

Bambino's Little Hooded Cape

supplies: size 1 needles, fingering baby yarn, small amount of fingering yarn in a contrasting color for embroidered borders, yarn needle, crochet hook to make chain ties.

Cast on 56 sts over both needles. Work in garter stitch for 6 rows, for border of hood. Continue in stockinette stitch until it measures 2 inches from starting row. Bind off, and fold in half crosswise. Sew the bound-off edges together to form the hood. The garter st border will frame the face.

Cape:

Now, pick up 31 stitches around the neck edge of the hood. Some people may find it easier to pull the yarn up with a crochet hook and place loops onto the needle. Purl across to the beginning.

Row 1: K2 (front edge border), m1,*(k6, m1,k1,m1,) repeating from * three times; k6, m1, k2 for front edge border.

Row2: (and all even-numbered rows): K2, purl across to last 2 sts, k2.

Row 3: K2, m1,*(k8,m1,k1,m1) rep from* three times; k8, m1, k2.

Row5: K2, m1,*(k10,m1,k1,m1) rep from * three times, k 10, m1, k2.

Continue in this manner, increasing two more stitches between panels on each knit row, until you have worked 12 increase rows.

Work 6 rows of garter stitch for hem border.

Bind off. Weave in all loose ends.

At neck edges of cape, chain or knit I-chains for 4 inches for ties.

At point of hood, make a chain or knit an I chain 1 inch long, and attach a 1.5 inch pompon.

Use contrasting color yarn to cross stitch Xs all the way round the hem and hood borders. Work the first half of the // // // // // all the way across the center ridge of the garter stitch border in one

direction, and then work the cross-stitch \ \ \ \ \ all the way back to the beginning. This gives a reversible pattern of Xs on each side. Weave in the loose ends by retracing some previous stitches of Xs.

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