Materials:

Worsted weight yarn: 400-600 yards (depending on finished size)

US Size 5 and 8 knitting needles Nylon Zipper – 15" (16", 17", 17")

Size G crochet hook

Sizes: Newborn (6 mos, 12 mos, 18 mos.)

Newborn: 5-10 pounds; chest to 18" 6 Months: 11-18 pounds; chest to 20" 12 Months: 19-24 pounds; chest to 22" 18 months: 24+ pounds; chest to 22"

Gauge: (On size 8 needles) 18 sts and 24 rows = 4"



Note: The pattern starts with the hood. Stitches are then picked up at the neck edge and the sweater is knit from the neck down.

The sweater can be knit in plain stockinette or with a cable pattern down the center front and sleeves. *Cable pattern* directions are at the end of the pattern.

HOOD:

With Size 8 needles, cast on 58 (58,62,70) sts.

Work in K2-P2 ribbing for 4 rows.

Row 5: K6, continue in K2-P2 ribbing to last 6 sts, K6.

Row 6: P6, continue in K2-P2 ribbing to last 6 sts, P6.

Row 7: K6, continue in K2-P2 ribbing to last 6 sts, K6.

Row 8: K8, continue in ribbing to last 8 sts, K8.

Row 9: P8, continue in ribbing to last 8 sts, P8.

Row 10: K8, continue in ribbing to last 8 sts, K8.

Row 11: K10, continue in ribbing to last 10 sts, K10.

Row 12: P10, continue in ribbing to last 10 sts, P10.

Row 13: K10, continue in ribbing to last 10 sts, K10.

Continue in this pattern (increasing the number of sts K or P at each end of row by 2 every 4th row) until 2 sts are left in the center.

Next: Knit 1 row. Bind off.

BODY:

Fold hood in half (with bound-off edge kept for the zipper opening) starting at the bottom of bound-off edge, with Size 5 needles, pick up 25 (27,29,32) sts along edge, cast on 4 sts for chin, pick up 25, (27,29,32) sts on the other side. 54 (58,62,70) sts.

Work in K1-P1 rib for 7 rows, ending on wrong side.

Change to size 8 needles.

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Row 1 (set-up row): K1, P1, K5 (6,7,8) sts, kfb, PM, kfb, K0 (0,0,1), K6,m (or cable pattern over 6 sts), K0 (0,0,1), kfb, PM, kfb, K5 (6,7,8), K10 (or cable pattern over 10) K5 (6,7,8) sts, kfb, PM, kfb, K6 (or cable pattern over 6 sts), K0 (0,0,1), kfb, PM, kfb, K5 (6,7,8), P1, K1 62 (66,70,78) sts **Row 2 and all even rows**: P1, K1, purl to last 2 sts, K1, P1 (or purl and follow cable pattern for 10 center stitches).

Row 3 and all odd rows: K1, P1, knit to last 2 sts, P1, K1 (or knit and follow cable pattern for 10 center stitches) while at the same time increasing before and after each marker until there are 150 (154,158,166) sts on the needle. End on the wrong side.

With right side facing, K20 (21,22,23) sts of right back, place the next 32 (32,32,34) sts of sleeve on holder, cast on 2 sts, K 46 (48,50,52) sts of front, place the next 32 (32,32,34) sts of sleeve on holder, cast on 2, K20 (21,22,23) sts of left back.

90 (94,98,102) sts.

Continue knitting in Stockinette Stitch (Knit 1 row, Purl 1 row) or in Stockinette with Cable pattern across center 10 sts until piece measures 5" (6",7",7") from underarm.

Change to size 5 needles and work in K1-P1 ribbing for 1". Bind off.

Right Sleeve:

With size 8 needles, pick up sleeve stitches, increasing 1 stitch each end.

Work in Stockinette Stitch (Knit 1 row, purl 1 row) until sleeve measure 4" (5",6",6") from underarm. Change to size 5 needles and work in K1-P1 ribbing for 1".

Left Sleeve:

Work the same as the right sleeve.

Finishing:

Sew sleeve seams and weave in ends.

Optional recommendation: With size G crochet hook, work 1 row of single crochet around back opening to create a "bead" for sewing in the zipper.

Sew the zipper in by hand – note that the *closed* end of the zipper is place at the top of the hood and the *open* end of the zipper is at the bottom of the sweater.

Cable Pattern variations:

For center 10 stitches of sweater **FRONT**:

Row 1: P2, K6, P2. Row 2: K2, P6, K2.

Row 3: P2, sl 3 sts to cable needle and hold in front, K3, k3 from cable needle, P2.

Row 4: K2, P6, K2

Repeat these 4 rows to create the cable pattern.

For center 6 stitches of SLEEVES:

Row 1: P1, K4, P1 Row 2: K1, P4, K1

Row 3: P1, sl 2 sts to cable needle and hold in front, K2, K2 from cable needle, P1.

Row 4: K1, P4, K1

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