

# No-Sew Hooded Baby Cardigan

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- Size: Small (3-6 mo)= fits 17" chest  
Medium (6-9 mo)= fits 18" chest  
Large (9-12 mo)= fits 19" chest  
XL (18 mo)= fits 20" chest
- Skill Level: Intermediate  
3-needle bind off  
directional decreases  
picking up stitches  
working on DPNs or 2 circular needles
- Supplies: 3 (3, 3, 4) balls Dale of Norway Baby Ull (192yd/175m per ball) fingering weight yarn  
or 1 (1, 2, 2) skeins Lion Brand Babysoft (459 yd/420m per skein)  
Size US3 straight or circular and double pointed (or a second set or circular) needles  
Stitch markers  
Stitch holders (6)  
4 (4, 5, 5) Buttons and/or 4 (4, 5, 5)" zipper
- Gauge: 28 st =4" (34 rows- vertical gauge is not as important on this piece.)

Please see end of pattern for list of abbreviations

I wanted to knit a baby sweater for my best friend's new baby boy. I'm lazy. I HATE finishing. I had to find a way to make this work for me. So I figured out how to knit a baby hoodie with no seams to sew at the end. My original sweater was knit in a striped pattern (16 row repeat: 8 rows MC, 3 rows CCI, 2 rows CC2, 3 rows CC1). This written pattern shows no color changes. It is a simple pattern to add your own stripes, intarsia or fair isle to. It also looks nice with the bottom ribbing and sleeve ribbing in a contrast color and the rest in a solid or entirely worked in one color. Do remember (as I ~~didn't~~ on my prototype) that if you put eight million stripes in the sweater, the kazillion little ends to weave in when you're done sort of take away from the novelty of the "no sew" sweater.

CO 144 (152, 160, 168)

## Bottom Ribbing:

Row 1: (RS) K7, PM, (K2, P2) across until 7st rem, PM, K7

Row 2: (WS) K7, SM, (P2, K2) across to second marker, SM, K7

Rep rows 1&2 of ribbing pattern until piece measures 1" from bottom and begin body, ending with row 2. If you are adding buttons, see button option below for Row 3 and remainder.

## Button option:

AT SAME TIME, Work 4 (4, 5, 5) buttonholes evenly on each 7 st GS border as follows:

Row 3: (RS) K3, K2tog, YO, K2, (K2, P2) across to marker, SM, K2, K2tog, YO, K3

Row 4: (WS) rep row 2

Rep rows 1&2 for 1 inch, ending with a Row 2

All other buttonhole rows: (RS) K3, K2tog, YO, K2, K across to marker, SM, K2, K2tog, YO, K3

Rep rows 2&1 for 1 inch, ending with a Row 2.

Continue in this manner, adding a buttonhole row every inch until sweater has 4 (4, 5, 5) buttonholes on each side.

Putting buttonholes on both side makes the sweater interchangeable between girls and boys. When you know what gender the baby is, you can sew the buttons on the appropriate side and tack shut the unneeded buttonholes. If the sweater is passed down to a sibling of the other gender, you can easily change the side the buttons are on. Boys' clothing generally has the holes on the right side, while girls' are on the left.

## Body:

Row 1: (RS) K across





Split for armhole

Row 2: (WS) K7, SM, P across to second marker, SM, K7  
Rep rows 1 & 2 of body until piece measures 5 (5 ½, 6, 6 ½)'' from bottom, ending with row 2

**Right front armhole/shoulder:**

Row 1: (RS) K36 (38, 40, 42), turn  
Row 2: (WS) P across to marker, SM, K7  
Rep rows 1 & 2 of shoulder until piece measures 2 (2 ¼, 2 ½, 2 ¾)'' from beg of armhole, ending with row 2



Neckline decreases

**Begin right neckline decreases:**

Row 1: (RS) K7, SSK, K across  
Row 2: (WS) P across to marker, slip marker, K7  
Repeat rows 1 & 2 of neckline decrease until 26 (28, 30, 32) st rem (including 7 GS border st on edge) and work even until piece measures 4 ½ (4 ¾, 5, 5 ¼)'' from beg of shoulder.  
Slip 7 GS border st to st holder and rem neck st to another st holder.

**Sweater Back/armhole:**

Join yarn on RS at back of right armhole.  
Row 1: (RS) K72 (76, 80, 84) Turn  
Row 2: (WS) P72 (76, 80, 84) Turn  
Continue in st st until back measures 4 ½ (4 ¾, 5, 5 ¼)'' from beg of back/armhole.  
Place all back sts on st holder.



Back

**Left Front Armhole/Shoulder:**

Join yarn on RS at armhole edge.  
Row 1: (RS) K across rem 36 (38, 40, 42) st  
Row 2: (WS) K7, sl marker, P across  
Repeat rows 1 & 2 of shoulder until piece measures 2 (2 ¼, 2 ½, 2 ¾)'' from beg of armhole



Three needle bind off

**Begin left neckline decreases:**

Row 1: (RS) K across to 1 st before marker, K2TOG, K7  
Row 2: (WS) K7, slip marker, P across  
Repeat rows 1 & 2 of neckline decrease until 26 (28, 30, 32) st (including 7 GS border st on edge) and work even until piece measures 4 ½ (4 ¾, 5, 5 ¼)'' from beg of shoulder.  
Slip 7 GS border st to st holder and rem neck st to another st holder.

**Seam Shoulders:**

Slip st from left shoulder st holder (NOT the 7 GS border st) to a dpn and 19 (21, 23, 25) st from left side of back to another dpn. Work 3-needle BO for shoulder seam.  
Repeat on opposite side for right shoulder seam.



Shoulder seam

**Begin Hood:**

Place all remaining live sts to straight (or circular) needle, pick up 3 st along shoulder seam between 7 GS border st and live back sts, placing st markers to note GS border st. (It's a good idea to knit through the back loop of the picked up sts when knitting them in the first row.)

Row 1: (RS) K7, slip marker, Inc 1, K across until 1 st remains before marker, inc 1, slip marker, K7

Row 2: (WS) K7, slip marker, P across to second marker, slip marker, K7

Rows 3-16: rpt rows 1 & 2 of hood

Row 17: (RS) K7, PM, (K2, P2) across until 7st remain, PM, K7

Row 18: (WS) K7, slip marker, (P2, K2) across to second marker, slip marker, K7

Rpt rows 17 & 18 until hood measures 7 ½ (7 ¾, 8, 8 ¼)''.

Split sts evenly on two needles and work three needle bind off to create top seam of hood.



Begin hood



**Sleeves:**

With DPN, P/U 48 (52, 56, 60)st around armhole, beginning at underarm  
 . Work around in st st until sleeve measures 7 (7 ½, 8, 8 ½)". Work 1" of 2x2 ribbing.  
 BO.

**Finishing:**

Weave in all loose ends and block.

If using buttons, sew buttons along right front edge in line with buttonholes. If using zipper, sew zipper in front opening.

**Abbreviations:**

CO.....Cast on	MC.....Main Color	CC.....Contrast Color
K.....Knit	PM.....Place Marker	P.....Purl
SM.....Slip Marker	RS.....Right Side	WS.....Wrong Side
Rem.....remaining	rep.....repeat	beg.....beginning
SSK...slip next two stitches knit-wise, then knit by inserting right needle into slipped stitches and knitting together.		
St st...stockingette stitch	BO.....bind off	st(s).....stitch(es)
K2tog...Knit 2 together	GS.....garter stitch	DPN.....double pointed needles
P/U.....Pick up		