

Garter Stitch Baby Cardigan Free Pattern



Pattern Description:

This pattern details how to knit a **Garter Stitch Baby Kimono** by Joji Locatelli, designed for sizes Newborn (1-3 months / 3-6 months).

It involves knitting the back and fronts together, creating buttonholes, then decreasing for the neck and armhole openings, and finally adding sleeves, a neckband, and ties.

Materials Needed & Measurements:

- **Yarn:**
 - **Type:** Acrylic yarn (NUBE Dralón) was used for the sample, but any fingering weight yarn can be used.
 - **Quantity:** Approximately 100 (150) g.
- **Yarn Weight:** Fingering weight.
- **Needles:** A pair of US 2½ / 3.0 mm. needles (or any size needed to get correct gauge), or a circular needle.
- **Notions:**
 - 2 buttons, approximately 15 mm wide.
 - Markers.
 - New balls (for joining).
 - 2 cords of about 15 cms each (to tie).
- **Measurements (Finished):**

- **Sizes:** Newborn (1-3 months / 3-6 months).
- **Chest:** 40 (45/50) cms or **16 (18 / 20) inches round.**
- **Total Length:** 20 (24/26) cms or **8 (9.5/11) inches.**
- **Sleeve Length:** 12 (15/17) cms or **4 ¾ (6/6 ¾) inches.**

Stitches & Abbreviations Used:

- **Garter stitch.**
- **pm** (place marker).
- **sts** (stitches).

Instructions for Making the Garter Stitch Baby Cardigan Pattern:



Back and Fronts

The back and both front sections of the kimono are **knit together** in one piece, working back and forth on two needles or a circular needle if preferred.

- **Casting On:** Cast on **162 (180 / 198) sts.**
- **Initial Setup Row:** Knit **53 (58 / 64) sts** for the Right front, then **place marker (pm).** Next, **k56 (64 / 70) sts** for the back, **pm.** Finally, **k53 (58 / 64) sts** for the Left front.
- **Garter Stitch:** Begin knitting in **garter stitch.**
- **Buttonholes:** You will need to decide which side you want the buttonholes on, typically on the left for boys and on the right for girls. You will work **two buttonholes:**

- The **first buttonhole** should be made when the work measures **7 (8 / 9) cms** from the beginning (beg).
- The **second buttonhole** should be made when the work measures **9 (11 / 12) cms** from the beg.
- **Neck Opening Decreases:** Continue knitting until the work measures **10 (12 / 13) cms from beg**. At this point, begin decreasing for the neck opening by **casting off 2 sts at the beginning of every row**. This effectively casts off 2 sts from each side every other row.
- **Armhole Opening Decreases:** **At the same time** as you are working the neck decreases, when the work measures **11 (13 / 14) cms from beg**, **cast off 2 sts for the armhole openings**. This is done by casting off **1 stitch on each side of the markers**, which will leave **54 (62 / 68) sts for the back**.
- **Separating and Continuing:** Once the armhole decreases are made, you will **join in new balls** of yarn and **continue working each side separately**. Continue decreasing for the neck opening until there are **11 (11 / 11) sts left** on each front piece.
- **Casting Off Main Body:** **Cast off all remaining sts** when the work measures **20 (23 / 26) cms from beg**.

Sleeves

- **Picking Up Stitches:** **Pick up approximately 50 (58 / 66) sts** along the side of the armhole. An alternative estimate is to pick up 1 stitch for every ridge of garter stitch.
- **Knitting Sleeves:** Begin knitting in **garter stitch**.
- **Sleeve Length and Decreases:** Knit for about **12 (15 / 17) cms**. During this process, you will need to perform **5 (6 / 7) decreases on each side, evenly distributed along the sleeve**.

Finishing

- **Sewing:** Sew the sleeves seams and the shoulders.
- **Neckband:** **Pick up approximately 125 (150 / 180) sts** for the neckband. **Knit 5 rows in garter stitch**, then **cast off all stitches knitwise**.
- **Ties:** Knit 2 cords, each about **15 cms long**, and **attach them to the inner flap** of the kimono to serve as ties.
- **Buttons:** Sew on the two buttons you chose, which should be about 15 mm wide.
- **Blocking:** Block the finished garment as desired.