SHAMROCK BABY CARDIGAN

Yarn

1 ball of <u>Debbie Bliss Baby</u> Cashmerino in <u>Jade</u>

2 balls of <u>Debbie Bliss Baby</u> <u>Cashmerino in Apple</u>

Needles and accessories

1 pair of 4 mm (US 6) circular needles

1 set of 4 mm (US 6) DPNs for the sleeves, or use magic loop

4 stitch markers

5 small buttons

1 yarn needle

Abbreviations

K = knit

P = purl

P2Tog = purl 2 stitches together

SSK = slip, slip, knit

K2, P2 = knit two, purl two

PM = place marker

SM = slip marker

K1FB: knit one front and back to increase a stitch



Pattern

This cardigan is worked flat from the top down with raglan sleeve increases and uses the intarsia technique for the colorwork chart as seen below. This cardigan has two sizes: 3 - 6 months, and 6 - 9 months. The latter size is indicated in parenthesis throughout the pattern.

Cast on 64 (68) stitches using the lighter green Apple shade. This is your main color throughout the project.

Working flat, knit a K2, P2 rib for 4 rows.

Begin raglan increases

Setup row: K 15 (16), PM, K 9 (10), PM, K 16, PM, K 9 (10), PM, K 15 (16). You now have 4 stitch markers on the garment which mark the sleeve stitches.

Row 1: K2, purl to the last 2 stitches, K2.

Row 2: Knit to 2 before the marker, K1FB, knit to 2 after the marker, K1FB, repeat for every marker across the garment: 4 stitches increased.

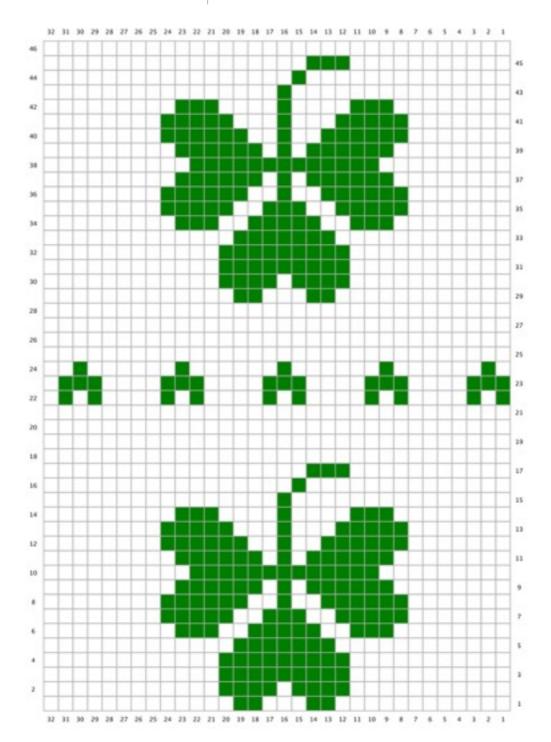
Buttonholes

You can choose the frequency of your buttonholes. I chose to make mine every 14 rows.

To make a buttonhole, work a wrong side row (purl row) to the last 4 stitches. YO, P2Tog, and knit the last 2 stitches.

Continue raglan increases

Repeat rows 1 and 2, adding buttonholes where necessary, until there are 32 stitches (both sizes) between the second and third markers. These are your back stitches. At this point, start working the color chart below. While you work the color chart rows, continue your raglan increases, working rows 1 and 2 until you have 50 (54) stitches between the second and third markers. Proceed to the next section to split the sleeves from the body.



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Separate the sleeve stitches

When you have 50 (58) stitches between the second and third markers, it's time to split the sleeves from the body. **Note: continue working the colorwork pattern as you split the sleeves!**

Knit to the first marker and put all stitches between the first and second marker onto a stitch holder or waste yarn: this is the first sleeve.

Knit across to the third stitch marker, and put all stitches between the third and fourth stitch marker onto another stitch holder or length of waste yarn: this is the second sleeve.

Knit the remaining stitches.

Continue working the colorwork pattern

After splitting the sleeves, continue working the colorwork chart. When you have finished the colorwork chart, follow these instructions:

3 - 6 month size: Knit 4 rows in a K2, P2 rib, and bind off.

6-9 month size: Knit 5 rows in stockinette stitch, followed by 4 rows of a K2, P2 rib, and bind off.

Sleeves

For both sizes, transfer sleeve stitches for the first sleeve onto either DPNs or a circular needle if you prefer to use the magic loop method. Knit across all stitches, and pick up and knit 4 stitches under the arm.

3 - 6 month size: Knit in stockinette until sleeve measures 2.5 inches from the underarm. Knit 4 rows in a K2, P2 rib and bind off.

6 - 9 month size: Knit in stockinette until sleeve measures 3.5 inches from the underarm. Knit 4 rows in a K2, P2 rib, and bind off.

Finishing

Weave in all ends, and sew buttons onto the cardigan to match up with your buttonholes.

Need help?

If you need help with this pattern, you can find me on <u>facebook.com/GamerCrafting</u>! I'm more than happy to help or answer any questions you might have. Happy knitting!

