

## Crocheted Layette Sweater

Directions are for 6 month size. Changes for Size 1 are in parentheses.

You Need:

6 oz 4 Ply Yarn

Needle: Size H

Gauge: 3 shells to 3 ½ inches

5 rows to 3 inches

Back: Chain "ch" 37 (45) for lower edge.

Row 1: In 5<sup>th</sup> ch from hook work 2 double crochet "dc" ch 1 and 2 dc in same place for a shell \* skip 3 ch, 1 shell in next ch, repeat from \* to last 4 ch, skip 3 ch, 1 dc in last ch, ch 3, turn. Counting turning ch as 1 dc, there are 8 (10) shells with 1 dc at each end.

Row 2: With turning ch as first dc, work 1 shell in ch 1 space of each shell, end with 1 dc in turning ch, ch 3 turn. Repeat Row 2 for pat, working 8 (10) more rows. Place a marker at each side for start of armholes.

Continue in pattern "pat" for 6 (7) more rows. Width is 10 (12) inches. Continue down fronts as follows:

Shoulder & Neck - Row 1: Work 2 (3) shells, 1 dc just before next shell, ch 3, turn.

Row 2: 1 shell in each shell. 1 dc in turning ch, ch 3 turn.

Row 3: 1 shell in each shell, 1 shell in turning ch for 1 shell increased at front neck edge, ch 3 turn.

Row 4: Same as Row 2, ch 3 turn.

Row 5: Repeat Row 3, ch 3, turn. With 4 (5) shells across and 1 dc at each side, continue in pat for 12 (15) more rows. Fasten off.

Leaving 4 shells free at back of neck, join yarn just before next shell, ch 3. 1 shell in each of next 2 (3) shells, 1 dc in turning ch, ch 3, turn.

Row 2: 1 shell in each shell, 1 dc in turning ch, ch 3, turn.

Row 3: 1 shell in base of turning ch for an increase "inc", work to end, ch 3 turn.

Row 4: Same as Row 2, ch 3, turn.

Row 5: Same as Row 3, ch 3, turn. Finish to match other side.

Sleeves: Join yarn in space after marked shell of back, ch 3, (skip next space, work 1 shell in next space) 7 times, skip next space, 1 dc in next space, ch 3 turn. With 7 shells across and 1 dc at each end, work in pat for 9 (11) more rows, ch 1 to turn at end of last row.

Cuff: \* Work 1 single crochet "sc" in first dc, 1 sc in first dc of shell, skip 1 dc, 1 sc in ch 1 space, skip 1 dc, 1 sc in next dc, repeat from \* across, end with 1 sc in turning ch, ch 1, turn. 23 sc across.

Row 2: 1 sc in each sc, ch 1, turn

Rows 3, 4 & 5: Repeat Row 2. Fasten off.

Sew side and sleeve seams.

On wrong side starting at lower left front edge, work 1 row of sc up front edge, around neck and down right front edge, inc'ing 1 sc at corners of front of neck, ch 1, turn.

Row 2: 1 sc in each sc, inc'ing in corners of neck. Fasten off.

Sew 3 buttons on left front for a girl, right front for a boy. Use spaces of pat for buttonholes.

