

# Baby Butterflies

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I've modified a pretty common top down raglan baby sweater formula to use this stitch pattern found in a Japanese pattern book. It's a quick knit, only taking me about 6-7 hours of knitting to complete (not counting knitting math! :D). I used Caron Simply Soft acrylic for mine for a few reasons. It's *very* soft, non allergenic (because who knows if a newborn is allergic to wool- I don't want to be the reason a new mother finds this information out!), and a busy new family can throw it in the washer without a second thought. Mom's got enough to worry about! Cotton yarn would also be an excellent choice, I just didn't have any on hand :D

## Materials:

Approximately 3 ounces of  
worsted yarn, about 160 yards

Size 9 (5.5mm) needles and a set of dpns or a long  
circular needle for magic loop

4 stitch markers

3 or more 5/8" to 1" buttons (adjust your buttonhole rows accordingly!)

## Gauge:

I measured a little bit sloppily, but it's close to 18 st/4" and 24 rows/4".



The rest of the body is knitted in the Butterfly pattern charted above, keeping the K4 border on both edges. Work the pattern 1.5 times (three sets of butterflies), or as long as you wish!

Knit 6 rows and bind off.

## sleeves:

Put sleeve stitches back on needle, picking up 4 stitches under the arm and joining in the round. I find that if I cross (like a cable) these picked up 4 stitches, I don't have to stitch a hole closed under the sleeve.



Knit 1 row.

On the next round, K1, KFB, K to last 2 stitches, KFB, K1.

Begin the Butterfly pattern and work one repeat.

Knit 1 round.

Purl 1 round.

Repeat twice (6 rows total), knit one more round and then bind off. Complete the other sleeve the same way.

Weave in your (very few!) ends and sew on your buttons, and voila! A Butterfly Baby cardigan!

## About me:

I'm always doing something, and while knitting is my main hobby-obsession, I'm a glass artist most of the day. I slave over a very hot torch to make very pretty little beads (and buttons, too!) out of glass. I make things, I spin things, I knit things, I bake things... I do a lot of THINGS!

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