



# Top-down Baby Jacket

## YOU WILL NEED

3- or 4-ply yarn: 2 x 50gm balls;  
Needles: 3.25mm (newborn) or  
3.75mm (3–6 months)

Double knit yarn: 3 x 50gm balls; 4mm  
needles (6–9 months)

## ABBREVIATIONS

k knit  
P purl  
yfwd yarn forward  
m1 make one by picking up the  
loop in front of the next stitch  
and knitting into the back of it  
sts stitches  
stst stocking stitch (knit on the right  
side, purl on the wrong side)  
pm place marker

Using the longtail method, cast on 70  
sts.

**ICORD BANDS** Throughout this  
garment icord bands are knitted over  
five stitches at the front edges.

**Right side facing:** First 5 sts: knit; last 5  
sts: k2, slip 3 knitwise.

**Wrong side facing:** First 5 sts: p3, k2;  
last 5 sts: k2, yfwd, slip 3 purlwise.

Beginning at the neck edge, work the  
garment as follows (row 1 is RS facing):

**Rows 1–4:** Work icord band; k60, work  
icord band

**Row 5 buttonhole row:** As for Row 1  
but make a buttonhole in the icord  
band.

**Row 6:** As for Row 4

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**Row 7:** Work icord band, k10, m1, k1,  
pm, k1, m1, k6, m1, k1, pm, k1, m1,  
k20, m1, k1, pm, k1, m1, k6, m1, k1,  
pm, k1, m1, k10, work icord band (78  
sts).

**Row 8:** Work icord band, k11, p2, k8,  
p2, k22, p2, k8, p2, k11, work icord  
band.

**Row 9:** Work icord band, k11, m1, k2,  
m1, k8, m1, K2, m1, k22, m1, k2, m1,  
k8, m1, k2, m1, k11, work icord band

**Row 10:** Work icord band, k12, p2, k10,  
p2, k24, p2, k10, p2, k12, work icord  
band (86 sts).

Continue in this fashion (increasing  
one st each side of the 2 sts on the  
odd-numbered rows) until you have a  
total of 198 sts (188 body sts plus 10  
sts of icord bands).

At the same time, work a work  
buttonhole on rows 25, 45, 65, and 85.

## MAKE FIRST SLEEVE

**Row 39:** Work icord band, k67 (across  
one front, one stst band, one sleeve  
and one st of next band) turn.

**\*\*Row 40:** Cast on 2 sts (under the  
arm), p42 (back across the sleeve and  
one stitch of the stst band) turn.

**Row 41:** Cast on 2 sts (under the arm),  
k44 (back across the sleeve) turn.

Knit 3 more rows in stst on the sleeve  
stitches.

Dec one stitch at each end of next and  
every following 6th row to 38 sts, then  
work straight until there are 32 rows of  
stst from underarm.

**Garter band:** on the first garter row  
decrease 4 sts evenly across the row  
(34 sts).

Work a further 16 rows in garter stitch  
then cast off on the 17th row.

## MAKE SECOND SLEEVE

With right side facing join wool at  
the side of the sleeve you have just  
finished. Knit across the back (54 sts)

then across the second sleeve (40 sts)  
turn. Complete as for first sleeve from  
\*\* to end.

## WORK THE BODY IN STOCKING STITCH

With right side facing join yarn at  
the side of the sleeve you have just  
finished. Knit across 27 sts of the front  
and work last 5 sts for icord border (32  
sts) turn.

**Body row 40:** Work icord band and  
p27; cast on 6 sts onto right hand  
needle; p54 across the back; cast on 6  
sts onto right hand needle; p27, work  
icord band (130 sts).

**Body row 41:** Work icord band and  
k26, k2tog, k4, k2tog k52, k2tog, k4,  
k2tog k26, work icord band (126 sts)

**Body row 42:** Work icord band, p116,  
work icord band.

**Body row 43:** Work icord band, k116,  
work icord band.

**Body row 44:** Work icord band, p116,  
work icord band.

**Rows 45–72:** Repeat rows 43 and 44  
(make buttonholes on rows 45 and 65)

## WORK THE BOTTOM BAND IN GARTER STITCH

**Row 73:** Work icord band, decrease 9  
sts evenly across the next 116 sts (to  
have 107 sts), work icord band.

**Rows 74–89:** Work icord band, k107,  
work icord band. Make buttonhole on  
row 85.

**Row 90:** Cast off knitwise but purling  
3 together at each end for the icord  
bands.

**To finish:** Sew up under the arms, sew  
on buttons. Wash and block.