

Childs Hooded Jacket



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Double knitting wool, working 2 ends together, for age 2-3
Loose fitting, raglan sleeves, easy to knit, seed stitch edges

To fit chest size 22-24" (56-61cm)
Actual jacket size 29" (74 cm), length from back of neck 13.5" (34 cm)

Materials:

1 pair 5.5mm needles
6 x 50g balls of Double Knitting
Blacker Yarns Wool
5 toggles or buttons

Tension:

using 2 strands together 13
stitches x 20 rows in pattern = 4"
(10 cm)

Abbreviations:

K=knit, P=purl, sts= stitches,
tog.=together

Method:

BACK:

Using 2 strands together, cast on 50 sts.

Welt pattern: Row 1: K1, P1

Row 2: P1 (wool back, slip 1 knitwise, wool forward P1), repeat to last st. K1

Row 3: as row 1

Row 4: as row 2. increase in last st. change to main pattern

Main pattern: Row 1: Knit
Row 2: Purl
Row 3: K3 (P1, K3), repeat to last 3 sts., P1, K2
Row 4: Purl
Row 5: Knit
Row 6: Purl
Row 7: K5 (P1, K3), repeat to last st., K1
Row 8: Purl
Repeat rows 1-8 until work measures 9.5" (24 cm)

Shape raglan: Right side facing, continue to maintain pattern while decreasing.
Row 1: cast off 2 sts. Maintaining pattern, work to end
Row 2: cast off 2, purl to end
Row 3: K2 tog. Work to last 2 sts., K2 tog.
Row 4: Purl

Repeat rows 3 and 4 until 37 sts. Remain

Decrease at each end of every row until 15 sts.
Remain. Cast off

FRONTS:

Work two with reverse shaping to mirror each other
Using 2 strands together, cast on 26 sts.

Work 4 rows welt as for back.

Work seed stitch band of 5 sts. at centre edge of both fronts (first row K1, P1, second row P1, K1), continuing in main pattern to 9.6" (24 cm)

Shape raglan: At side edge cast off 5 sts.

Work one row without shaping

Decrease one st at side edge on next and following alternate rows to 19 sts.

Shape neck: At neck edge cast of 5 sts.

Decrease 1 st at both ends of every alternate row till 4 sts. remain

Next row: K2 tog twice

Next row: K2 tog and bind off last st

SLEEVES:

Using 2 strands together, cast on 26 sts.

Work welt as for Back.

Change to pattern and work 4 rows.

Row 5: K1, increase in the next st. Work in pattern to the last 2 sts. Increase in next st. K1

Row 6: purl

Row 7: Work pattern row

Row 8: purl

Row 9: increase at both ends of row as row 5

Row 10: purl

Repeat rows 7-10 until work measures 9.5" (24cm), total 46 sts.

Shape raglan: Maintaining pattern, decrease as follows:

Row 1: right side facing, cast of 2 sts
Work to end

Row 2: cast off 2 sts. Work to end

Decrease at each end of every row to 12 sts., then alternate rows to 10sts. Cast off

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HOOD:

Worked as one piece. Main pattern with an edging band of seed st.

Cast on 6 sts.

Row 1: (K1, P1) repeat to end

Row 2: K1, Knit twice into next st. (P1, K1) to end

Row 3: K1, P1, K1, P1, K1, purl to end of row

Row 4: (knit row) Continue, increasing 1st. at start of this and alternate rows to 14sts, introducing main 8-row pattern and maintaining 6 st seed stitch edging.

Back/side neck edge: Cast on another 18sts.

Work 6 rows in pattern

At centre back edge, increase 1 st at start of next row

Work 5 rows (work measure 3" from neck edge cast on)

At centre back increase 1 st at start of next row
Continue in pattern to 17" (43 cm) from 18 st cast on

Next row: at centre back edge K1, K2 tog. Work to end of row

Work 5 rows, then repeat decrease

Work 6 rows

Next row: at centre back edge cast off 18 sts. Work one row

Decrease on alternate rows to match other side of hood

Cast off last 6 sts.

MAKE UP:

Working on wrong side, pin or tack body pieces together. Leave hood till last. Sew body pieces in place. Fold hood in half, pin centre join on wrong side and sew. Pin centre back of hood to centre back of body. Pin or tack lower hood edge to body and sew. If liked, fold hood edge inwards and sew down lightly.

With wrong side facing, neaten all ends by threading them in. Use threads to close any gaps in knitting if seen. Press seams gently on wrong side.

Sew toggles on appropriate side for boy or girl.

Make yarn loops for other front to meet toggles.

Tassel (optional): cut a piece of card to measure 6.5" (16 cm). Using two strands together, wind yarn 10 times around card. Do not cut yarn. Tie start end of yarn to working yarn. Turn card over and cut threads opposite the tie. Bind yarn around threads to make tassel. Sew through tassel and secure.

Attach tassel to hood.

Other sizes and variations:

The jacket can be made longer in the body or sleeves without further alterations to the pattern. To make generally larger, knit on one size larger needles (but this will be a looser and less wind-proof version). To make wider, you will need to adjust the raglan sleeve and neck edge also, so it is best to add stitches in groups of 6, allowing 2 for the first part of the decreases (2 extra rows), 2 for the second part (one extra row) and leaving 2 extra at the end, which creates 3 extra rows in length. This will give around 2" (5 cm) per group of 6 stitches. If adding a larger number, you will need to increase the number decreased in the first two rows of the raglan shaping also, but you can add an extra few stitches to be left at the end, all the way up, to increase the size of the neck also. An easier way to increase the front is to make the seed stitch bands of 6 stitches wider. The jacket may be lined with a cotton or fleecy lining and the two strand knitting may be the same or different colours (or use just different colours for the welts and bands).



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