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## Knit Child's Cardigan

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INTERMEDIATE



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**Directions are for 6 months; changes for 9, 12, and 18 months are in parentheses.**

**MODA DEA™ "Cutesie"™**, Art. R129  
(1.76 ounce/46 yard ball): 3 (4, 4, 5) Balls  
No. 3641 Minty.

**Knitting Needles:** 5.5mm [US 9] and 8mm [US 11].  
**Crochet Hook:** 5.5mm [US I-9].  
Yarn needle, 2 stitch holders, two 5/8" buttons,  
sewing needle and thread.

**GAUGE:** 13 sts = 4"; 15 rows = 4" in St st on larger  
needles. **CHECK YOUR GAUGE. Use any size  
needles to obtain the gauge.**

**To Fit Chest:** 18 (19, 20, 22)"  
**Finished Chest:** 21 (22, 23, 25)".

**BACK:** With larger needles, cast on 34 (36, 38,  
42) sts. Purl 2 rows. Change to St st, beg K row  
(Right Side), and work even until 6 (6 1/2, 7, 8)"  
from beg, end P row.

**Shape Armholes:** Bind off 3 sts at beg of next 2  
rows – 28 (30, 32, 36) sts. Dec 1 st each end of  
next 2 K rows – 24 (26, 28, 32) sts. Work even  
until armhole measures 3 1/2 (3 3/4, 4, 4 1/2)"  
end P row.

**Divide for Neck/Shape Shoulder:** K9 (9, 10,  
11) sts; turn and put rem sts on a holder. P 1 row. K  
to last 2 sts; k2tog – 8 (8, 9, 10) sts. P 1 row. Bind off.

Leave center 6 (8, 8, 10) sts on a holder; join yarn  
to rem sts and complete to correspond to first  
side reversing shaping.

**LEFT FRONT:** With larger needles, cast on 15 (15,  
16, 17) sts. P 1 row.

**Next Row (Wrong Side):** K2, P to end.

**Next Row (Right Side):** K.  
Rep last 2 rows until 6 (6 1/2, 7, 8)" from beg, end  
wrong side row.

**Shape Armhole:** Bind off 3 sts at beg of next  
row. Work 1 row. Dec 1 st at beg of next 2 K rows –  
10 (10, 11, 12) sts. Work even until left front meas-  
ures same as back to left shoulder. Bind off.

**(Note:** Left Front shoulder has 2 more stitches  
than Left Back shoulder.)

**RIGHT FRONT:** With larger needles, cast on 26  
(28, 30, 34) sts. P 1 row.

**Next Row (Wrong Side):** P to last 4 sts; K4.

**Next Row (Right Side):** K.  
Rep last 2 rows until 6 (6 1/2, 7, 8)" from beg,  
end K row.

**Shape Armhole:** Bind off 3 sts at beg of next  
row. Dec 1 st at end of next 2 K rows – 21 (23, 25,  
29) sts. Work even until armhole measures 3 (3  
1/4, 3 1/2, 4)", end K row.

**Shape Neck:** P9 (9, 10, 11); turn and put rem sts  
on a holder. Dec 1 st at beg of next row – 8 (8, 9,  
10) sts. Work even until piece measures same as  
back to shoulder. Bind off.  
Leave next 6 (8, 8, 10) sts on holder; join yarn to  
rem sts, work to end. Dec 1 st at neck edge on  
next row – 5 (7, 7, 9) sts. Work even until piece  
measures same as back to shoulder. Bind off.

**SLEEVES:** With larger needles, cast on 16 (16, 18,  
20) sts. P 2 rows. Change to St st, beg K row, and  
shape sides by inc 1 st each end of next row, then  
every 4th row until there are 28 (30, 32, 36) sts.  
P 1 row.

**Shape Cap:** Bind off 3 sts at beg of next 2 rows –  
22 (24, 26, 30) sts. Bind off 2 sts at beg of every  
row until 10 (12, 14, 14) sts remain. **Next Row:**  
[K2tog] 5 (6, 7, 7) times – 5 (6, 7, 7) sts. Bind off.

**FINISHING:** Sew shoulder seams (do not sew left  
shoulder of the Right Front). Sew side and sleeve  
seams. Set in sleeves.

**Neck Edging:** With right side facing and smaller  
needles, pick up and K37 (39, 41, 45) sts evenly  
spaced around neckline (do not pick up sts  
across the 2 extra sts of Left Front). K 3 rows. Bind  
off loosely. Sew row ends of Neck Edging at left to  
the 2 extra stitches of Left Front.

**Button Loops:** Mark positions for 2 button loops  
at top of right front shoulder edge. With right side  
facing and crochet hook, join yarn to shoulder  
edge; ch 1, [sc to marker, ch 3] twice, sc to end.  
Fasten off. Sew buttons to left back shoulder  
seam to correspond to loops.

**ABBREVIATIONS:** **beg** = beginning; **ch** = chain;  
**dec** = decrease; **inc** = increase; **K** = knit;  
**mm** = millimeters; **P** = purl; **pat** = pattern;  
**rem** = remaining; **rep** = repeat; **sc** = single cro-  
chet; **St st** = Stockinette stitch (K 1 row; P 1 row);  
**st(s)** = stitch (es); **tog** = together; **[ ]** = work direc-  
tions in brackets the number of times specified.

