsc 40 (44, 48, 52), turn.

Row 2: Ch 1, sc in each sc across; change to B, turn.

Row 3: Ch 1, sc in each sc across, turn. Place marker on front of this row, to indicate RS of piece.

Row 4: Ch 1, sc in each sc across; change to A, turn.

Rows 5 and 6: With A, repeat Rows 3 and 4; change to B in last st of Row 6.

Rows 7-22 (22, 26, 26): Repeat last 4 rows 4 (4, 5, 5) times

Repeat Rows 3 and 4, 0 (1, 0, 1) more time(s).

You should have 11 (12, 13, 14) stripes, and piece should measure approximately 5 1/2 (6, 6 1/2, 7)"/14 (15, 16.5. 18)cm from beginning. **Note:** If you wish to work to a longer length to armhole, work more stripes, and take care to end with a WS row (ready to begin a new color).

Fasten off. Place a marker at beginning and end of last row for sleeve placement.

Shape Mitered Portion of Back

Notes:

- 1. Begin this portion with new color. If the last row was worked with A, begin this portion with B. If the last row was worked with B, begin this portion with A. Change color every other row, throughout.
- 2. If you prefer to begin with a traditional foundation chain, work as follows: With larger hook, ch 20 (22, 24, 26); join with sl st to last st of last row of back, fasten off. With larger hook, ch 21 (23, 25, 27). Row 1: Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each remaining ch across; hold back with RS facing, ready

to work across sts of last row, 2 sc in first sc of back, sc in each sc across to last sc, 2 sc in last sc of back, sc in last 20 (22, 24, 26) ch, turn—82 (90, 98, 106) sc. Then proceed to Row 2 of instructions.

Row 1 (RS): With larger hook, Fsc 20 (22, 24, 26); hold back with RS facing, ready to work across sts of last row, 2 sc in first sc of back, sc in each sc across to last sc, 2 sc in last sc of back, Fsc 20 (22, 24, 26), turn—82 (90, 98, 106) sc.

Row 2: Ch 1, sc in first 19 (21, 23, 25) sts, sc3tog, place marker in sc3tog just made, sc in next 38 (42, 46, 50) sts, sc3tog, place marker in sc3tog just made, sc in last 19 (21, 23, 25) sts, turn; change color—78 (86, 94, 102) sc.

Row 3: Ch 1, [sc in each sc to 1 st before marked sc, sc3tog, move marker to sc3tog just made] twice, sc in each sc across, turn—74 (82, 90, 98) sc.

Rows 4–20 (22, 24, 26): Repeat last row 17 (19, 21, 23) more times and continue to change color every other row, do not change color at the end of last row—6 sts.

Row 21 (23, 25, 27): Ch 1, [sc3tog] twice—2 sts. Fasten off.

LEFT FRONT

Note: If you prefer to begin this piece with a traditional foundation chain, work as follows: Ch 21 (23, 25, 27). Row 1: Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each remaining ch across, turn—20 (22, 24, 26) sc. Then proceed to Row 2 of instructions.

Row 1 (RS): With larger hook and A, Fsc 20 (22, 24, 26).

Row 2–22 (22, 26, 26): Work same as back over these 20 (22, 24, 26) sts. Repeat Rows 3 and 4, 0 (1, 0, 1) more time(s).

You should have 11 (12, 13, 14) stripes, and piece should measure approximately 5 1/2 (6, 6 1/2, 7)"/14 (15, 16.5. 18)cm from beginning. **Note:** If you worked more rows on back, work the same number of rows here. Fasten off. With RS of piece facing, place a marker on the right edge of last row for sleeve placement.

Shape Mitered Portion of Left Front

Notes:

- 1. Begin this portion with new color. If the last row was worked with A, begin this portion with B. If the last row was worked with B, begin this portion with A. Change color every other row, throughout.
- 2. If you prefer to begin with a traditional foundation chain, work as follows: With larger hook, ch 21 (23, 25, 27). Row 1: Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each remaining ch across; hold left front with RS facing, ready to work across sts of last row, 2 sc in first sc of left front, sc in each sc across left front, turn —41 (45, 49, 53) sc. Then proceed to Row 2 of instructions.

Row 1 (RS): With larger hook, Fsc 20 (22, 24, 26); hold back with RS facing, ready to work across sts of last row, 2 sc in first sc of left front, sc in each sc across, turn—41 (45, 49, 53) sc.

Row 2: Ch 1, sc in first 19 (21, 23, 25) sts, sc3tog, place marker in sc3tog just made, sc in last 19 (21, 23, 25) sts, turn; change color—39 (43, 46, 51) sc.

Row 3: Ch 1, sc in each sc to 1 st before marked sc, sc3tog, move marker to sc3tog just made, sc in each sc across, turn—37 (41, 45, 49) sc.

Rows 4–12 (13, 15, 16): Repeat last row 9 (10, 12, 13) more times and continue to change color every other row—19 (21, 21, 23) sts. Fasten off.

RIGHT FRONT

Note: If you prefer to begin this piece with a traditional foundation chain, work as follows: Ch 21 (23, 25, 27). Row 1: Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each remaining ch across, turn—20 (22, 24, 26) sc. Then proceed to Row 2 of instructions.

Row 1 (RS): With larger hook and A, Fsc 20 (22, 24, 26).

Row 2-22 (22, 26, 26): Work same as back over these 20 (22, 24, 26) sts.

Repeat Rows 3 and 4, 0 (1, 0, 1) more time(s).

You should have 11 (12, 13, 14) stripes, and piece should measure approximately 5 1/2 (6, 6 1/2, 7)"/14 (15, 16.5. 18)cm from beginning. **Note:** If you worked more rows on back, work the same number of rows here.

Do not fasten off. With RS of piece facing, place a marker on the left edge of last row for sleeve placement.

Shape Mitered Portion of Right Front

Notes:

- 1. Begin this portion with new color. If the last row was worked with A, begin this portion with B. If the last row was worked with B, begin this portion with A. Change color every other row, throughout.
- 2. If you prefer to begin with a traditional foundation chain, work as follows: Remove hook from loop (do not fasten off). With larger hook, ch 20 (22, 24, 26); join with sl st to last st of last row of right front, fasten off. Row 1: Place dropped loop back on hook, ch 1, sc in each sc across to last sc, 2 sc in last sc of right front, sc in last 20 (22, 24, 26) ch, turn—41 (45, 49, 53) sc. Then proceed to Row 2 of instructions.

Row 1 (RS): Ch 1, sc in each sc across to last sc, 2 sc in last sc, Fsc 20 (22, 24, 26), turn—41 (45, 49, 53) sc.

Row 2: Ch 1, sc in first 19 (21, 23, 25) sts, sc3tog, place marker in sc3tog just made, sc in last 19 (21, 23, 25) sts, turn; change color—39 (43, 46, 51) sc.

Row 3: Ch 1, sc in each sc to 1 st before marked sc, sc3tog, move marker to sc3tog just made, sc in each sc across, turn—37 (41, 45, 49) sc.

Rows 4–12 (13, 15, 16): Repeat last row 9 (10, 12, 13) more times and continue to change color every other row—19 (21, 21, 23) sts. Fasten off.

Sew shoulder seams, matching stripes.

SLEEVE (make 2)

Notes:

- 1. Sleeve is worked from top (side edge of miter section) down to wrist.
- 2. Begin this portion with new color. If the color at side edge of miter section is A, begin sleeve with B. If the color at side edge of miter section is B, begin sleeve with A. Change color every other row, throughout.

Row 1 (RS): With RS facing, join yarn with sl st at one of the markers on side edge, to work across side edge of miter sections, ch 1, work 40 (44, 48, 52) sc evenly spaced across to the opposite marker, turn.

Rows 2-4 (6, 4, 6): Ch 1, sc in each sc across, turn.

Row 5 (7, 5, 7) (decrease row): Ch 1, dec-1-sc, sc in each sc across to last 2 sc, dec-1-sc, turn—38 (42, 46, 50) sc.

Next 5 (7, 9, 9) Rows: Ch 1, sc in each sc across, turn.

Repeat last 6 (8, 10, 10) rows 3 more times—32 (36, 40, 44) sc.

Next Row: Ch 1, sc in each sc across, turn.

Repeat last row until sleeve measures 7 (8, 9, 10)"/18 (20.5, 23, 25.5)cm (or desired length from shoulder), end by completing 2 rows of the same color. Fasten off.

FINISHING

Sew side and sleeve seams.

Place two markers across front edge (left front for girls, right front for boys), as follows: place first marker 1/2"/1.5cm below neck edge, and 2nd button 2"/5cm below first.

Edging

With RS facing and smaller hook, join B with sl st in right side seam, sc evenly spaced all the way around all edges of sweater by working 1 sc in

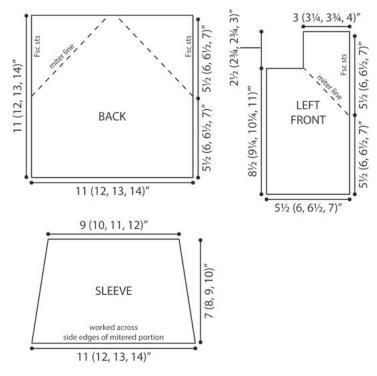
each sc and 1 sc in end of each row, working 3 sc in each corner, and working button loops at markers, as follows:

When a marker is reached, ch 6 (or number of chains needed to slip button through securely), then continue to work sc around (or to next marker). At end of round, join with sl st in first sc. Fasten off.

Sleeve Edging (optional)

With RS facing, join B with sI st in sleeve seam, work sc evenly spaced around sleeve edge; join with sI st in first sc. Fasten off.

Sew buttons on front edge, opposite button loops. Using yarn needle, weave in ends.



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