

Poncho Zillah

Size 12 months

- US size 7 circular needle
- “Vintage” by Berroco, 2 skeins of same or complimentary colors.
- 5 buttons



Named for my niece Zillah, for whom this wee poncho was designed and made, this poncho is knitted from the top down. It begins with a garter stitch rectangle for the hood, which is folded, then stitches picked up to knit the poncho in the round.

Hood:

CO 54. Knit back and forth in garter stitch (knit every row) until you have 54 garter stitch ridges on each side. Bind off.

Fold the resulting rectangle in half and sew up one side, leaving the cast on and bind off edges as the portion of the hood that will attach to the poncho. Fold 2 inches of the open edge back as shown.

Pick up and knit 54 stitches along the bottom of the hood, being sure to pick up both layers of the folded portion of the hood. Cast on 15 stitches. Turn work.

1. Knit to end of row. Turn work.
2. repeat row 1.
3. Knit 4. Cast off 3 stitches, and knit to end. Turn work.

4. Knit to cast off stitches, cast on 3 stitches, knit 3. Turn work.
5. Knit to end of row. Turn work
6. Repeat row 5.
7. Cast off 10 stitches. Knit to end of row, then join to work in the round at the first stitch past the bound off stitches. You've now created a button tab closure at the neck of the poncho, and should have 60 stitches forming the neck opening.

Body:

1st round: k10, pm, k15, pm, k15, pm, k15, pm, k5 to end round at first pm.

Rounds 2 +: continue to knit in the round, increasing every 3rd round (knit 2 rounds, knit increase round, knit 2 rounds... etc.) as follows:

*k to one stitch before marker, m1, k1, slip marker, k1, m1. repeat from * to end of round.

Repeat rounds and increase rounds until the body of the poncho reaches 6 inches long from the neck.

Bottom border:

1. k around
2. p around
3. repeat row 1
4. repeat row 2
5. bind off

Finishing: weave in all ends. Crochet around button tab edge and button hole if desired. make a pompom for the hood. Sew a button at the neck tab, and sew a button on each side at the wrist to create a small armhole opening on each side, which will keep baby's hands from getting lost in the poncho. Soak and block, laying flat to dry.