Bouncing Boy Cardigan and Booties

If you have a cute baby in your life or are expecting one, here is the perfect knit cardigan in colorful, soft easy-care yarn. The booties are more like socks, so they stay on baby's feet.

Cardigan directions are for size 0-3 months. Changes for sizes 6-9 months and 12 months are in parentheses.

Bootie directions are for size 0-3 months. Changes for size 6-12 months are in parentheses.

**CARDIGAN**

**Back**

With A, cast on 50 (58, 62) sts. Work in 2x2 Rib until piece measures 1½" (4 cm) from beginning.

Change to B and work in Stockinette st (k on right side, p on wrong side) until piece measures 6 (6½, 7)" [15 (16.5, 18) cm] from beginning, end with a wrong side row.

**Shape Armholes**

**Row 1 (right side):** Bind off 5 sts, knit to end of row—45 (53, 57) sts.

**Row 2:**

Bind off 5 sts, purl to end of row—40 (48, 52) sts.

Work even in Stockinette st until armhole measures 4 (4½, 5)" (10 (11.5, 12.5) cm) and entire piece measures 10 (11, 12)" (25.5 (28, 30.5) cm).

Bind off.

**Left Front**

With A, cast on 22 (26, 28) sts. Work in 2x2 Rib until piece measures 1½" (4 cm) from beginning.

Change to B and work in Stockinette st until armhole measures 2" (5 cm) shorter than back, end with a right side row.

**Shape Armhole**

**Row 1 (right side):** Bind off 5 sts, knit to end of row—45 (53, 57) sts.

**Row 2:** Bind off 5 sts, purl to end of row—40 (48, 52) sts.

Work even in Stockinette st until armhole measures 4 (4½, 5)" (10 (11.5, 12.5) cm) and entire piece measures 10 (11, 12)" (25.5 (28, 30.5) cm).

Bind off.

**Booties**

**Finished Length:** 3¾ (4¼)" (9.5 (11) cm)

**Special Stitches**

**M1** = Make 1 (Increase) — Lift strand between needles to left-hand needle and knit strand through the back loop, twisting it to prevent a hole.

**ssk** = Slip next 2 stitches, one at a time as if to knit, to right needle, insert point of left needle through front of sts, knit these sts together through back loop.

**Special Technique**

3-needle bind off = Hold needles of stitches to be seamed parallel and with Right Sides together, with 3rd needle knit together first stitch from each needle, “knit together next stitch from each needle, pass first stitch over 2nd stitch and off right needle; repeat from * until all stitches have been knit from the 2 parallel needles and only one stitch remains on the right needle. Fasten off.

**Pattern Stitches**

**2x2 Rib (multiple of 4 sts + 2)**

**Row 1:** K2, *p2, k2; repeat from * to end of row.

**Row 2:** Knit the knit sts and purl the purl sts to end of row.

Repeat Row 2 for 2x2 Rib. **Note:** If working over a multiple of 4 sts only, omit the final k2 of Row 1.

**What you will need:**

**RED HEART® Anne Geddes Baby™**: 2 (2, 3) balls each of 100 Lily A and 930 Sailboat B

Susan Bates® Knitting Needles:

One pair 3.75 mm [US 5], one additional needle for 3-needle bind off

Stitch marker, 2 stich holders, yarn needle

**GAUGE:** 20 sts = 4" (10 cm); 32 rows = 4" (10 cm) in Stockinette stitch (knit on right side, purl on wrong side). CHECK YOUR GAUGE. Use any size needles to obtain the gauge.

**SHOP KIT**

- RED HEART® Anne Geddes Baby™, Art. 805 available in solid 3.5 oz (100 g) 334 yd (305 m) and multi 3.5 oz (100 g) 272 yd (248 m)
- Susan Bates® Knitting Needles: One pair 3.75 mm [US 5], one additional needle for 3-needle bind off
- Stitch marker, 2 stitch holders, yarn needle

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**KNIT SKILL LEVEL**

- EASY
Shape Neck
Row 1 (wrong side): Bind off 5 sts (at neck edge), purl to end of row—12 (16, 18) sts.
Row 2: Knit.
Row 3: Bind off 3 sts, purl to end of row—9 (13, 15) sts.
Row 4: Knit.
Row 5: Bind off 1 st, purl to end of row—8 (12, 14) sts.
Work even in Stockinette st until piece measures same as back. Bind off.

Right Front
With A, cast on 22 (26, 28) sts.
Work in 2x2 Rib until piece measures 1½” (4 cm) from beginning.
Change to B and work in Stockinette st until piece measures 6 (6½, 7)” (15 (16.5, 18) cm) from beginning, end with a right side row.

Shape Armhole
Row 1 (wrong side): Bind off 5 sts, purl to end of row —17 (21, 23) sts.
Work even in Stockinette st until armhole measures 2” (5 cm) shorter than back, end with a wrong side row.

Shape Neck
Row 1 (right side): Bind off 5 sts (at neck edge), knit to end of row—12 (16, 18) sts.
Row 2: Purl.
Row 3: Bind off 3 sts, knit to end of row—9 (13, 15) sts.
Row 4: Purl.
Row 5: Bind off 1 st, knit to end of row—8 (12, 14) sts.
Work even in Stockinette st until piece measures same as back. Bind off.

Sleeves (make 2)
With A cast on 26 (28, 30) sts.
Work in 2x2 Rib until piece measures 1½” (4 cm) from beginning, end with a right side row.
Change to B.
Work in Stockinette st for 3 rows
Increase Row (right side): K1, M1, knit to last st, M1, k1—28 (30, 32) sts.
Repeat last 4 rows 1 (5, 4) more times—30 (40, 40) sts.
Work in Stockinette st for 5 rows.
Repeat Increase Row—32 (42, 42) sts.
Repeat last 6 rows 4 (2, 4) more times—40 (46, 50) sts.
Work even in Stockinette st until piece measures 7 (7½, 8½)” (18 (19, 21.5) cm) from beginning, end with a right side row. Bind off.

FINISHING
Sew shoulder seams.

Collar
With right side facing and A, pick up and k48 (52, 56) sts evenly spaced around neck edge.
Work in 2x2 Rib for 1” (2.5 cm).
Bind off loosely in pattern.

Right Front Placket
With right side facing and A, pick up and k56 (60, 64) sts evenly spaced across right front edge.
Work 2x2 Rib for 1” (2.5 cm).
Bind off loosely.

Mark for Buttonholes
Beginning ½” (1.5 cm) below top edge and ending ½” (1.5 cm) above bottom edge, mark places for 4 buttonholes evenly spaced across right front placket.

Left Front Placket
With right side facing and A, pick up and k56 (60, 64) sts evenly spaced across right front edge.

Work 2x2 Rib for ½” (1.5 cm).

Buttonhole Row: “Work in 2x2 Rib as established to location corresponding to next marker on right front placket, yarn over, work 2 sts together (depending on where the pattern falls this could be a k2tog or p2tog); repeat from * 3 more times, work in 2x2 Rib as established to end of row.
Continue in 2x2 Rib until placket measures 1” (2.5 cm).
Bind off loosely.
Sew in sleeves. Sew sleeve and side seams. Sew buttons to right front placket, opposite buttonholes.
Weave in loose ends.

BOOTIES (make 2)
With A, cast on 32 (36) sts.
Work in 2x2 Rib until piece measures 2” (5 cm) from beginning, increase (M1) 1 st in last row—33 (37) sts.
Change to B and work in Stockinette st for 4 rows.

Shape Top of Foot
Row 1 (right side): K11 (12) sts and place them on a holder, k11 (13) sts for top of foot, place remaining 11 (12) sts from left hand needle on 2nd holder.
Working over remaining center 11 (13) sts only, work in Stockinette st for 12 (14) rows. Cut yarn.
Next Row (right side): With right side facing, place 11 (12) sts from first holder back on right hand needle, pick up and k6 (7) sts evenly spaced across right hand edge of top of foot, k11 (13) top of foot sts from left needle, pick up and k6 (7) evenly spaced across left hand edge of top of foot, k11 (12) sts from 2nd holder—45 (51) sts.

Work in Garter st (knit every row) for 8 (10) rows.

Shape Sole
Row 1 (wrong side): K2, k2tog, k16 (19) sts, k2tog, k1, ssk, k16 (19), ssk, k2—41 (47) sts.
Row 2: Knit.
Row 3: K2, k2tog, k14 (17) sts, k2tog, k1, ssk, k14 (17), ssk, k2—37 (43) sts.
Row 4: Knit.
Row 5: K2, k2tog, k12 (15) sts, k2tog, k1, ssk, k12 (15), ssk, k2—33 (39) sts.
Row 6: Knit across first 16 (19) sts, k2tog, slip k2tog back to left needle. There should be 16 (19) sts on each needle. Hold needles parallel. Using 3-needle bind off method, bind off all sts. Cut yarn leaving an 18” (45.5 cm) tail. Sew bottom and back seam.

FINISHING
Weave in ends.

ABBREVIATIONS
A and B = Color A and Color B; k = knit; k2tog = knit next 2 sts together; p = purl; p2tog = purl next 2 sts together; st(s) = stitch(es); * = repeat whatever follows the * as indicated.