

felipe

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I used to have a lot of time to knit, and I often made blankets and other elaborated hand-knits for every baby that popped up in my family and circle of friends. But as time went by, my knitting time became very limited, and also, it seems that more and more babies are on their way! So I had to come up with something that I could knit in one weekend.

This is what I came up with: a very basic baby vest and a very simple hat.

I let the magnificent yarn do all the hard work. I picked this one in particular because it is machine-washable (the most important thing when gifting for a baby!), it is incredibly soft, and the colors are amazing!

I have already gifted a bunch of these and mothers seem to love them! So I went ahead and wrote down the pattern. I hope you enjoy it!

Size

One size: Newborn (easily resizable)

Finished measurements of the vest:

Chest circumference: 13 ½" (34 cm)

Length from shoulders to bottom: 9" (22 cm)

Gauge

20 stitches and 30 rows in stockinette stitch in the round on 4mm needles (not crucial - any worsted weight will do...).

Materials

Yarn: Malabrigo Yarn Rios (100% Merino - 210 yards) - 1 skein

Needles: US 4 (3.5mm) and US 6 (4mm) circular needles.

Directions

Vest

With US 4 needles, cast on 68 stitches and join for working in the round Place marker. Work 10 rounds in K2 P2 ribbing.

Switch to US 6 needles and start working in stockinette stitch. Work 27 rounds in stockinette stitch. Knit one more round to 1 stitch before the end. Switch back to US4 needles.

Divide for front and back:

Bind off 1 stitch removing marker. Bind off 1 more stitch. K2, (p2, k2) 6 times, p2, k3 (these 32 stitches will be the front).

Bind off 2 stitches. K2, (p2, k2) 6 times, p2, k3 (these 32 stitches will be the back).

Back:

Continue working over the corresponding stitches, back and forth.

WS rows: p3, (k2, p2) 6 times, k2, p3.

RS rows: k3, (p2, k2) 6 times, p2, k3.

Work a total of 20 rows from armhole, ending with a WS row.

Next row (RS): work 9 sts in pattern (put them on hold), bind off 14 sts, work remaining 9 sts in patt (put them on hold). Break yarn.

Front:

Re-attach yarn to begin a WS row.

WS rows: P3, (k2, p2) 6 times, k2, p3.

RS rows: K3, (p2, k2) 6 times, p2, k3.

Work a total of 14 rows from armhole, ending with a WS row.

Next row (RS): work 9 stitches in pattern (for left shoulder strap), bind off 14 sts, work remaining 9 sts in pattern (for right shoulder strap).

Continue working only the right shoulder strap until you have completed 15 rows from neckline. Break yarn and put stitches on hold.

Re-attach yarn to work a WS row of the left shoulder strap. When you have completed 15 rows from neckline, break yarn and put stitches on hold.

Shoulders:

Matching left front and left back shoulder stitches, with the right sides of the garment facing each other, use a 3rd needle to work a 3-needle-bind-off.

Repeat for right shoulder.

Finishing:

Weave in ends and block lightly.



Flat (seamed) version

Mods by the wonderful [Mary Lawson](#)

Using US 4 needles, cast on 70 stitches. Work 10 rows in K2 P2 rib (starting with K2).

Change to US 6 needles and work 28 rows in stockinette stitch.

Switch back to US 4 needles and divide for front and back as follows:

(RS) Bind off 2 stitches,* K2, (p2, K2) 6 times, p2, k3* (these 32 stitches will be the front). Bind off 2 more stitches and then repeat from * (these 32 stitches will be the back. Knit the last 2 stitches.

Next row (WS): Bind off 2 stitches, (p2, K2) 7 times, p3.

Continue working to and fro the stitches of the back for 20 rows.

Finish the back and work the front as given in the original pattern.

Sew the side seam using mattress stitch.

Thank you Mary!!!!

Hat

Using US 4 needles cast on 68 sts and join for working in the round. Place marker.

Work 26 rounds in k2p2 ribbing.

Crown:

Round 1: (k2, k2tog) repeat to end of round. (51 sts remain)

Round 2: k2tog, k to end of round. (50 sts remain)

Round 3: (k3, k2tog), repeat to end of round (40 sts remain)

Round 4: k to end of round.

Round 5: (K2, k2tog), repeat to end of round (30 sts remain).

Round 6: (K1, k 2 tog), repeat to end of round (20 sts remain).

Round 7: k2tog to end of round.

Cut yarn leaving a 20 inches tail. Thread it onto a tapestry needle and weave it through remaining 10 stitches to close hole.

Finishing:

Weave in ends.

Block lightly.

Make a pom-pom and sew it to the top of the hat.

You can find a great tutorial on how to make them here:

<http://techknitting.blogspot.com/2008/05/how-to-make-pom-poms.html>

The one shown in the sample is 1 ½" (4 cm) wide.



Gift with love and pride...

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