

# WATERMELON BABY CARDIGAN



## Size

Newborn to approx. 3 months

## Features

- Pretty little sleeveless summer baby cardigan
- Knitted in one piece from the neck down so no seaming required
- Yoke increases are done with eyelets to look like watermelon seeds
- Simple garter stitch neck, bottom of yoke and bottom edge, rest in stocking stitch (stockinette) with 5-stitch garter stitch button/buttonhole bands

## Materials

- 4mm knitting needles
- 3 small pearl buttons
- 50g green double knitting yarn
- 25g pink or red double knitting yarn
- small amount cream double knitting yarn

*I used James C Brett Cotton On in pink shade CO6, cream shade CO2 and variegated lime green shade CO20*

## Gauge

22 stitches and 28 rows for a 10x10cm tension square using 4mm needles

## Abbreviations

K = knit

P = purl

YO = yarn over

K2tog = knit two together (decrease)

Kfb = knit into front and back of stitch (increase)

Stocking stitch (stockinette) = 1 row knit (right side), 1 row purl (wrong side)

## INSTRUCTIONS

**With pink or red yarn**, and starting at neck edge, cast on 59 stitches

Work rows as follows:

1. Knit (right side facing)
2. Knit
3. **BUTTON HOLE** K2, YO, K2 tog, knit to end
4. Knit
5. Knit
6. K5, purl to last 5 sts, K5
7. Knit
8. K5, purl to last 5 sts, K5
9. **EYELET ROW** K8, (YO, K3, YO, K2) to last 6 sts, K6 **increase by 18 = 77 sts**
10. K5, purl to last 5 sts, K5
11. **BUTTON HOLE** K2, YO, K2 tog, knit to end
12. K5, purl to last 5 sts, K5
13. **EYELET ROW** K7, (YO, K3, YO, K4) to last 7 sts, YO, K7 **increase by 19 = 96 sts**
14. K5, purl to last 5 sts, K5
15. Knit
16. K5, purl to last 5 sts, K5
17. **EYELET ROW** K9, (YO, K5, YO, K4,) to last 6 sts, K6 **increase by 18 = 114 stitches**
18. K5, purl to last 5 sts, K5
19. **BUTTON HOLE** K2, YO, K2 tog, knit to end
20. K5, purl to last 5 sts, K5
21. **EYELET ROW** K7, (YO, K5, YO, K6) to last 8 sts, YO, K8 **increase by 19 = 133 stitches**
22. K5, purl to last 5 sts, K5
23. **Change to cream yarn** and knit across row
24. K5, purl to last 5 sts, K5
25. **Change to green yarn** and knit across row
26. Knit
27. Knit
28. Knit
29. **CAST OFF FOR CAP SLEEVES** – K22, cast off 25 sts loosely, K39, cast off 25 sts loosely, K21 **50 sts cast off = 83 sts**
30. Knit across all stitches
31. **INCREASE FOR BODY** K5, (Kfb, K1) to last 6 sts, Kfb, K5 **increase by 37 = 120 sts**
32. K5, purl to last 5 sts, K5

- This completes the patterning and shaping. Now just continue in stocking stitch (stockinette) maintaining the 5 stitch garter borders until one inch from desired length (I did 28 rows)
- Finish with 6 knit rows for bottom edge (3 garter ridges)
- Cast off loosely
- Weave in ends
- To finish, add three buttons