

SWING THING



yarn

- Heavy worsted/aran weight yarn
- Sample made with Peace Fleece worsted
- Approximately 200 yds to 4 ozs
- Requires 3 (3, 4, 5) skeins/500 (600, 725, 900) yards

gauge

- 16 sts and 24 rows = 4"10cm in stockinette st

materials

- US 8/5.0mm 24" or 32" circulars
- US 8/5.0mm double pointed ndls
- 3 stitch markers + 2 stitch holders
- US F/5 (3.75mm) crochet hook
- 5 yards of 1/4" grosgrain ribbon,
- 2 hanks of embroidery thread
- embroidery needle
- sewing needle and thread

sizing

- To fit approximate age 0-1 yr (1-2 yr, 2-3 yr, 3-4 yr)
- Finished chest: 22 (24, 26, 28)"/ 56 (60, 66, 71)cm

notes

This swingy sweater coat reminds me of the dress-up coats my mom would buy for Christmas. I always felt like a princess in my fancy coat! The yoke is a simple garter stitch fancied up with ribbon and simple cross-stitch embroidery. Monkey's fist button made with the same yarn complete the look and are easy for fast dressing of squirmy toddlers. Knit from the top down, this garment is completely seamless. You will begin at the neck and work spaced increase rows for the yoke. Once the yoke is complete, you will split the sleeves from the body, and continue working the body to the bottom edge. You will then go back and complete the sleeves.

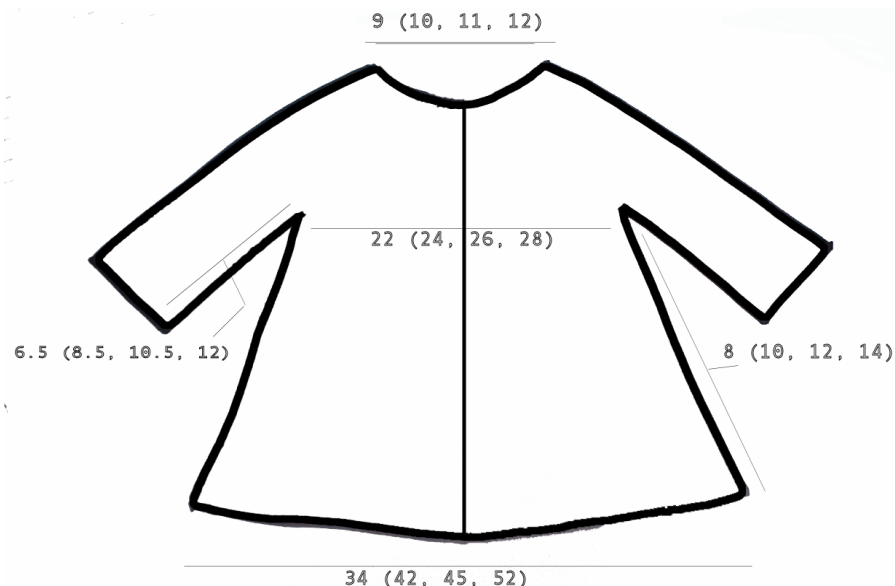
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Save time by taking the time to do a gauge swatch

If you do not achieve the stated gauge with size 8 ndls, switch your ndl size and work another swatch. If you have too few stitches per inch, go down in size to size 7 ndls. If you have too many stitches per inch, go up in size to size 9 ndls.

schematic



yoke

Cast on 36 (40, 44, 48) stitches.

Work garter st for 6 (6, 8, 8) rows.

[RS] *Yoke Increase Row 1*: K 4, *k1, KFB; repeat from * to last 4 st, k4. [You will now have 50 (56, 62, 68) stitches]

K 4, p to last 4, k 4.

Work garter st for 6 (6, 8, 8) rows.

Repeat *Yoke Increase Row 1*. [You will now have 71 (80, 89, 98) stitches]

K 4, p to last 4, k 4.

Work garter st for 6 (6, 8, 8) rows.

Yoke Increase Row 2: K 4, *k 2, KFB; repeat from * to last 4, k 4. [You will now have 92 (104, 116, 128) stitches]

K 4, p to last 4, k 4.

Work garter st for 6 (6, 8, 8) rows.

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| Abbreviations | st(s) | Stitch(es) | KFB | Knit front and back Knit the st, leaving it on the ndl, then knit it again through the back loop (increases 1 st) |
| | Ndl(s) | Needle(s) | | |
| | KRL | Knit right loop Insert right ndl into right loop of st below the next st, place it on the left ndl and knit it, then knit the next st | Garter st | Knit every row |
| | | | Round garter st | Knit one rnd, purl one rnd |
| | KLL | Knit left loop Insert left needle into st two rows below the first st on the right needle and knit it | St st | Stockinette stitch Knit right side rows, purl wrong side rows |
| | | | Rnd(s) | Round(s) |

Repeat *Yoke Increase Row 1*. [You will now have 134 (152, 170, 188) stitches.]

K 4, p to last 4, k 4.

Work garter st for 6 (6, 8, 8) rows.

Cont in st st for 2 (6, 6, 10) rows.

body

Row 1 (RS): K 47 (54, 61, 68), place previous 27 (32, 37, 42) stitches on a stitch holder for sleeve, k 20 (22, 24, 26), place marker, k 47 (54, 61, 68), place previous 27 (32, 37, 42) stitches on a stitch holder for sleeve, k 20 (22, 24, 26).

Row 2: K 4, purl to holder, cast on 2, place maker, cast on 2, p 40 (44, 48, 52), cast on 2, place marker, cast on 2, p to last 4, k 4. [You will now have 88 (96, 104, 112) stitches total; 22 (24, 26, 28) for left front, 44 (48, 52, 56) for back and 22 (24, 26, 28) for right front.]

The first 4 stitches and last 4 stitches of every row are worked in garter st for the front bands. It may be helpful to place a marker after the fourth stitch to be sure you remember to switch back to st st.

Work st st for two rows.

Body Increase Row: K5, KLL, knit to one stitch before marker, KRL, k1, slip marker, k1, KLL, k to one stitch before next marker, KRL, k 1, slip marker, k1, KLL, k to one stitch before next marker, KRL, k 1, slip marker, k1, KLL, knit to last 5 stitches, KRL, knit 5.

*Work st st for 5 rows. Repeat *Body Increase Row*; repeat from * until you have 136 (160, 184, 208) stitches.

Work st st for 2 rows.

Work garter st for 6 (6, 8, 8) rows.

Work st st for 2 rows.

Work garter st for 5 (5, 7, 7) rows. Cast off loosely in purl.

sleeves

The sleeve instructions are identical for both, except for the very beginning. For left sleeve: With back RS facing, pick up and knit left sleeve's stitches off holder.

For right sleeve: With front RS facing, pick up and knit right sleeve's stitches off holder.

Follow the rest of the instructions for both sleeves.

Pick up 4 stitches at the underarm (one in each of the cast on stitches on the body). Place a marker and join to work in the round.

Knit every round for 4.5 (6.5, 8.5, 10) " / 12 (16, 21, 25) cm (measured from picked up stitches at underarm.)

Work round garter st for 6 (6, 8, 8) rounds.

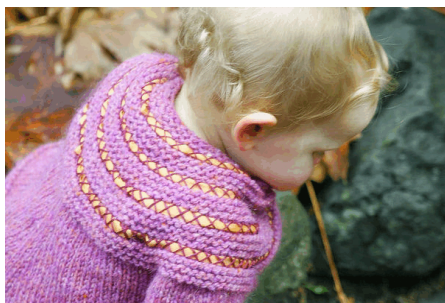
Knit 2 rounds.

Work round garter st for 5 (5, 7, 7) rounds.

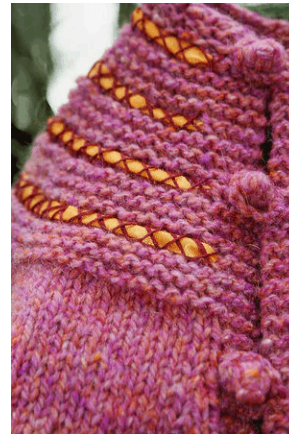
Cast off loosely in purl.

finishing

Yoke Embroidery: Beginning at the top stockinette "ditch" in the yoke, hold the ribbon in place next to the front band. Take a 2" tail of the ribbon and thread it through a stitch in the fabric (in the first stitch in from the garter edge) to the back of the work. Using needle and thread, tack the ribbon down to the back of the work. Thread embroidery floss in embroidery needle and work 2 stitch cross-stitches while holding the ribbon in place in the stockinette "ditch" on the yoke. You will start one stitch in from the garter front band, working over the shoulder, around the back and over the second shoulder, finishing the last cross stitch one stitch in from the garter front band. Cut the ribbon, leaving a 2" tail that you will pop through the fabric to the back, where you will use needle and thread to tack it down securely. Repeat this process for the remaining three "ditches".



(You may also work the embroidery cross-stitches without the ribbon or skip the embroidery completely and just leave the yoke plain)



Money's fist buttons

(Make 5)

The instructions here: <http://www.igkt.net/beginners/monkeys-fist.html> are FAR better than any I could come up with, so I urge you to follow them. The only alteration to these instructions I made for these buttons was to work in a set of 4 instead of 3; this made the button a bit larger which is what you want.

Using the tails from making the knot, sew the bottoms securely to the left front band, three stitches in from the edge. Be sure to space the buttons evenly!

Bottom loops

You will work 5 button loops to close over the money's fists. Using the sewn-on buttons as a guide, mark the right front band where the loops will go with safety pins. Using the crochet hook, pick up both legs of the second stitch in from the edge (do not pick up one of the ridge stitches, but instead from the smooth V's - see the picture at bottom left) Chain 10, then insert hook back into the same stitch you started in, but from the opposite direction (see picture in middle). Slip stitch to secure, cut the yarn and weave in the end. Repeat this process for each loop. See picture at bottom right for completed loop.



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