

Vintage Rocks Baby

US size 3/3.25mm and US size 5/3.75mm needles

Dalegarn Baby Ull (or other similar fingering weight yarn) – 2 skeins (250 yards)



This pattern is my knitted version take of a crocheted baby sweater from a 1954 magazine. It's kind of a rough version but since it's a pretty simple pattern, I'm not planning on refining it any more. You can make adjustments to the dimensions as you feel are necessary to fit the size you want to make. To make a larger size, use larger size needles. To make a smaller size, use smaller size needles. Make sure the needles for the bodice are at least 2 sizes smaller than the needles for the skirt.

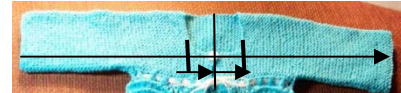
Bodice

With smaller needles, cast on 45 stitches.

Knit in garter stitch until piece measures 8 inches.

Next row: Knit 10 stitches then move them to a stitch holder. Bind off the next 13 stitches. Knit 22 stitches. (The uninterrupted edge will be the back edge.)

Continue in garter stitch over the 22 stitches for 4 inches.



Next row (starting at the back edge): Knit 22, cast on 13 stitches. Hold on needle.

With the second skein of yarn, cast on 10 stitches. Knit in garter stitch until piece measures 2 inches, ending with stitches on empty needle. Cut yarn leaving a tail to be worked in later.

With yarn being worked on the 35 stitches, knit these 10 stitches off. This gives you 45 stitches back on the needle.

Work in garter stitch until piece measures 8 inches from the cast on edge of the neckline. The piece should measure 20 inches from the beginning.

Bind off using a loose bind off method (see the end for recommended bind off method).

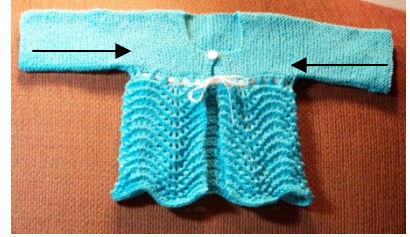
Move the 10 stitches from the stitch holder to the needles. Being sure to keep the garter pattern, attach the yarn and knit in garter pattern for 2 inches. If you want to make a button hole, work a yarn over/K2together at the top edge (neckline) of the next to the last row. Bind off using a loose bind off. Work in tail ends of yarn.

Fold the fabric over along the long edge so that the neck opening is properly positioned. Sew each sleeve to six inches from the respective end (as shown in the picture).

Skirt

With right side facing and smaller needles (or crochet hook), pick up 110 stitches around the bottom of the bodice as follows:

27 stitches from side section, 28 stitches from the underarm seam to the middle of the back, 28 stitches from the middle of the back to the underarm seam, 27 stitches from the side section.



Knit 1 row.

Next row: K1, *yo, K2tog*, repeat to the last stitch, K1

(For a fuller skirt, on the next row make increases evenly across sections as follows: 5 in side section, 4 in each of the back sections, 5 in side section. This will add one more pattern repeat – the feather and fan pattern is worked over 18 stitches.)

Next row: Purl

Change to larger needles and begin feather and fan pattern as follows:

Row 1: Knit

Row 2: Purl

Row 3: K1, *K2tog 3 times, (yo, K1) 6 times, K2tog 3 times*, repeat stitches between asterisks to last stitch, K1

Row 4: Knit

Repeat pattern until skirt measures 6 ½ inches from bodice. Again this measurement is easy to adjust by knitting more or fewer pattern repeats.

Knit 2 rows. Bind off loosely.

Recommended bind off:

K2, move 2 stitches back to left hand needle, K2tog; K1(making 2 stitches on the right hand needle), move both stitches back to left needle and K2tog. Continue repeating this step until all stitches are bound off.

Measure a piece of ribbon that will thread through the eyelets just under the bodice section, leaving 4-6 inches on each side for ties.

Sew a button to the top of the neck section (see picture). I used a ½" (12mm) button and made the button hole by stretch out a stitch on the opposite neck edge. Alternately, you could sew ribbon to either side of the neck opening as ties.

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