

A Raglan Jacket for Baby
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HERE is a fascinating little matinée coat for the newest member of the family. The little touches of embroidery add to its charm.

Tension and Measurements

Worked at a tension of 8 sts. to the inch in width, the measurements on the diagram are attained after light pressing.

Abbreviations

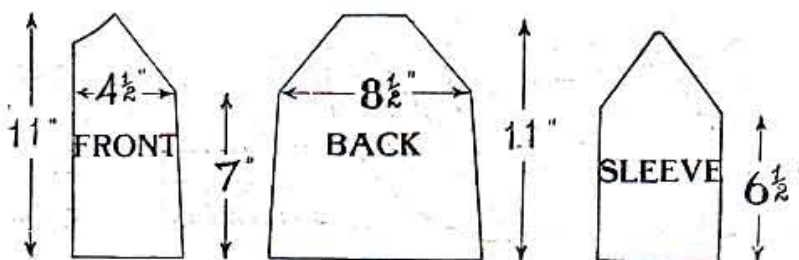
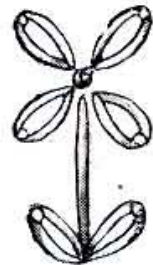
K., knit plain; p., purl; st., stitch; tog., together; dec., decrease; sl., slip; b.s.s.o., pass the slipped st. over; s.s., stocking-stitch (k. on the right side and p. back); garter-st. is k. plain on every row; ch., chain; a.c., double crochet; tr., treble.



MATERIALS

Two ounces of Golden Eagle Super-Fingering (2-ply), an oddment of green and pale yellow wool for the embroidery, a pair of Stratnoid knitting pins No. 10, 1½ yards of baby ribbon, a Stratnoid crochet hook No. 15.

Each little flower consists of four lazy-daisy loops in yellow, with a French-knot centre of pale green, to match the stem and leaves.



The Measurements of the *Matinée Jacket*.

To Work the Back

Cast on 80 sts. for the lower edge and work 6 rows in garter-st., working into the back of the sts. on the 1st row to give a neat edge.

Work 6 rows straight in s.s.

1st dec. row : K. 24, sl. 1, k. 1, p.s.s.o., k. 28, k. 2 tog., k. 24 to end. (78 sts.)

Work 5 rows more in s.s.

2nd dec. row : K. 23, sl. 1, k. 1, p.s.s.o., k. 28, k. 2 tog., k. 23 to end. (76 sts.)

Work 5 rows in garter-st.

3rd dec. row : K. 22, sl. 1, k. 1, p.s.s.o., k. 28, k. 2 tog., k. 22 to end. (74 sts.)

Now continue in s.s., beginning with a p. row, but dec. on every 6th row as before, working 1 st. less at each end after each dec., until 64 sts. remain.

Work 29 rows straight in s.s. to the armholes.

TO SHAPE THE ARMHOLES : Dec. 1 st. at both ends of the next row and every following alternate row until 24 sts. remain. Cast off loosely.

The Right Front

Cast on 40 sts. and work 6 rows in garter-st., working into the back of the sts. on the 1st row.

Next row : All k.

Next row : P. until 3 sts. remain, k. 3.

Work 4 rows more in s.s. but with 3 sts. at the front end in garter-st. for a border.

1st dec. row : K. 14, k. 2 tog., k. to end.

Work 5 rows more in s.s., then repeat the dec. row.

Work 5 rows in garter-st., and repeat the dec. row.

Now continue in s.s., decreasing on every 6th row as before, until 32 sts. remain.

Work 28 rows straight in s.s. to the armhole.

TO SHAPE THE ARMHOLE : Dec. 1 st. at the beginning of the next row and every following alternate row (every p. row on this Front) until 20 sts. remain.

TO SHAPE THE NECK : Still decreasing at the arm end as before, cast off 7 sts.

at the beginning of the next row (right side), then dec. at the neck end of the following 3 rows, and finally dec. at the neck end of the following 3 alternate rows. K. together the 2 remaining sts. and fasten off.

The Left Front

Work this to match the Right Front, but with k. 3 border at the beginning of p. rows. Work 1 row more to the armhole to reverse the shaping. (The 1st dec. row will read : K. 24, sl. 1, k. 1, p.s.s.o., k. 14, and the others worked to correspond, keeping k. 14 at the end of the right-side rows.)

The Sleeves

Cast on 38 sts. and work 58 rows in s.s., working into the back of the sts. on the 1st row.

TO SHAPE THE SLEEVE TOP : Dec. 1 st. at both ends of the next row and every alternate row until 10 sts. remain, then dec. at both ends of every 4th row until 4 sts. remain. Cast off.

Work another sleeve the same.

TO MAKE UP THE JACKET : First press all parts lightly on the wrong side of the work with a hot iron over a damp cloth. Join the sleeve tops to sloping edges of back and fronts and press these seams. Join the sleeve and side seams in one line and press.

Work a row of flowers in the border round the lower edge of the jacket, forming each flower with four yellow lazy-daisy stitches grouped round a green French knot; a straight green stitch for the stem, and two small green lazy-daisy stitches for the leaves. On the original garment there are 8 flowers on the back and four on each front.

With a crochet hook work a crochet edging round the neck and wrists as follows :

1st round : Work 1 d.c. into each st. all round.

2nd round : * 1 ch., miss 1 d.c., 1 tr. in the next d.c.; repeat from * all round.

3rd round : (1 d.c., 2 ch., 1 d.c.) in each space of the previous round.

Thread ribbon through holes at neck and wrists, using a ball bodkin, which is ideal for threading through wool.