

A cute little baby sweater in three sizes that knits up quickly without seams! The raglan decreases show off self-patterning or striping yarn as the colours run seamlessly around the yoke.

#### **Materials**

1 (2,2) balls of Opal Sock Yarn Shown in Winter fairy tale 2154 (75% superwash wool, 25% polamide; 425m; 100g) 3mm 40cm circular needle and a set of four 3mm double pointed needles or 3mm 80cm or 100cm circular needle if using the magic loop method 4 stitch markers Scrap yarn or stitch holders Tapestry needle

# Sizes

s(m,l) The sweater can be knitted in three sizes, 0-3 months, 3-9 months and 9-15 months.

### Gauge

32 sts and 42 rows in stocking stitch = 10cm

# **Abbreviations**

k – knit
p – purl
rnd(s) – round(s)
st(s) – stitch(es)
dpn(s) – double pointed needle(s)
kfb – knit through the front and back
k2tog – knit two sts together
ssk – slip slip knit

## **Body**

Cast on 136 (160,184) sts on the circular needle and join for working in the round,

being careful not to twist the stitches. Place a marker at the start of the rnd.

Next rnd: \*k2, p2, repeat from \* to the end of the rnd.

Continue to work in ribbing for a total of 10 (12, 14) rnds

Work in stocking st until the total length of the body (including the ribbing) measures 12 (16,18)cm.

If you are using the magic loop method, at this point you should transfer the body sts to scrap yarn so that your circular needle can be used to knit the sleeves. If you are using a short circular needle set the body aside for now.

### Sleeves

Cast on 44 (48,52) sts and divide between 3 dpns, or onto the long circular needle if working in magic loop. Join for working in the rnd, being careful not to twist the sts and placing a marker at the start of the rnd.

Next rnd: \*k2, p2, repeat from \* to the end of the rnd.

Contine to work in ribbing for a total of 8 (10,12) rnds

Next rnd (increase rnd): kfb, k to last st in rnd, kfb. 46 (50,54) sts

Continue in stocking stitch, working the increase rnd every 4th rnd 10(12,15) more times until there are 66(74, 84) sts.

Work in stocking st without increasing until the sleeve measures 14(18,20)cm from cast on edge.

Transfer the first and last 4(4,5) sleeve sts onto a stitch holder, (8(8,10) stitches in total) and the remaining 58(66,74) sleeve stitches onto scrap yarn.

Work the second sleeve in the same way. If using a self-patterning yarn wind off yarn until you are at the same place in the pattern as you were at the start of the first sleeve. This will make sure that your sleeves match.

# **Raglan Shaping**

# Joining the body and sleeves

Working from the beginning of the round on the body sts, transfer the first 4(4,5) sts to a stitch holder. Transfer the next 60(72,82) sts back onto the circular needle. Place marker. Next pick up the 58(66,74) sleeve sts being held on scrap yarn onto the circular needle. Place marker. Move the next 8(8,10) body stitches onto a stitch holder. (These will be grafted with the underarm stitches later.) Transfer the next 60(72,82) body sts onto the needle (place marker), and then the 58 (66,74) sts on scrap yarn for the second sleeve. Transfer the final 4(4,5) body stitches onto a stitch holder. Place a distinctive marker for the start of the rnd.

Next rnd: \*k1, ssk, k to 3 sts from marker, k2tog, k1, slip marker, repeat from \* four times to end of the rnd. 8 sts decreased

Next rnd: k

Repeat these last two rnds 14(17,20) more times until there are 124(132,144) sts remaining.

Next rnd: \*k2, p2, repeat from \* to the end of the rnd. Contine to work in ribbing for a total of 8 (10,12) rnds. Bind off in ribbing.

Use kitcheners st to graft the underarm sts. Sew in ends and block.

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