

FINISHED SIZE

17" (43 cm) chest circumference. To fit a newborn baby.

YARN

Karabella Aurora 8 (100% Merino; 98 yd [90 m]/50 g): #1380 seashell pink, 4 balls.

NEEDLES

Sweater and Socks—Size 5 (3.75 mm) and Size 7 (4.5 mm): Straight and set of 4 double-pointed (dpn). Hat—Size 5 (3.75 mm) and Size 7 (4.5 mm): 16" (40-cm) circular (cir). Adjust needle sizes if necessary to obtain the correct gauge.

NOTIONS

Markers (m); tapestry needle; two ½" (1.3-cm) buttons.

GAUGE

20 sts and 30 rows = 4" (10 cm) in stockinette stitch.

BABY'S FIRST LUXURIES SWEATER, HAT & STAY-ON SOCKS

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SWEATER**Body**

With smaller needles, CO 102 sts using the Long-Tail Cast-On method. Knit 9 rows (garter st). Change to larger needles and set up patt as foll: (RS) K5, place marker (pm), k25 for left back, pm, beg with Row 1, work 42 sts according to Cables and Ribs chart for front, pm, k25 for right back, pm, k5. Working the first and last 5 sts in garter st, 25 sts in St st for each back, and 42 sts as charted for front, cont as established for a total of 30 rows—piece should measure about 5" (12.5 cm) from beg. **Divide for armholes:** K30 left back sts and place on holder and place 30 right back sts on another holder. **Front:** Working front sts only, work Rows 1–14 of chart. **Shape neck:** (Row 15 of chart) P17, join new yarn and BO 8 sts, p17. Working each side separately, knit 1 row. Maintaining patt as much as possible, dec 1 st at neck edge every other row 4 times—13 sts rem each side. Work even in patt until piece measures 8½" (21.5 cm) from beg. BO all sts. **Right back:** Place 30 held right back sts onto needle. Rejoin yarn and cont as established until piece measures 1" (2.5 cm) less than right front, ending with a RS row. **Shape neck:** (WS) BO 15 sts, work to end. Work 2 rows even. Dec 1 st at neck edge every other row, 2 times—13 sts rem. BO all sts. **Left back:** Work as for right back, reversing shaping.

Sleeves

With larger dpn, RS facing, and beg at underarm, pick up and knit 36 sts evenly spaced around armhole. Join into a rnd. Knit 1 rnd. On next rnd, dec 2 sts as foll: K1, ssk, knit to last 3 sts, k2tog, k1—34 sts rem. Dec 2 sts in this manner every 5 rnds

4 more times—26 sts rem. Work even until sleeve measures 6" (15 cm). Purl 1 rnd. Knit 1 rnd. Purl 1 rnd. BO all sts.

Finishing

With yarn threaded on a tapestry needle, sew shoulder seams. With smaller needles and RS facing, pick up and knit 21 sts across neck edge of left back, 23 sts around front neck, and 21 sts across neck edge of right back—65 sts. Knit 1 row. Make 2 buttonholes on next row as foll: K2, k2tog, yo, knit to last 4 sts, k2tog, yo, k2. Knit 1 row even. BO all sts loosely. Lap right back over left back and sew on buttons; one on WS of right back, the other on RS of left back to correspond with buttonholes. Weave in loose ends.

HAT

Edge: With smaller cir needle, CO 60 sts. Place marker (pm) and join, being careful not to twist sts. Knit 8 rnds, inc 10 sts evenly spaced on last rnd—70 sts. Change to larger cir needle. Knit 10 rnds.

Body: M1, turn (WS now facing you, this will become the RS), knit to 1 st before the M1 inc, k2tog—70 sts (this eliminates the hole formed from turning). Knit 28 rnds. Work decs as foll, changing to dpn when necessary.

Rnd 1: *K2tog, k5; rep from *—60 sts rem.

Rnd 2 and all even-numbered rnds: Knit.

Rnd 3: *K2tog, k4; rep from *—50 sts rem.

Rnd 5: *K2tog, k3; rep from *—40 sts rem.

Rnd 7: *K2tog, k2; rep from *—30 sts rem.

Rnd 9: *K2tog, k1; rep from *—20 sts rem.

Rnds 11 and 13: *K2 tog; rep from *—5 sts rem after Rnd 13.

