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Delight the new mother with this warm and snugly sweater for baby!

Button-Up Baby Cardigan

Design by Melody MacDuffee

Skill Level

Advanced

Size

Infants' 6–9 months

Materials

- ❖ Caron International Wintuk 4 worsted weight yarn (3.5 ounces per skein): 1 skein each off-white #65, mist green #187 and baby blue #71
- ❖ Size J/10 crochet hook or size needed to obtain gauge
- ❖ Size H/8 crochet hook
- ❖ 8 (¾-inch) buttons
- ❖ Tapestry needle
- ❖ Sewing needle and thread

Gauge

7 sc = 2 inches; 3 sc rows = 1 inch
Check gauge to save time.

Pattern Notes

Join rnds with a sl st unless otherwise stated.

When instructed to work 2 forward and 3 down, count 2 sts forward from present position and 3 rows down, work st in front lp only of that st.

When instructed to work 2 back and 3 down, count 2 sts back from present position and 3 rows down, work st in front lp only of this st.

Pattern Stitch

Spl dtr: *Yo hook 3 times, insert hook in indicated st, yo, draw up a lp, [yo, draw through 2 lps on hook] 3 times *, (first leg completed), rep from * to * (2nd leg completed), yo hook, draw through rem 3 lps.

Back

Row 1 (RS): With J hook and off-white, beg at bottom edge of back, ch 32, sc in 3rd ch from hook, sc in each rem ch across, turn.

Row 2: Ch 2, working in front lps for this row only, sc in 2nd sc and each rem sc across, turn.

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Row 3: Ch 2, working in back lps for this row only, sc in 2nd sc and each rem sc across, turn.

Row 4: Rep Row 2, changing to baby blue in last st.

Row 5: Working in back lps for this row only, ch 2, sk first st, sc in each of next 3 sts, *dtr 2 forward and 3 down, sk 1 st, sc in each of next 2 sts, dtr 2 back and 3 down, sk 1 st *, sc in each of next 5 sts, dtr 2 forward and 3 down, sk 1 st, sc in each of next 3 sts, dtr in same st as last dtr, sk 1 st, sc in each of next 5 sts, rep from * to *, sc in each of next 4 sts, change to off-white, turn.

Row 6: Rep Row 2.

Row 7: Dc 2 rows down in each of first 4 sts, *sc in back lp only of next st, dtr 3 rows down in each of next 2 sts, sc in back lp only of next st *, dc 2 rows down in each of next 5 sts, sc in back lp only of next st, dtr 3 rows down in each of next 3 sts, sc in back lp only of next st, dc 2 rows down in each of next 5 sts, rep from * to *, dc 2 rows down in each of last 4 sts, turn.

Row 8: Rep Row 2, changing to mist green.

Row 9: Ch 2, sk first st, sc in back lp only of each of next 4 sts, *work first leg of spl dtr around post of first baby blue dtr, work 2nd leg of spl dtr around post of 2nd baby blue dtr, sk 2 sts *, sc in back lp only of each of next 6 sts, trtr around post of 2nd baby blue dtr of next pair, sk 1 st, sc in back lp only of each of next 3 sts, tr around post of first baby blue dtr of same pair, sk 1 st, sc in back lp only of each of next 6 sts, rep from * to *, sc in back lp only of each of last 5 sts, change to off-white, turn.

Row 10: Ch 2, sk first st, working in front lps only, sc in each of next 4 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in each of next 17 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in each of last 5 sts, turn.

Row 11: Working in front lps only, dc 2 rows down in front lp only of each of first 6 sts, sk to other side of mist green spl dtr, dc 2 rows down in each of next 7 sts, sc in back lp only of next st (directly above mist green trtr), dc 2 rows down in each of next 7 sts, sk to other side of mist green spl dtr, dc 2 rows down in each of last 6 sts, turn.

Row 12: Rep Row 4.

Row 13: Ch 2, sk first st, sc in back lp only of each of next 3 sts, *dtr around post of both mist green spl dtr at once, sk 1 st, sc in back lp only of each of next 2 sts, rep from * once, sc in back lp only of each of next 3 sts *, trtr around post of 2nd mist green trtr of next pair, sk 1 st, sc in back lp only of each of next 3 sts, trtr around post of first mist green trtr of same pair, sk 1 st, sc in back lp only of each of next 5 sts, rep from * to *, sc in back lp only of last st, change to off-white, turn.

Row 14: Rep Row 2.

Row 15: Dc 2 rows down in each of first 4 sts, *sc in back lp only of next st, dc 2 rows down in each of next 2 sts, sc in back lp only of next



st *, dc 2 rows down in each of next 5 sts, sc in back lp only of next st, dc 2 rows down in each of next 3 sts, sc in back lp only of next st, dc 2 rows down in each of next 5 sts, rep from * to *, dc 2 rows down in each of next 4 sts, turn.

Rows 16–22: Rep Rows 8–14. At the end of Row 22, fasten off.

Sleeves

Row 23: With off-white, ch 15, attach with sl st in first st of Row 22, dc 2 rows down in each of first 4 sts, *sc in back lp only of next st, dc 2 rows down in each of next 2 sts, sc in back lp only of next st *, dc 2 rows down in each of next 5 sts, sc in back lp only of next st, dc 2

rows down in each of next 3 sts, sc in back lp only of next st, dc 2 rows down in each of next 5 sts, rep from * to *, dc 2 rows down in each of last 4 sts, ch 16, turn.

Row 24: Sc in 3rd ch from hook, working in front lps only where applicable, sc in each rem st across, change to mist green, turn.

Row 25: Ch 2, sk first st, sc in back lp only of each of next 14 sts, *work first leg of spl dtr around post of first baby blue dtr, work 2nd leg of spl dtr around 2nd baby blue dtr, sk 2 sts *, sc in back lp only of each of next 6 sts, trtr around post of 2nd baby blue dtr of next pair, sk 1 st, sc in back lp only of each of next 3 sts, trtr around post of first baby blue dtr

of same pair, sk 1 st, sc in back lp only of each of next 6 sts, rep from * to *, sc in back lp only of each of last 15 sts, change to off-white, turn.

Row 26: Ch 2, sk first st, working in front lps only, sc in each of next 14 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in each of next 17 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in each of next 15 sts, turn.

Row 27: Ch 2, sk first st, sc in back lp only of each of next 14 sts, dc 2 rows down in front lp only of each of next 6 sts, sk to other side of mist green spl dtr, dc 2 rows down in each of next 7 sts, sc in back lp only of next st (directly above green trtr), dc 2 rows down in each of next 3 sts, sc in back lp only of next st (above mist green trtr), dc 2 rows

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down in each of next 7 sts, sk to other side of mist green spl dtr, dc 2 rows down in each of next 6 sts, sc in back lp only of each of last 15 sts, turn.

Row 28: Rep Row 2, change to baby blue.

Row 29: Ch 2, sk first st, sc in back lp only of each of next 14 sts, *dtr around post of both mist green spl dtr sts at once, sk 1 st, sc in back lp only of each of next 2 sts, rep from * once, sc in back lp only of each of next 3 sts *, trtr around post of 2nd mist green trtr of next pair, sk 1 st, sc in back lp only of each of next 3 sts, trtr around post of first mist green trtr of same pair, sk 1 st, sc in back lp only of each of next 5 sts, rep from * to *, sc in back lp only of each of last 15 sts, change to off-white, turn.

Row 30: Rep Row 2.

Row 31: Ch 2, sk first st, sc in back lp only of each of next 14 sts, dc 2 rows down in each of first 4 sts, *sc in back lp only of next st, dc 2 rows down in each of next 2 sts, sc in back lp only of next st *, dc 2 rows down in each of next 5 sts, sc in back lp only of next st, dc 2 rows down in each of next 3 sts, sc in back lp only of next st, dc 2 rows down in each of next 5 sts, rep from * to *, dc 2 rows down in each of last 4 sts, sc in back lp only of each of next 15 sts, turn.

Rows 32–34: Rep Rows 24–26.

Right neck shaping

Row 35 (RS): Ch 2, sk first st, sc in back lp only of each of next 23 sts, turn.

Row 36: Rep Row 3, change to baby blue.

Row 37: Rep Row 3, change to off-white.

Row 38: Rep Row 2.

Row 39: Rep Row 3.

Row 40: Rep Row 2, change to mint green.

Row 41: Rep Row 3, change to off-white.

Right front

Row 42: Ch 10, sc in 3rd ch from hook, working in front lps only where applicable, sc in each st across, turn.

Row 43: Rep Row 3.

Row 44: Rep Row 2, change to baby blue.

Row 45: Ch 2, sk first st, sc in back lp only of each of next 18 sts, dtr 3 forward and 2 down, sk 1 st, sc in back lp only of next 2 sts, dtr 3 back and 2 down, sk 1 st, sc in back lp only of each of last 11 sts, change to off-white, turn.

Row 46: Rep Row 2.

Row 47: Ch 2, sk first st, sc in each of next 14 sts, dc 2 rows down in each of next 4 sts, sc in back lp only of next st, dc 2 rows down in each of next 2 sts, sc in back lp only of next st, dc 2 rows down in each of next 8 sts, sc in back lp only of each of last 3 sts, turn.

Row 48: Rep Row 2, change to mist green.

Row 49: Ch 2, sk first st, sc in back lp only of each of next 19 sts, work first leg of spl dtr around post of first baby blue dtr, work 2nd leg of spl dtr around post of 2nd baby blue dtr, sk 2 sts, sc in back lp only of last 11 sts, change to off-white, turn.

Row 50: Ch 2, sk first st, working in front lps only, sc in each of next 11 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in each rem st across, turn.

Row 51: Ch 2, sk first st, sc in back lp only of each of next 14 sts, dc 2 rows down in each of next 6 sts, sk to other side of mist green spl dtr, dc 2 rows down in each of next 9 sts, sc in back lp only of each of last 3 sts, turn.

Row 52: Rep Row 2, change to baby blue.

Row 53: Ch 2, sk first st, sc in back

lp only of each of next 19 sts, dtr around both posts of mist green spl dtr at once, sk 1 st, sc in back lp only of each of next 2 sts, dtr around both posts of mist green spl dtr again, sk 1 st, sc in back lp only of each rem st across, change to off-white, turn.

Row 54: Rep Row 2, fasten off.

Row 55 (RS): Attach off-white in 15th st, dc 2 rows down in each of next 4 sts, sc in back lp only of next st, dc 2 rows down in each of next 2 sts, sc in back lp only of next st, dc 2 rows down in each of next 8 sts, sc in back lp only of each of last 3 sts, turn.

Row 56: Rep Row 2, change to mist green.

Row 57: Ch 2, sk first st, sc in back lp only of each of next 4 sts, work first leg of spl dtr around post of first baby blue dtr, work 2nd leg of spl dtr around post of 2nd baby blue dtr, sk 2 sts, sc in back lp only of each rem st across, change to off-white, turn.

Row 58: Ch 2, sk first st, working in front lps only, sc in each of next 11 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in each of last 5 sts, turn.

Row 59: Dc 2 rows down in each of first 6 sts, sk to other side of mist green spl dtr, dc 2 rows down in each of next 9 sts, sc in back lp only of each of next 3 sts, turn.

Row 60: Rep Row 2, change to baby blue.

Row 61: Ch 2, sk first st, sc in back lp only of each of next 3 sts, dtr around both post of mist green spl dtr at once, sk 1 st, sc in back lp only of each of next 2 sts, dtr around both posts of mist green spl dtr again, sk 1 st, sc in back lp only of each of last 10 sts, change to off-white, turn.

Row 62: Rep Row 2.

Row 63: Dc 2 rows down in each of first 4 sts, sc in back lp only of next st, dc 2 rows down in each of next 2 sts,

sc in back lp only of next st, dc 2 rows down in each of next 8 sts, sc in back lp only of each of last 3 sts, turn.

Rows 64–76: Rep Rows 56–63, ending with Row 60 on last rep, fasten off.

Left neck shaping

Row 35 (RS): Sk 13 sts on Row 34, attach off-white in back lp only of next st, ch 2, sc in back lp of each rem st across, turn. (24 sc)

Rows 36–40: Rep Rows 36–40 of right neck shaping.

Row 41: Rep Row 3, change to off-white.

Row 42: Rep Row 2.

Row 43: Ch 11, sc in 3rd ch from hook, working in back lps only where applicable, sc in each rem st across, turn.

Row 44: Rep Row 2, change to baby blue.

Row 45: Ch 2, sk first st, sc in back lp only of each of next 13 sts, dtr 3 forward and 2 down, sk 1 st, sc in back lp only of each of next 2 sts, dtr 3 back and 2 down, sk 1 st, sc in back lp only of each rem st across, change to off-white, turn.

Row 46: Rep Row 2.

Row 47: Ch 2, sk first st, sc in back lp only of each of next 2 sts, dc 2 rows down in each of next 11 sts, sc in back lp only of next st, dc 2 rows down in each of next 2 sts, sc in back lp only of next st, dc 2 rows down in each of next 4 sts *, sc in back lp only of each rem st across, turn.

Row 48: Rep Row 2, change to mist green.

Row 49: Ch 2, sk first st, sc in back lp only of each of next 14 sts, work first leg of spl dtr around post of first baby blue dtr, work 2nd leg of spl dtr around post of 2nd baby blue dtr, sk 2 sts, sc in back lp only of each rem st across, change to off-white, turn.

Row 50: Ch 2, sk first st, working in front lps only, sc in each of next

17 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in each rem st across, turn.

Row 51: Ch 2, sk first st, sc in back lp only of each of next 2 sts, dc 2 rows down in each of next 13 sts, sk to other side of mist green spl dtr, dc 2 rows down in each of next 6 sts, sc in back lp only of each rem st across, turn.

Rows 52–54: Rep Rows 44–46 of left neck shaping.

Row 55: Rep Row 47 of left neck shaping to *, turn.

Row 56: Rep Row 2, change to mist green.

Row 57: Rep Row 49 of left neck shaping.

Row 58: Ch 2, sk first st, working in front lps only, sc in each of next 4 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in each rem st across, turn.

Row 59: Rep Row 51 of left neck shaping to *, turn.

Row 60: Rep Row 2, change to baby blue.

Row 61: Ch 2, sk first st, sc in back lp only of each of next 13 sts, dtr around both posts of mist green spl dtr at once, sk 1 st, sc in back lp only of each of next 2 sts, dtr around both posts of mist green spl dtr again, sk 1 st, sc in back lp only of each rem st across, change to off-white, turn.

Row 62: Rep Row 2.

Rows 63–75: Rep Rows 55–62 of left neck shaping, ending with Row 59.

Row 76: Rep Row 2, fasten off.

Right Front Edging

Row 1 (RS): With H hook, attach mist green in right front corner st at bottom, ch 2, working over row ends, [sk end of next row, sc over end of each of next 3 rows] 8 times, ending with sc over end of last row at neck edge, fasten off.

Row 2 (RS): Attach baby blue in 2nd ch of ch-2, ch 1, [sc in back lp only of next st, ch 3, sk 1 st, sc in

back lp of next st] 8 times, ending with sc in back lp only of last st, fasten off.

Left Front Edging

Row 1 (RS): With H hook, attach baby blue in left front corner st at neck edge, working over row ends, ch 2, [sc over end of each of next 3 rows, sk next row] 8 times, ending with sc over end of last row, fasten off.

Neck Band

Row 1 (WS): With H hook, attach mist green in first st of Row 1 of left front edging, sc in same st as joining and in each of next 10 sts across left front, sc over end of each of next 8 rows across left shoulder, sc in each of next 15 sts across, back, sc over end of each of next 8 rows across right shoulder, sc in each of next 10 sts across right front, ending with sc over end of Row 2 of right front edging, turn.

Row 2: Change to hook size J, sk first st, working in front lps only, sc in each st across to last 2 sts, sk 1 st, sl st in last st, turn.

Row 3: Sk first st, sc in back lp only of each rem st across to last 2 sts, sk 1 st, sl st in last st, turn.

Rows 4 & 5: Rep Rows 2 and 3, at end of Row 5, change to baby blue, turn.

Collar

Row 6: Sk first st, working in front lps only, sc in each of next 5 sts, [2 sc in next st, sc in next st] 5 times, sc in each of next 11 sts, [sc in next st, 2 sc in next st] 5 times, sc in each of next 5 sts, sk 1 st, sl st in last st, turn.

Row 7: Sk first st, working in back lps only, sc in each of next 6 sts, [2 sc in next st, sc in each of next 2 sts] 4 times, sc in each of next 12 sts, [sc in each of next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st] 4 times, sc in each of next 7 sts, sk 1 st, sl st in last st, turn.

Rows 8 & 9: Rep Rows 2 and 3.

Row 10: Sk first st, working in front

lps only, sc in each of next 5 sts, [2 sc in next st, sc in each of next 3 sts] 5 times, sc in each of next 11 sts, [sc in each of next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st] 5 times, sc in each of next 5 sts, sk 1 st, sl st in last st, turn.

Row 11: Rep Row 3, fasten off.

Sleeve Cuffs

Rnd 1 (RS): With H hook, attach mist green in end of sleeve row, ch 2, working in ends of rows, [sc over end of next row, sk 1 row, sc over end of each of next 2 rows] rep around, sl st to join in beg ch-2.

Rnd 2: Ch 2, working in back lps

only, [sc in each of next 2 sts, sk 1 st] rep around, sl st to join in beg ch-2.

Rnd 3: Ch 2, working in back lps only, sc in each st around, sl st to join in beg ch-2, change to baby blue.

Rnds 4 & 5: Ch 2, working in back lps only, sc in each st around, sl st to join in beg ch-2. At the end of Rnd 5, fasten off.

Finishing

With tapestry needle and off-white, with RS tog, sew side seams.

With sewing needle and thread, sew buttons on left front corresponding with button lps. ❁



Crochet TIPS

Arthritis Relief

Here are some tips for crocheters who suffer from arthritis:

- Don't try to crochet very early in the morning or very late at night, since arthritis pain and stiffness is more severe at these times.
- Soak your hands in warm water before and after crocheting. This will help soothe the inflammation and relieve tension.
- A gentle massage, with or without one of the good topical pain relief ointments on the market, will help. Be sure you use a non-greasy formula, so you won't defeat your purpose by having to work harder to control your yarn with sticky hands.
- Choose a comfortable spot to crochet. If your body is relaxed, your hands will be less apt to cramp. Don't crochet for lengthy periods. Take a break now and then to stretch and move, and flex your



fingers in a nice warm water bath.

- Have a soothing cup of tea. Don't think about the arthritis; think about the lovely things you are

creating and direct your energy toward that. You'll be amazed at what you can accomplish if you put your mind to it—arthritis or not.

Your condition will dictate when and how to pace yourself. Arthritis pain and inflammation are affected by weather and stress. On a particularly bad day, you might want to forego your project.

Although mild exercise is helpful to keep affected joints mobile, to tax those joints during periods of flare-up or severe swelling could make matters worse. See your doctor for regular checkups. Contact your local chapter of the Arthritis Foundation for updated information on the latest help for arthritics.

Baby Gifts

Wrap baby gifts in receiving blankets instead of wrapping paper.

Ponytail Elastics

Use the coated ponytail elastics (smaller size) as a base for skirts, dresses, shorts, etc. The elastics are just the waist size needed and will save you the time of sewing together regular round elastic. They come in many colors so you can color-coordinate them to your yarn or thread.

Decorative Doilies

When you decorate your home for the Christmas holidays, don't overlook the possibilities of crocheted doilies. Cluster five or six small red, white and green doilies in a pretty group on the dining room or kitchen table. Add a round bowl of greenery and holiday-colored flowers for a unique centerpiece.

Sweet-Smelling Afghans

When packing away crocheted baby afghans for later use as gifts, place a sheet of dryer fabric softener in with the afghan. It will smell fresh when opened weeks or months later.

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