



Child's Striped Cardigan Knitting Pattern

Skill Level

Easy

Sizes

Child: 2 (4, 6, 8) years

- Finished Chest: 23 (26 1/2, 29 1/2, 32 1/2) in. (58.5 (67.5, 75, 82.5) cm)

- Finished Length: 13 (14, 15, 17) in. (33 (35.5, 38, 43) cm)



Materials

- Yarn A (Toffee): 1 (2, 2, 2) balls
- Yarn B (Beige): 1 (2, 2, 2) balls
- Yarn C (Dusty Rose): 1 (2, 2, 2) balls
- Knitting Needles: Size 9 [5.5 mm]
- Large-Eye Blunt Needle (for finishing)
- 5 buttons, 1/2 in. (13 mm) diameter

Gauge

16 sts + 26 rows = 4 in. (10 cm) in Color Stripe pattern.

Check your gauge: Adjust needle size if necessary to match.

Abbreviations

- beg = begin(ning)
- k = knit
- k2tog = knit 2 together
- p = purl
- rep = repeat
- RS = right side
- st(s) = stitch(es)
- WS = wrong side
- yo = yarn over

Stitch Patterns

K1, p1 Rib (even number of sts)

Row 1: *K1, p1; rep from * to end.

Row 2: Knit the knit sts and purl the purl sts.
Repeat Row 2.

K1, p1 Rib (odd number of sts)

Row 1: K1, *p1, k1; rep from * to end.
Row 2: Knit the knit sts and purl the purl sts.
Repeat Row 2.

Color Stripe Pattern

Rows 1 & 3 (RS): With B, knit.
Rows 2 & 4: With B, purl.
Rows 5–12: With C, knit.
Rows 13 & 15: With B, knit.
Rows 14 & 16: With B, purl.
Rows 17–24: With A, knit.
Repeat Rows 1–24.

Notes

1. Cardigan is worked in 5 pieces: Back, 2 Fronts, and 2 Sleeves.
2. "Work even" means to continue without increasing or decreasing.
3. For Back neck, use separate yarn balls for each side.

Instructions

Back

- With A, cast on 48 (54, 62, 66) sts.
- Work K1, p1 Rib for 1 in. (2.5 cm).
- Next Row (WS): Purl.
- Change to B.
- Work in Color Stripe pattern until 12 1/2 (13 1/2, 14 1/2, 16 1/2) in. (32 (34.5, 37, 42) cm), ending with a WS row.

Shape Neck

- Next Row (RS): Work 14 (16, 18, 20) sts, bind off center 20 (22, 26, 26) sts, work remaining 14 (16, 18, 20) sts.
- Continue both sides separately in Color Stripe pattern until length is 13 (14, 15, 17) in. (33 (35.5, 38, 43) cm).
- Bind off.

Left Front

- With A, cast on 22 (26, 28, 32) sts.
- Work same as Back until 11 (12, 13, 15) in. (28 (30.5, 33, 38) cm), ending with a RS row.

Shape Neck

- Next Row (WS): Bind off 5 (6, 6, 8) sts.

- At neck edge, decrease 1 st every other row 3 (4, 4, 4) times – 14 (16, 18, 20) sts remain.
 - Work even until same length as Back.
 - Bind off.
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Right Front

Work as for Left Front, reversing shaping.

Sleeves

- With A, cast on 26 (26, 30, 30) sts.
- Work in K1, p1 Rib for 1 in. (2.5 cm).
- Next Row (WS): Purl.
- Change to B. Work 2 rows in Color Stripe pattern.

Increase Rows

- Inc 1 st each side, then inc 1 st each side every 4th row 6 (6, 5, 5) times – 40 (40, 42, 42) sts.
 - Then inc 1 st each side every 6th row 3 (4, 4, 5) times – 46 (48, 50, 52) sts.
 - Work even until 11 (12, 13, 14) in. (28 (30.5, 33, 35.5) cm).
 - Bind off.
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Finishing

Shoulders & Neckband

- Sew shoulder seams.
- With A, pick up 52 (58, 62, 66) sts along neck edge.
- Row 1 (WS): P 25 (28, 30, 32), p2tog, p to end – 51 (57, 61, 65) sts.
- Work K1, p1 Rib for 1 in. (2.5 cm). Bind off.

Buttonband

- With A, pick up 49 (53, 57, 65) sts along Right Front edge for boys or Left Front edge for girls.
- Work K1, p1 Rib for 1 in. (2.5 cm). Bind off.

Buttonhole Band

- With A, pick up 49 (53, 57, 65) sts along opposite Front edge.
- Work K1, p1 Rib for 3 rows.
- Buttonhole Row (RS): K1, k2tog, yo, *k9 (10, 11, 13), k2tog, yo; rep from * 3 times, k2.
- Bind off.

Assembly

- Mark 5 1/2 (6, 6, 6 1/2) in. (14 (15, 15, 16.5) cm) from shoulder seams along sides.
 - Sew sleeves between markers.
 - Sew sleeve and side seams.
 - Sew buttons opposite buttonholes.
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