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# Baby Folkwear Caftan

SIMPLY SOFT

designed by Marilyn Losee

TECHNIQUE USED: Knit



#### SIZE

Baby's 3-6 (9 -12, 18-24) months

# KNITTED MEASUREMENTS

Chest 18 1/2 (20 1/2, 22 1/2) inches

Length 10 (11, 12) inches

## **MATERIALS**

<u>Caron International's Simply Soft</u> (100% acrylic; 6 oz/170 g, 330 yds/304 m): #9710 Country Blue (MC), 1 skein all sizes

For embroidery, small amounts of each color are needed; colors listed are shown on model garment

Caron International's Simply Soft (100% acrylic; 3 oz/86 g, 165 yds/152 m): #9739 Soft Green; #9702 Off White; #9719 Soft Pink; #9712 Soft Blue Size US 7 and 8 (4.5 and 5 mm) straight needles or size to obtain gauge Size US 7 (4.5 mm) 16-inch circular needle for neck finishing

Split-ring stitch markers or waste yarn

Stitch holder

Tapestry needle (tn)

#### **GAUGE**

In Stockinette stitch, using larger needles, 18 sts and 24 rows = 4"/10 cm Stitches Used

Garter stitch (Garter st)

Stockinette stitch (St st)



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#### BACK

Using smaller needles and MC, cast on 42 (46, 50) sts.

(RS) Begin Garter st; work even for 4 rows, ending with a WS row.

(RS) Change to larger needles and St st. Work even until piece measures 6 (6 1/2, 7) inches from beg; place marker for underarm. Cont in St st, work even until piece measures 10 (11, 12) inches from beg, ending with a WS row.

**Shape shoulders and neck:** (RS): BO 13 (14, 15) sts at beg of next 2 rows for shoulders; place rem 16 (18, 20) sts on holder for neck.

#### **FRONT**

Work as for Back until piece measures same as back to underarm, ending with a WS row; pm as for back.

Cont in St st, work 0 (2, 6) rows even, ending with a WS row; place marker (pm) each side of center 6 (6, 8) sts.

**Shape placket:** (RS) Work across to marker; join a second ball of yarn and BO center sts, work to end—18 (20, 21) sts each side. Working both sides at same time, work even for 15 rows, ending with a WS row.

**Shape neck:** (RS) At each neck edge, dec 1 st every row 5 (6, 6) times – 13 (14, 15) sts remain for shoulder.

Work even until piece measures same as Back to shoulder. Bind off remaining sts.

#### **SLEEVES**

Using smaller needles and MC, cast on 27 (29, 32) sts.

(RS) Begin Garter st; work even for 4 rows, ending with a WS row.

Change to larger needles and St st.

**Shape Sleeve:** (RS) Inc 1 st each side this row, then every 10 rows 4 (3, 3) times, every 8 rows 0 (2, 3) times—37 (41, 46) sts.

Work even until piece measures 7 1/2 (8 1/2, 10) inches from beg, ending with a WS row.

Bind off all sts loosely.

### **FINISHING**

Block pieces to measurements. Sew shoulder seams.

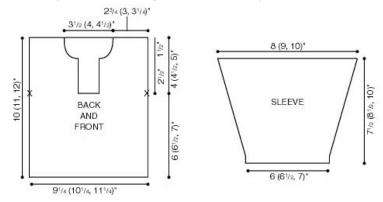
**Neck band:** With RS facing, using circular needle and MC, beg at lower end of placket, pick up and knit 60 (62, 64) sts evenly around neck shaping as follows: 10 sts up side of placket, pm; 12 sts along neck shaping to shoulder; 16 (18, 20) sts from back neck holder; 12 sts along neck shaping to placket, pm; 10 sts to lower end of placket. Do not join. (WS) Beg Garter st; working back and forth on circular needle, work even for 1 row.

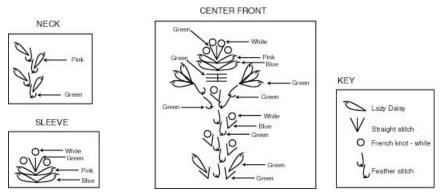
**Shape neck band: Increase Row:** (RS) \* Work to one st before marker, inc 1 (by k1-f/b in next st); slip marker, inc 1; repeat from \* once, work to end. Repeat Increase row every other row 1 (1, 2) times, ending with a RS row. Bind off all sts loosely on next (WS) row. Sew ends to bound off sts of placket.

Sew on sleeves between markers; sew sleeve and side seams. Using tn, weave in all ends.

#### **EMBROIDERY**

Using colors as shown (see photo), or colors desired, work embroidery, (see diagrams and photo), at center front; beg at center back neck, work embroidery around neck edge; work embroidery on sleeve.





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