

Elfin Stripes

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★ Suitable for beginners.

Cardigan directions are for 0 to 3 months; changes for 6, 9 and 12 months are in parentheses. Hat directions are for preemie; changes for 0-3 months and 6-9 months are in parentheses.

TLC® “Baby”: Art. E511, 100% acrylic, (6 oz. solid and 5 oz. multi-color skeins) and 64% acrylic/36% nylon (5 oz. sparkle skeins): **Amount-Cardigan:** 3 (3¹/₄, 3¹/₂, 4) Ounces **CA;** 1¹/₂ (2, 2¹/₄, 2¹/₂) ounces **CB.** **Hat:** 1¹/₄ (1¹/₂, 1³/₄) ounces **CA;** 1 (1¹/₄, 1³/₄) ounces **CB.**

CA = 8680 New Mint Sparkle; **CB** = 5011 White

Crochet Hooks: 3.5 mm [US E-4] and 4 mm [US G-6]. Five 1/2" buttons; sewing needle and thread.

GAUGE: In sc—18 sts = 4"; 20 rows = 4" with larger hook. **CHECK YOUR GAUGE.** Use any size hook to obtain the gauge given.

To Fit Chest: 17 (18, 19, 20)".

Finished Measurement: 21 (22³/₄, 24, 25³/₄)".

Hat Circumference: 12 (14, 16)".

CARDIGAN

BODY (Worked in one piece to underarms): With larger hook and **CB** ch 91 (99, 105, 113).

Row 1 (Right Side): Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across; turn – 90 (98, 104, 112) sc. **Row 2:** Ch 1, sc in each sc across changing to **CA** in last st; turn. Work in sc, working stripes of 2 rows **CA** and 2 rows of **CB**, until 4 (4¹/₂, 5, 5¹/₂)" from beg, end wrong side row.

Divide for fronts and back-RIGHT FRONT: Keeping continuity of stripe pat, ch 1, sc across first 22 (24, 25, 27) sc; **turn.** Work even until 3 (3¹/₂, 4, 4¹/₂)" above division, end wrong side row. **Shape Neck:** Sl st across first 7 sc, work across rem 15 (17, 18, 20) sc. Dec 1 st at neck edge on next 2 rows. Work even on 13 (15, 16, 18) sc until 4 (4¹/₂, 5, 5¹/₂)" above division. Fasten off.

BACK: With right side facing, join yarn and sc in next 46 (50, 54, 58) sc of last long row; **turn.** Work even until back measures same as front to shoulder. Fasten off.

LEFT FRONT: With right side facing, join yarn and sc in last 22 (24, 25, 27) sc of last long row; **turn.** Complete to correspond to right front, reversing neck shaping.

Lower Ribbing: With right side facing and smaller hook, join **CA** at lower edge, ch 3, work 89 (97, 103, 111) dc across; turn – 90 (98, 104, 112) sts.

Ribbing Row: Ch 2, * dc around the **post** of the next dc from the **back**, dc around the **post** of the next dc from the **front**; rep from * to last st; hdc in top of ch; turn. Rep Ribbing Row once more. Fasten off.

SLEEVES: With larger hook and **CB** ch 31 (33, 35, 37). Work in sc stripe pat, same as for body, over 30 (32, 34, 36) sc, shaping sides by inc 1 st at each end of 5th row, then every 4th row until there are 36 (40, 44, 48) sc. Work even until 5¹/₂ (6, 6¹/₂, 7)" from beg. Fasten off.

Cuff Ribbing: With right side facing and smaller hook, join **CA** at lower edge, ch 3, work 25 (27, 27, 29) dc across; turn – 26 (28, 28, 30) sts. Work 2 rows of ribbing same as for body. Fasten off.

FINISHING- Neckband: Sew shoulder seams. With right side facing and smaller hook, join **CA** at right front neck edge, ch 3, 12 dc across right neck edge to shoulder, 20 (20, 22, 22) dc across back neck, 13 dc down left front neck edge – 46 (46, 48, 48) sts. Work 2 rows of ribbing same as for body. Fasten off.

Button Band (Work on left front for girls, right front for boys): With right side facing and smaller hook, join **CA**, ch 1, sc evenly across. Work 4 more rows sc. Fasten off.

Buttonhole Band: On rem front mark positions for 5 buttonholes. Work same as for button band for 2 rows. **Buttonhole Row:** Ch 1, [sc to marker, ch 2, skip 2 sc] 5 times, sc to end; turn. **Next Row:** Ch 1, [sc to sp, 2 sc in ch-2 sp] 5 times, sc to end; turn. Work 1 more sc row. Fasten off. Sew on buttons. Sew sleeve seams. Set in sleeves.

HAT

With larger hook and **CB**, ch 55 (64, 73). Work in sc and stripe pat same as for cardigan body over 54 (63, 72) sc until 4 (5, 6)" from beg.

Shape Top: Keeping continuity of stripe pat, dec 1 st at each end of every other row until 4 (3, 4) sc rem. Fasten off.

Ribbing: With right side facing and smaller hook, join **CA** at lower edge, ch 3, work 53 (63, 71) dc across; turn – 54 (64, 72) sts. Work 2 rows of ribbing same as for cardigan body. Fasten off. Sew back seam. Knot top of hat to fit.

ABBREVIATIONS: beg = begin(ning); ch = chain; mm = millimeters; pat = pattern; rem = remain(ing); rep = repeat; sc = single crochet; sl = slip; sp = space; st(s) = stitch(es); * or ** = repeat whatever follows the * or ** as indicated.

