

You can make any sweater you wish in a size up to Age 5. For your convenience, a very simple sweater pattern is provided below. Make it plain in the Stockinette Stitch, or be creative—add your own pattern variation, a cable, or make it with stripes as I did here. Just be sure to check your gauge if you alter the pattern to assure proper size. Use your imagination and have fun!

Easy Child's Sweater

Children's size 2 and 3 years

Materials: Sport Weight Acrylic Yarn (#3 light), approximately 7 oz. (530 yds)

One pair size 6 needles OR SIZE TO OBTAIN GAUGE

One 16" circular needle – Size 6

Yarn Needle

1 Marker

Gauge: 23 sts = 4" over St st using Size 6 needles

Back: With Size 6 needles, cast on 64 (72) sts. Work 5 rows Garter Stitch (Knit every row). Row 6: * P2, K2 rep from * to end. Row 7: *P2, K2 rep. from * to end. Row 8: Repeat Row 6. Row 9: K and cont in St st until piece measures 14-1/2 (16) inches from beginning. Bind off.

Front: Work as for back until piece measures approx. 11-1/2 (13) inches from beginning ending with a WS row.

Neck Shaping: *Next row:* (RS) K22 (24) sts. Bind off center 20 (24) sts. Join 2nd ball of yarn and K 22 (24) to end. Working both sides at same time with separate balls of yarn, dec 1 st at neck edge every other row 3 times. When piece measures same length as back to shoulders, bind off.

Sleeves: Cast on 32 (36) sts. Work 5 rows Garter Stitch (K every row). Work Rows 6 through 8 as for Back. Row 9: K and cont in St st. At same time increase 1 st each side on the 4th row, 12 times 56 (60) sts. Work even until piece measures approximately 10-1/2 (11-1/2) inches. Bind off.

Finishing: Sew shoulder seams. Set in sleeves. Sew side and sleeve seams.

Neckband: With RS facing and circular needle, P/U and K 56 (60) sts around neck. Join sts. Place marker. P round 1. K round 2. P round 3. Bind off all sts knitwise.

Weave in ends.

