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Greenland Playtime Hoodie



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Materials: Cascade Yarn's Greenland, 100% Merino Superwash 4, 5, 6 balls
Size 7 and 9 circular needles, 24"
Stitch holder or spare size 9 circular for pocket

Abbreviations: St st = Stockinette Stitch

M1 = Pick up horizontal strand of yarn lying between stitch just worked and next st with left needle from front to back and knit into the back of it.

Garter st. = Knit every row.

Finished Measurements: 26", 28", 30"

Gauge: 4 st + 1" in st st

BODY: Sweater is worked in one piece to armholes and separated for front and back.

With size 7 needles, cast on 104, 112, 120 sts. Place marker at beginning of round and join. Work in rounds in K2, P2 ribbing, place marker half way around to separate front and back. Work ribbing for 2". Change to size 9 needles.

Create stitches for front pocket: K6, 8, 10 sts, place pocket marker, (M1, K1) 40 times, place pocket marker and complete round. Next round: Work to first pocket marker, K the M1's, sl the K1's from the previous row to a stitch holder or extra circular needle and hold in front. These will be the pocket stitches. Work body sts for 25 rows.

Pocket: Return to pocket sts on size 9 needle working back and forth, keep the first and last 5 sts in garter st (knit every row) and the center in stockinette stitch, dec 1 st on each side every 5th row 5 times by working 2 sts tog along side the garter st border. (30 sts remain) Pocket and body should be the same length.

Join Pocket to Body: On next row, work in 6, 8, 10 sts from first pocket marker on body. Holding both needles together knit the first pocket st AND the next body sts together. Repeat across joining pocket sts to body and complete row. Next 6 rows: P stitches over the pocket every other row for trim (3 ridges) Continue in st st until sweater measures 7 ½", 8 ½", 11" or desired length to armhole.

Divide for front and back: Bind off next 4 sts (all sizes) and work to next side marker. TURN. Working back and forth now on the front, bind off first 4 sts and work to end of row. Dec 1 st each side this row and every 2nd row for a total of 6, 9, 9 times as follows: K2, k2tog, k to last 3 sts, ssk, k1. Dec 1 st as above every 4th row 5, 4, 5 times AT THE SAME TIME when front measures 2 ½", 2 ½", 3" above beg of raglan shaping work garter stitch over center 10, 10, 12 sts for 1" (neck trim) then do neck shaping.

Neck Shaping:

At 3 ½", 3 ½", 4" above raglan shaping, work to center 10,10,12 sts add a second ball and bind off 10, 10, 12 sts and complete row. Work both sides at the same time and dec 1 st at neck edge every other row 6 times (all sizes).

Back: Bind off 4 sts at the beg of next two rows and complete raglan shaping as for front. Check length against front and bind off remaining sts.

Sleeves:

With size 7 needles, cast on 30, 32, 34 sts. Work in K2, P2 ribbing for 2". Change to size 9 needles and st st.

Inc 1 st each side every 6th, 6th, 8th row 5, 4, 8 times. Then every 8th, 8th 0 rows 2, 3, 0 times. Continue until sleeve measures 10, 10 ½, 13" or length to armhole.

Cap shaping: Bind off 4 sts at beg of next two rows. On next right side row, dec 1 st each side as for raglan shaping, then dec 1 st each side every 2nd row, 14, 16, 17 times.

Dec 1 st each side every 4th row 1, 0, 1 time. Bind off remaining sts.

Repeat for other sleeve.

Sew sleeve seams and sew sleeves to body.

Hood: With right side facing and size 9 needles, pick up and knit starting on the 6th, 6th, 7th st of front neck sts, pick up 5, 5, 6 sts, 16, 16, 18 side neck sts, (11, 11, 12) back neck sts, place marker for center back, 2nd half of neck sts to next shoulder, 16, 16, 18 side neck sts and remaining front neck sts. Working back and forth, keeping the first and last 5 sts in garter st and hood in st st, Inc 1 st each side of the marker every 6, 5, 7 rows 2, 3, 2 times, then every 7, 6, 8 rows 4, 5, 4 times.

Work even for 1" then dec 1 st on each side of marker every other right side row until hood measures 11 ½", 12 ½", 13". Bind off.

Sew seam for hood.

Weave in all ends and steam slightly if necessary.

Put it on someone cute and go out and play.