



The Mothers' Union, Diocese of Peterborough

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Hand knitting

The hand-knitted children's tops come in two styles. A is a four-piece top which involves knitting the sleeves separately, and sewing them in. B is a simpler style, knitted in just two pieces, and joined at the seams. The choice is yours. Both look good and fit well.

A SIZES

Chest 22 (24, 26, 28, 30, 32) inches
Length 13 (15, 16, 18, 19, 21) inches

Materials – Approx 200 (225, 275, 300, 350, 375) gms of Double Knitting yarn in any (or many) colours. No. 8 needles (4 mm).

BACK AND FRONT ALIKE

Cast on 60 (66, 70, 76, 80, 86) and rib (K1/P1) 12 rows.

Continue in stocking stitch until work measures 12½ (14, 15½, 17, 18½, 20) inches.

Rib 8 rows, then cast off loosely.

SLEEVES

Cast on 60 (64, 70, 74, 80, 84) and rib 8 rows.

Continue in stocking stitch until work measures 4½ (5, 5½, 6, 6½, 7) inches.

Cast off loosely.

MAKING UP

Join shoulder seams leaving neck opening 7½ (7½, 8, 8, 8½, 8½) ins. across.

Join cast off edges of sleeves to sides of garment.

Join sleeve and side seams.

Note: It is vital that the sleeves and body are firmly sewn together. The garments will get good use and they need to be tough.

Children's tops

B SIZES

Chest 22 (24 26 28 30 32) inches
Length 13½ (15 16½ 18 19½ 21) inches
Sleeve seam 5 (6 6½ 7 7½ 8) inches

Materials – Approx 200 (225 275 300 350 375) gm of Double Knitting yarn in any (or many) colours. One pair each of Nos 10 (3¼mm) and 8 (4mm) needles.

BACK AND FRONT ALIKE

With No. 10 (3¼mm) needles, cast on 60 (66 70 76 80 86) and knit 10 rows.

Change to No. 8 (4mm) needles and continue in stocking stitch (one row knit and one row purl) until work measures 8 (9½ 10½ 12 13 14½) inches, ending with right side facing.

Cast on 26 (30 32 36 38 40) at beginning of next two rows, for sleeves. 112 (126 134 148 156 166) stitches in total.

Next row slip 1 stitch knitwise, knit to end.

Repeat last row until work measures 13½ (15 16½ 18 19½ 21) inches. Cast off.

MAKING UP

Join shoulder and upper sleeve seams, leaving 7½ (7½ 8 8 8½ 8½) inches open at centre for the neck.