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**Baby Folkwear Caftan**

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**FREE**

EASY

**SIMPLY SOFT®**[DESCRIPTION](#) [SIZING](#)**Abbreviations****Beg** = beginning**RS** = right side**st(s)** = stitch(es)**cont** = continue(ity)**SI st** = Slip stitch**WS** = wrong side**Details & Instructions****MEASUREMENTS****Chest****3 mos** 18 1/2 inches**6 mos** 18 1/2 inches**9 mos** 20 1/2 inches**12 mos** 20 1/2 inches**18 mos** 22 1/2 inches**2 yrs** 22 1/2 inches**Length****3 mos** 10 inches**6 mos** 10 inches

**9 mos 11 inches**

**12 mos 11 inches**

**18 mos 12 inches**

**2 yrs 12 inches**

## MATERIALS

Simply Soft (170 g/6 oz; 288 m/315 yds)

Sizes	3 mos	6 mos	9 mos	12 mos	18 mos	2 yrs
<b>Main Color (MC)</b>						
Country Blue (9710)	1	1	1	1		
<b>Contrast A</b>						
Soft Green (9739)	1	1	1	1	1	1
<b>Contrast B</b>						
Off White (9702)	1	1	1	1	1	1
<b>Contrast C</b>						
Soft Pink (9719)	1	1	1	1	1	1
<b>Contrast D</b>						
Soft Blue (9712)	1	1	1	1	1	1

Size US 7 and 8 (4.5 and 5 mm) straight needles or size to obtain gauge.

Size US 7 (4.5 mm) 16-inch circular needle for neck finishing. Split-ring stitch markers or waste yarn. Stitch holder. Tapestry needle (tn)

## GAUGE

In Stockinette stitch, using larger needles, 18 sts and 24 rows = 4"/10 cm Stitches Used Garter stitch (Garter st) Stockinette stitch (St st)

## INSTRUCTIONS

### BACK

Using smaller needles and MC, cast on 42 (**46**, 50) sts.

(RS) Begin Garter st; work even for 4 rows, ending with a WS row.

(RS) Change to larger needles and St st. Work even until piece measures 6 (**6 1/2**, 7) inches from beg; place marker for underarm. Cont in St st, work even until piece measures 10 (**11**, 12) inches from beg, ending with a WS row.

**Shape shoulders and neck:** (RS): BO 13 (**14**, 15) sts at beg of next 2 rows for shoulders; place rem 16 (**18**, 20) sts on holder for neck.

### FRONT

Work as for Back until piece measures same as back to underarm, ending with a WS row; pm as for back.

Cont in St st, work 0 (**2**, 6) rows even, ending with a WS row; place marker (pm) each side of center 6 (**6**, 8) sts.

**Shape placket:** (RS) Work across to marker; join a second ball of yarn and BO center sts, work to end—18 (**20**, 21) sts each side. Working both sides at same time, work even for 15 rows, ending with a WS row.

**Shape neck:** (RS) At each neck edge, dec 1 st every row 5 (**6**, 6) times – 13 (**14**, 15) sts remain for shoulder. Work even until piece measures same as Back to shoulder. Bind off remaining sts.

## SLEEVES

Using smaller needles and MC, cast on 27 (**29**, 32) sts. (RS) Begin Garter st; work even for 4 rows, ending with a WS row. Change to larger needles and St st.

**Shape Sleeve:** (RS) Inc 1 st each side this row, then every 10 rows 4 (**3**, 3) times, every 8 rows 0 (**2**, 3) times—37 (**41**, 46) sts. Work even until piece measures 7 1/2 (**8 1/2**, 10) inches from beg, ending with a WS row. Bind off all sts loosely.

## FINISHING

Block pieces to measurements. Sew shoulder seams.

**Neck band:** With RS facing, using circular needle and MC, beg at lower end of placket, pick up and knit 60 (**62**, 64) sts evenly around neck shaping as follows: 10 sts up side of placket, pm; 12 sts along neck shaping to shoulder; 16 (**18**, 20) sts from back neck holder; 12 sts along neck shaping to placket, pm; 10 sts to lower end of placket. Do not join. (WS) Beg Garter st; working back and forth on circular needle, work even for 1 row.

**Shape neck band: Increase Row:** (RS) \* Work to one st before marker, inc 1 (by k1-f/b in next st); slip marker, inc 1; repeat from \* once, work to end. Repeat Increase row every other row 1 (**1**, 2) times, ending with a RS row. Bind off all sts loosely on next (WS) row. Sew ends to bound off sts of placket. Sew on sleeves between markers; sew sleeve and side seams. Using tn, weave in all ends.

## EMBROIDERY

Using colors as shown (see photo), or colors desired, work embroidery, (see diagrams and photo), at center front; beg at center back neck, work embroidery around neck edge; work embroidery on sleeve.

