

Cross Stitch Cardigan

- **0-3 month size with notes on newborn size.**
- **See: semantic at bottom of pattern.**



SIZE

NEWBORN [17 ½" chest finished size] AND 0-3 MO SIZES [18 ¼" chest finished size]

MATERIALS

- DK category #3 yarn Baby Sport
- Tunisian Hook size K for 0-3 size and I for newborn size
- Crochet Hook size F [for ribbing] used for both newborn and 0-3 mo size
- Crochet Hook size G [4.25mm] for trim for 0-3 month size.
- Tapestry needle
- Four or Five small buttons (1/2")

LENGTH CHANGES:

- If you desire waist length, adjust # of rows completed for all pieces.
- Sleeve shortening or lengthening requires adjustment to increase rows placement in piece.
 - There are 6 increase rows which have both ends increased.

SIZING:

Note: increases are in odd numbers for chains and even numbers for loops - in case you want larger sizes. Be sure to adjust arm hole and other measurements for larger sizes. SEE CHEMATIC below.

Note: use larger hooks for 3-6 mo size or add stitches to width and rows to height

STITCHES AND ABBREVIATIONS

- Fasten off (fo)
- Loop, loops (lp, lps)
- Right Side (RS)
- Single crochet (sc)
- Skip (sk)
- Stitch, stitches (st, sts)
- Tunisian purl stitch (Tps)
- Tunisian simple stitch (Tss)
- Wrong Side (WS)
- Yarn over (yo)

ADDITIONAL NOTES

- Each Tunisian row consists of a forward pass and return pass that counts as one row. Do not turn your work; the RS is always facing you.
- Always skip the first lp on each row (the one at the leading edge). The lp on your hook counts for that stitch.
- In this pattern always end a forward pass with a Tss anchored firmly in the last lp on the row, as well as the horizontal thread that runs behind it.
- Additionally, the last st on the forward pass is always a Tss. That means that sometimes you will have two Tss at the end of a forward pass.
- The number of chain stitches you start with is the number of stitches you will have on subsequent rows.
- Every return pass is worked as follows: Yo, pull through 1 lp. * Yo, pull through 2 lps. Repeat from * across until 1 lp remains on hook.

Note: Keep your beginning and ending of row stitches uniform and nice as they will show on the front of the cardigan.

EXPLANATION OF STITCHES

Tunisian Simple Stitch

Row 1: Ch number indicated in pattern. Insert hook in 2nd ch from hook, yo, pull up lp, * insert hook in next ch, yo pull up lp. Repeat from * across, leaving all lps on hook. Do not turn. Return.

Row 2: Sk first vertical bar. * Insert hook under next vertical bar, keeping hook to the front of the work, yo, pull up lp. Repeat from * across, leaving all lps on hook. Do not turn. Return.

Cross Stitch

In 3rd loop [skipping second loop] Tss, then Tss in 2nd loop that you skipped.

Then skip next loop and Tss in next loop, then Tss in skipped loop, repeat across.

Tss in last loop. Repeat Pattern Row for Cross Stitch pattern until piece equals length desired minus 3" for newborn and minus 3 ¼" for 0-3 month size. Leaving a yarn tail, cut yarn.

cross stitch



Note: COLORS can be done as desired: Sleeves, collar, trim, etc.

INSTRUCTIONS: [starting at bottom of sweater with ribbing.]

Ribbing:

With smaller crochet hook, ch 6.

Sc in second ch from hook. Sc in next 4 chains. Ch 1, turn.

Sc in 5 sc, ch 1, turn. Repeat.

Do 85 rows of ribbing. On last row last stitch keep finished loop on hook.

Body: Switch to larger Tunisian hook.

From Ribbing to Armhole Area:

Foundation Row: Pull up 86 loops. Return.

Pattern:

In 3rd loop [skipping second loop] Tss, then Tss in 2nd loop that you skipped. Then skip next loop and Tss in next loop, then Tss in skipped loop, repeat across. Tss in last loop.

Repeat Pattern Row for Cross Stitch pattern until piece equals length desired minus 3" for newborn and minus 3 1/4" for 0-3 month size. Leaving a yarn tail, cut yarn.

Completing Back:



Working on center 46 stitches

Repeat Rows 1 and 2 for cross stitch pattern until piece equals piece equals additional 3" for newborn 3 1/4" for 0-3 month size. Leaving a yarn tail, cut yarn.

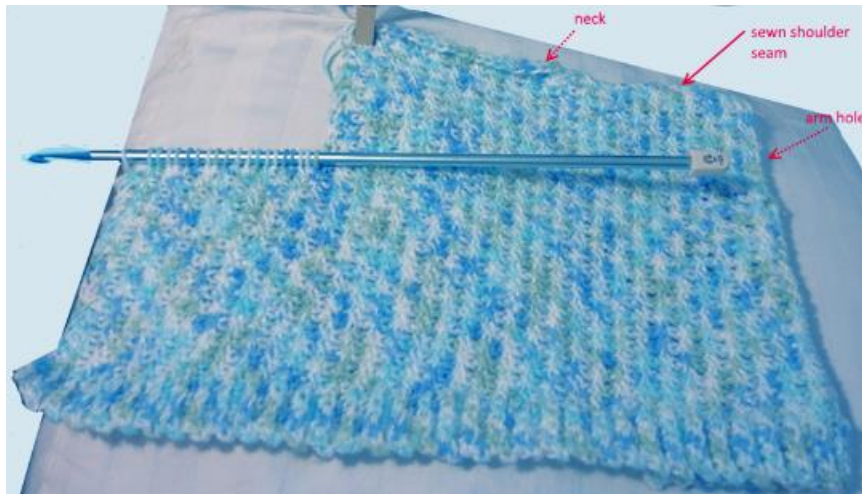
Completing Right Front:



Working on right side 20 stitches

Repeat Rows 1 and 2 for Cross Stitch pattern until piece equals additional 3" for newborn and minus 3 1/4" for 0-3 month size. Leaving a yarn tail, cut yarn.

Completing Left Front:



Working on left side 20 stitches.

Repeat Rows 1 and 2 for Cross Stitch pattern until piece equals piece equals additional 3" for newborn 3 ¼" for 0-3 month size. Leaving a yarn tail, cut yarn.

Last Rows on cardigan ALL sections: Basically do slip stitch fasten off on last row of all cardigan sections.

[Insert hook into 2nd st from hook as for Tss, yo, pull to front, yo, pull through both lps (sc made). Insert hook into next st as for Tps, yo, pull to front, yo, pull through both lsp (sc made). Continue working sc in each st across, inserting hook to keep in pattern. Fo.]

Note: you should now have one piece that includes two fronts and one back with the openings for the armhole where the sleeve will go.

SLEEVES (make 2) (for color block version make one of each color)

Note: Sleeves can be made a different color if desired.

RIBBING:

With smaller crochet hook, ch 6.

Sc in second ch from hook. Sc in next 4 chains. Ch 1, turn.

Sc in 5 sc, ch 1, turn. Repeat.

Do 24 rows of ribbing. On last row last stitch keep finished loop on hook.

BODY OF SLEEVE:

Pull up loop in each row so that you have 25 loops on hook. Return. Follow pattern for rows to create Cross Stitch pattern.

For 0-3 mo size: Increase in rows: 2, 6, 10, 15, 20. [Note: This creates 10 increases of 2 increases per increase row. Do increase rows with increase at one each end. Increases should be done in second stitch from end and not the first stitch or last.] When sleeve is done it should have 35 loops/stitches. [I had 24 rows of body after the ribbing.]

Note: 0-3 mo size: Row 2 = 27 stitches

Row 6 = 29 stitches

Row 10 = 31 stitches

Row 15 = 33 stitches

Row 20 = 35 stitches

Row 24 = 35 stitches

Length should be 5 ½" for newborn and 6" for 0-3 mo. [Measurement includes ribbing.]

Cap of sleeve should be 6" wide for newborn and 6 ½" for 0-3 month sizes.



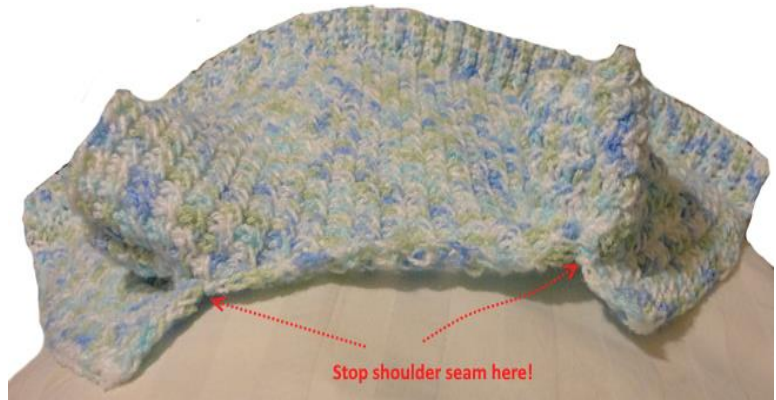
FINISHING PIECES

Using a tapestry needle, weave in loose ends. Gently steam block the sweater.

Note: See Schematic at the end of this pattern for more information.

ASSEMBLY

- ❖ Using additional yarn and with RS together, sew shoulder seams, leaving 8 sts on the inside of each panel unsewn. These will be for the neck opening.
- ❖ Position sleeves so they are centered along the shoulder. With RS together, sew the sleeves onto the shoulders. [Absorb skipped stitch for newborn when sewing seam for sleeves.]
- ❖ With RS together, sew sleeve seams.



EDGING

Turn sweater Right Side Facing. Use G [4.25mm] for 0-3 mo or F [3.75mm] hook for newborn. [Use Main Color used in Body]

Row 1: Join yarn at the bottom of ribbing. Sc up front of sweater (35 sts), work 3 sc into next st, sc in each st around neckline (34 sts), work 3 sc in next st, sc down the other side (35 sts). Ch 1, turn.

[If using a Trim Color, join here.]

Rows 2-3: Sc up the front of the sweater, work 3 sc in center sc of 3 sc from corner of previous row. Sc around neckline, work 3 sc in center sc of 3 sc from corner of previous row. Sc down other side of the front of the sweater. Ch 1, turn.

Row 4 (buttonhole row): Sc in first 3 st, ch 2, sk 2 sc, sc in next 4 sts, * ch 2, sk 2 sc, sc in next 4 sts. Repeat from * until there are 5 buttonholes. Continue sc up front of sweater, work 3 sc in center sc of 3 sc from corner of previous row, sc around neckline, sc down front side. End Off.

COLLAR:

[If using a Trim Color, join at center sc of 3sc group.]

Row 1: Sc around neckline, placing only one sc in center of 3 sc from previous row. Ch 1 (this is the final stitch on this row), turn.

Rows 2-4: Sc in each sc across collar. Ch 1, turn.

Row 5: Sc in each sc across.

Row 6: Ch 1, sc around with 3 sc in corners. End Off. [Note: Up front, around neck, down front.]

FINISHING

Weave in ends. Block sweater again if desired. Sew on buttons, making sure they are securely attached so a child could not pull them off.

As a further embellishment, I added a little flower to the back. Any flower pattern will do should you opt to add this.

Wrist Ties: [make 2] Using Trim Color join it now.

Ch 90, slip stitch in second chain from hook and rest of chains. End Off. Hide ends. Weave Through wrist area above ribbing. Tie a bow.



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How to Seam Tunisian Crochet

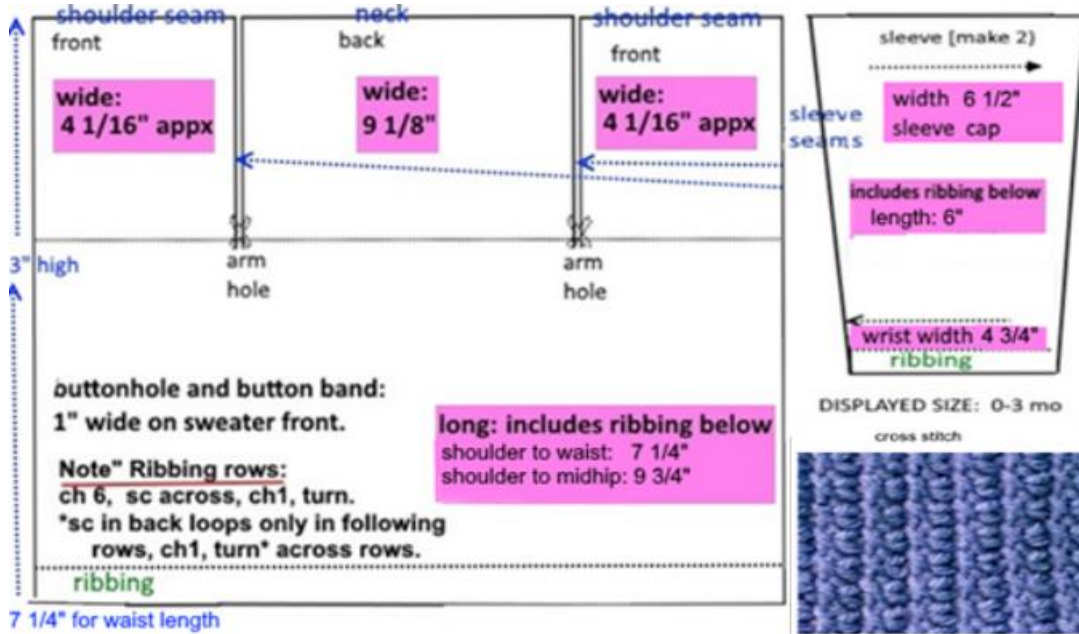
There are **two preferable methods for seaming Tunisian crochet pieces**: the mattress stitch and the chain or slip stitch.

The mattress stitch (also known as the woven stitch) creates a thick but even seam that closes all gaps. To start, place the two pieces right side up and side by side, then insert a tapestry needle into the two horizontal bars of a stitch at the bottom of either side piece. Then insert the needle on the other side piece under two horizontal bars of a stitch. Go back and forth between the pieces, gently tugging on the yarn to pull the two pieces together.

The chain stitch seam should be utilized when your pieces are in the Tunisian knit stitch since it mimics this stitch. Place the two pieces together, wrong sides facing each other, and use the same hook size as used in the piece. Join the yarn with a slip stitch at the base and chain stitch through both layers of the fabric.

SCHEMATIC

[Collar Trim is added and button/buttonhole band added to front.]



| Premie 3-5 lbs. | Small Newborn | Newborn | 0-3 months | 3-6 months | 6-9 months |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • chest = 13½" • shoulder to hem = 12" • neck/shoulder = 1¾" • button placket 4" • shoulder to hip = 7¾" • shoulder to waist = 6¼" • waist to underarm = 3¾" • underarm to midhip = 5¼" • sleeve length = 4" • shortsleeve length = varies • sleeve wrist = 3½" • sleeve opening depth = 2½" • sleeve Opening circumference = 5" • neck opening = 9" | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • chest = 16" • shoulder to hem = 13" • neck/shoulder = 2" • button placket = 5¼" • shoulder to hip = 9½" • shoulder to waist = 7" • waist to underarm = 4¼" • underarm to midhip = 5½" • sleeve length = 5" • shortsleeve length = varies • sleeve wrist = 4¼" • sleeve opening depth = 3" • sleeve opening circumference = 6" • neck opening = 9½" | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • chest = 17½" • shoulder to hem = 13" • neck/shoulder = 2¼" • button placket = 5¼" • shoulder to hip = 9½" • shoulder to waist = 7" • waist to underarm = 4½" • underarm to midhip = 5¾" • sleeve length = 5½" • shortsleeve length = varies • sleeve wrist = 4½" • sleeve opening depth = 3" • sleeve opening circumference = 6" • neck opening = 10" | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • chest = 18¼" • shoulder to hem = 15½" • neck/shoulder = 2 3/8" • button placket 5¼" • shoulder to hip = 9¾" • shoulder to waist = 7¼" • waist to underarm = 4¾" • underarm to midhip = 6" • sleeve length = 6" • shortsleeve length = varies • sleeve wrist = 4¾" • sleeve opening depth = 3¼" • sleeve opening circumference = 6½" • neck opening = 10½" | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • chest = 19" • shoulder to hem = 16" • neck/shoulder = 2½" • button placket 5½" • shoulder to hip = 9¾" • shoulder to waist = 7¼" • waist to underarm = 4¾" • underarm to midhip = 6" • sleeve length = 6½" • shortsleeve length = varies • sleeve wrist = 5" • sleeve opening depth = 3¼" • sleeve opening circumference = 6½" • neck opening = 11" | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • chest = 20" • shoulder to hem = 16¼" • neck/shoulder = 2½" • button placket 5¾" • shoulder to hip = 10" • shoulder to waist = 7½" • waist to underarm = 5" • underarm to midhip = 6¼" • sleeve length = 7" • shortsleeve length = varies • sleeve wrist = 5" • sleeve opening depth = 3½" • sleeve opening circumference = 7" • neck opening = 11½" |