

# knitculture

## Baby Hoodie



Finished measurements: 24" chest (approximately 12 month size)

### Materials:

Blue Sky Organic Cotton and/or Blue Sky Dyed Cotton

MC: 2 skeins (pictured sweater: color 81, Sand)

CC: 1 skein (pictured sweater: color 634, Periwinkle)

Size 8 24" circular needles, or size to obtain gauge

Size 8 dpns, or long circular needle for magic loop

Stitch markers

Size I crochet hook

Gauge: 3.75 sts = 1 inch in stockinette st

### **Body:**

With MC, cast on 90 sts, place marker and join to work in the round.

Work 45 sts, place 2<sup>nd</sup> side marker.

Work 2" in stockinette st with MC.

### **Color stripes:**

Switch to CC and work one round.

Switch back to MC and work one round.

Repeat these two rounds 5x, so you will have 5 stripes of CC.

Work straight in MC until body measures 7" from CO edge to needles. Set aside and work sleeves.

### **Sleeves (make two):**

With MC on double pointed needles or long circular (for magic loopers), cast on 22 sts. Join to work in the round. Mark st next to join, this will be referred to as "center stitch".

Work two rounds.

Next round, increase one st on each side of center stitch 1x, then every 4<sup>th</sup> round 3x.

Work two rounds straight, then switch to color stripes (as above).

Work straight in MC until sleeve measures 7". On last round, work to 4 sts before marked center st, place next 8 stitches on scrap yarn, removing marker. Break yarn leaving a 8" tail which will be used for grafting underarm.

### **Join Sleeves and Body:**

Work 41 body stitches, pm, place next 8 sts on scrap yarn for underarm (removing side marker), work 24 sleeve sts, pm, work to 4 sts before next side marker, pm, place next 8 sts on scrap yarn (removing side marker), work 24 sleeve sts, pm.

### **Raglan Decrease:**

Work even until 1" above sleeve join. Then work decreases on each side of all 4 markers as follows: SSK before marker, K2tog after marker, every other round.

AT THE SAME TIME, when piece measures 8.5", work placket and neck shaping.

### **Placket and Neck Shaping:**

On a decrease row, work to front center 5 sts. Bind off center 5 sts. You will now be working back and forth in stockinette (K one row with raglan decreases, purl one row straight) instead of in the round.

Continue working raglan decreases every K row until piece measures 10.5".

Then, work neck shaping: Decrease 1 st at each neck edge every other row 3x.

Continue working raglan decreases every K row until placket opening measures 2" from 5 bound off stitches.

### **Hood:**

Work one WS row, placing marker on center st (or one of them if you have an even number of sts). Work even for 2", ending with a WS row.

Increase one st on each side of marked center st every other row 5x, then every 4<sup>th</sup> row 5x.

Work straight until hood measures 9".

Bind off leaving a long tail, fold hood in half and seam using mattress stitch.

### **Crochet border and braided ties:**

Using CC yarn, attach at neckline at top left corner above placket opening (see photo 1-3 on next page), leaving a 12" tail for later use. Single crochet in each st on neckline to hood. Single crochet in EVERY OTHER stitch around hood. Single crochet in each st on right neckline to other side of placket opening. Tie off, leaving a 12" tail.

Cut two 20" lengths of CC yarn, and pull both strands through first SC at neck edge (see photo 2), so there is equal length on either side. Braid these together with long tail until braid is 6" long (see photo 3). Tie securely and trim tassel. Do the same on other side of neck opening.

### **Finishing:**

Graft underarms, weave in ends, enjoy!

