

BABY'S TOP

■■■ Intermediate Knitting

MEASUREMENTS	months	0-3	6-9	12-18
To Fit Chest	cm	40	47	53
Actual Size	cm	45	52	58
Length	cm	23	29	32
Sleeve Length (approx)	cm	4	4	5

PATONS BIG BABY FAIR ISLE 8 PLY 100g balls

Main Colour (**M** - 3924) 1 1 1

AND PATONS BIG BABY 8 PLY 100g balls

Contrast Colour (**C** - 2564) 1 1 1

Use only the yarns specified. Other yarns are likely to produce different results. Quantities are approximate.

NEEDLES AND EXTRAS

- 1 pair each 4.00mm (UK 8) and 3.25mm (UK 10) knitting needles or size needed to give correct tension.
- wool needle for sewing seams.
- 2 stitch-holders.
- 2 buttons.

TENSION

22 sts and 30 rows to 10cm over stocking st, using 4.00mm needles.

To work a tension square, using 4.00mm needles, cast on 33 sts.

Work 44 rows stocking st. Cast off loosely.

Check your tension carefully.

If less sts to 10cm use smaller needles, if more sts use larger needles.

For abbreviations and more information on knitting techniques, please see patonsyarns.com.au

BACK

Using Thumb Method, 3.25mm needles and **C**, cast on **90** (101-112) sts, allowing approx **160** (180-200) cm yarn.

Beg Scallop Edging -

1st row (right side) - Purl.

2nd row - K2, * knit next st, slip this st back onto left-hand needle, lift each of the next 8 sts on left-hand needle over this st and off needle, (yfwd) **twice**, then knit the first st again, K2, rep from * to end ... **8** (9-10) scallops.

3rd row - K1, * P2tog, (K1, P1, K1, P1) into first yfwd (allowing extra yfwd to drop off needle), P1, rep from * to last st, K1 ... **50** (56-62) sts.

Work 5 rows garter st (every row knit), inc **1** (3-3) sts evenly across last row ... **51** (59-65) sts.

Change to 4.00mm needles and **M** for rem.

Work in stocking st (beg with a knit row) until Back measures **10** (13-16) cm from beg of stocking st, ending with a purl row.

Shape Armholes -

Cast off **2** (2-3) sts at beg of next 2 rows ... **47** (55-59) sts.

Dec one st at each end of next row, then in every foll alt row until **41** (49-53) sts rem. ******

Work **23** (29-33) rows without further shaping.



Shape Shoulders -

Cast off 5 sts at beg of next 2 rows, then **4** (5-6) sts at beg of foll 2 rows. Leave rem **23** (29-31) sts on a stitch-holder.

FRONT

Work as for Back to ******.

Work **13** (17-19) rows without further shaping.

Shape Neck -

Next row - K**13** (16-18), **turn**.

Cont on these **13** (16-18) sts for left side of neck.

Dec one st at neck edge in next **2** (4-4) rows, then in every foll alt row **1** (1-2) times ... **10** (11-12) sts.

Work 1 row.

NOTE - This side of Front armhole is shorter than Back armhole to allow for shoulder band.

Shape Shoulder -

Next row - Cast off 5 sts, knit to last 2 sts, K2tog.

Work 1 row. Cast off rem **4** (5-6) sts.

Slip next **15** (17-17) sts onto a stitch-holder and leave for neckband. With right side facing, join **M** to rem **13** (16-18) sts for right side of neck and knit to end.

Dec one st at neck edge in next **2** (4-4) rows, then in every foll alt row **2** (2-3) times ... **9** (10-11) sts.

Work 4 rows.

Shape Shoulder -

Cast off 5 sts at beg of next row.

Work 1 row. Cast off rem **4** (5-6) sts.

SLEEVES

Using 3.25mm needles and **C**, cast on **37** (41-43) sts.

1st row – K2, * P1, K1, rep from * to last st, K1.

2nd row – K1, * P1, K1, rep from * to end.

Last 2 rows form rib.

Work a further 6 rows rib.

Change to 4.00mm needles and **M**.

Work 2 rows stocking st.

Inc one st at each end of next row, then in every foll alt row **0** (0-1) times ... **39** (43-47) sts.

Work 1 row.

Shape Top –

Cast off 2 sts at beg of next 2 rows ... **35** (39-43) sts.

Dec one st at each end of next row, then in every foll 4th row until **27** (29-31) sts rem, then in every foll alt row until **23** (25-29) sts rem.

Next row – P1, * P2tog, rep from * to end ... **12** (13-15) sts.

Cast off.

NECKBAND

NOTE – We recommend using mattress stitch to sew up your top. Join right shoulder seam. With right side facing, using 3.25mm needles and **C**, knit up **6** (8-10) sts evenly along left side of front neck, knit across sts from front stitch-holder, knit up **11** (13-15) sts evenly along right side of front neck, then knit across sts from back stitch-holder ... **55** (67-73) sts. Work 5 rows rib as for Sleeves, beg with a 2nd row.

Cast off loosely in rib.

FRONT SHOULDER BAND

With right side facing, using 3.25mm needles and **C**, knit up **11** (13-15) sts evenly across left shoulder.

Work 2 rows rib as for Sleeves, beg with a 2nd row.

3rd row – Rib 2, yrn, P2tog, rib to last 5 sts, yrn, P2tog, rib 3 ... 2 buttonholes. Work 1 row. Cast off loosely in rib.

BACK SHOULDER BAND

Work as for Front Shoulder Band, omitting buttonholes.

TO MAKE UP

DO NOT PRESS. Overlap front shoulder band over back shoulder band and catch together at armhole edge. Join side and sleeve seams. Sew in sleeves, easing sleeve fullness into top of armhole.



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