

DWD Free Pattern #16 – Easy Cardigan and Beret for Dianna Effner’s Little Darling Doll and Betsy McCall by Tonner

(And other dolls of similar size)

Here is an easy and simple cardigan I designed for Dianna Effner’s “Little Darling Doll” as well as Tonner’s 14-inch Betsy McCall series. The cardigan can be worn over dresses, skirts, blouses and other tops. Easy simulated raglan design construction knits up quickly. A simple ribbing is used on the sleeves and body of the cardigan. This makes it very versatile and one you can knit over and over for all of your little girls! Easy beret style hat can be made again and again to match all of her many outfits!

Rating: #1 – Easy. Although you only need to know how to knit and purl, you must be able to read instructions, increase and decrease stitches. Uses lace weight yarn on size 3/0 (000 or 1.5 mm) needles with gauge 14 stitches per inch and 18 rows per inch.



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Easy Cardigan

Yarn: Jagger Spun Zephyr Wool/ Silk lace weight yarn, available from www.theknitter.com

Gauge: 14 stitches per inch, 18 rows per inch on 3/0 (000 or 1.5 mm) needles - Color shown on model is “**Garnet**”. Approximately 200 yards or meters needed for cardigan and beret
And six, 1/8-inch buttons (4 mm)

TAKE TIME TO CHECK YOUR GAUGE!

Read through instructions before you begin!

Note: All odd number of rows are the **Right** side of the work, all even number of rows are the **Wrong** side of the work.

Sleeves:

With 3/0 (1.5 mm) needles, cast on 38 sts. Work ribbing as follows:

Row 1: (RS) [K2, P2]* Repeat to last 2 sts, K2

Row 2: (WS) [P2, K2]* Repeat to last 2 sts, P2

Rows 3 through 10: Repeat rows 1 and 2

Begin stockinette stitch pattern

Row 11: (RS) K all sts

Row 12: (WS) P all sts

Rows 13 through 52***: Repeat rows 11 and 12, working even in stockinette stitch pattern

For Betsy McCall, knit through row 54. Your next three rows will be 55, 56, and 57

Row 53: (RS) Bind off 3 sts, K to end (35 sts)

Row 54: (WS) Bind off 3 sts, P to end (32 sts)

Row 55: (RS) K1, SSK, K to last 3 sts, K2tog, K1 (30 sts)

Leave about an 8-inch yarn tail. Place on spare needle or stitch holder. Work second sleeve in same manner. While sleeves are flat, steam and block. Do **NOT** stretch out ribbing. Let dry thoroughly while you work on the body.

Body:

With 3/0 (1.5 mm) needles, cast on **102** sts. Work ribbing as follows:

Row 1: (RS) [K2, P2]* Repeat to last 2 sts, K2

Row 2: (WS) [P2, K2]* Repeat to last 2 sts, P2

Rows 3 through 10: Repeat rows 1 and 2

Row 11: (RS) K all sts (102 sts)

Row 12: (WS) P

Rows 13 through 42: Repeat rows 11 and 12, working even in stockinette stitch pattern

For Betsy McCall, knit through row 44. Your next two rows will be 45 and 46

Row 43: (RS) K22, Bind off 8 sts, K42, Bind off 8 sts, K22 (86 sts)

While body is flat, I like to steam and block it. Do **NOT** stretch it out when you block it. Let it dry thoroughly.

Row 44: (WS) P to first cast off section, place marker, purl in first sleeve in the cast off section, place marker, P to second cast off section, place marker, purl in second sleeve in the cast off section, place marker, P to end. You should have four markers on your row. (146 sts)

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Decrease for simulated raglan sleeve. Row count begins again. Knit as follows:

You are decreasing a total of 8 stitches for each KNIT (RS) row.

Row 1: (RS) K to 3 sts before first marker, K2tog, K1, sl marker, then SSK, K to 2 sts before second marker, K2tog, sl marker, K1, SSK, K to 3 sts before third marker, K2tog, K1, sl marker, then SSK, K to 2 sts before fourth marker K2tog, sl marker, K1, SSK, K to end. (138 sts)

Row 2: (WS) Purl all stitches.

Rows 3 through 22: Repeat rows 1 and 2, stitch count on row 22 = 58 sts

KEEP ALL LIVE STITCHES ON NEEDLE AND DO NOT CUT YARN!

Work neckline ribbing as follows: (Row count begins again)

Row 1: (RS) [K2, P2]* Repeat to last 2 sts, K2

Row 2: (WS) [P2, K2]* Repeat to last 2 sts, P2

Rows 3 through 6: Repeat rows 1 and 2

Row 7: (RS) Bind off in pattern

Front Bands – Work each band as follows:

Left Front Band:

Starting at the top of your left front and working to the bottom, pick up 50 sts. Work rib as follows:

Row 1: (RS) [K2, P2]* Repeat to last 2 sts, K2

Row 2: (WS) [P2, K2]* Repeat to last 2 sts, P2

Rows 3 through 6: Repeat rows 1 and 2

Row 7: (RS) Bind off in pattern

Right Front Band:

Starting at the bottom of your right front and working to the top, pick up 50 sts. Work rib as follows:

Row 1: (RS) [K2, P2]* Repeat to last 2 sts, K2

Row 2: (WS) [P2, K2]* Repeat to last 2 sts, P2

Row 3: (RS) Repeat row 1

Row 4: (WS) You will be making 6 buttonholes on this row. Work as follows: P2, K2, YO, P2tog, [K2, P2, K2, YO, P2tog]* work 5 times, then K2, P2

Row 5 and 6: Repeat row 1 and row 2

Row 7: (RS) Bind off in pattern

Sew up sleeves and underarm area. Weave in all yarn ends. Sew on your six buttons to line up with your buttonholes.

Steam and block sweater once again and let it dry thoroughly.

BERET STYLE HAT

Yarn: Jagger Spun Zephyr Wool/ Silk lace weight yarn, available from www.theknitter.com

Gauge: 14 stitches per inch, 18 rows per inch on 3/0 (1.5 mm) needles - Color shown on model is “**Garnet**”, approximately 75 yards or meters needed just for hat

Cast on 102 stitches on 3/0 (1.5 mm) needles. Work a K2, P2 ribbing as follows:

Row 1: (RS) [K2, P2]* Repeat to end, K2

Row 2: (WS) [P2, K2]* Repeat to end, P2

Rows 3 through 8: Repeat rows 1 and 2

Row 9: (RS) [K1, KFB, K2, KFB]* Repeat to last 2 sts, K2 (142 sts)

Row 10: (WS) P all sts (142 sts)

Rows 11 through 30: Work even in stockinette stitch pattern.

Begin now to reduce stitches – Row count begins again:

Row 1: (RS) [K11, K2tog, Place marker]* repeat across to last 12 sts, K12 (132 sts), you will have 10 markers on your needle

Row 2: (WS) P

Row 3: (RS) [K to 2 sts before marker, K2tog]* repeat across to last 2 sts, K2tog (121 sts)

Row 4: (WS) P

Row 5: (RS) Repeat Row 3 (110 sts)

Row 6: (WS) P

Row 7: (RS) Repeat Row 3 (99 sts)

Row 8: (WS) P

Row 9: (RS) Repeat Row 3 (88 sts)

Row 10: (WS) P

Row 11: (RS) Repeat Row 3 (77 sts)

Row 12: (WS) P

Row 13: (RS) Repeat Row 3 (66 sts)

Row 14: (WS) P

Row 15: (RS) Repeat Row 3 (55 sts)

Row 16: (WS) P

Row 17: (RS) Repeat Row 3 (44 sts)

Row 18: (WS) P

Row 19: (RS) Repeat Row 3 (33 sts)

Row 20: (WS) P

Row 21: (RS) Repeat Row 3 (22 sts)

Row 22: (WS) P

Row 23: (RS) K2tog across row (11 sts)

Pull yarn through all 11 stitches, pull taunt, and sew up seam. Weave in yarn ends. Steam and block hat

Make pom-pom and attach to top of hat. To make pom-pom, wind yarn around a 1 inch square piece of cardboard. Remove from cardboard and tie a piece of yarn around the middle. Cut yarn loops and trim pom-pom to size. Attach pom-pom to top of hat. Weave in yarn ends.

Abbreviations

Beg	Beginning
B/O	Bind off (cast off sts)
C4F	Slip 2 sts onto cn and hold at front of work, K2, K2 from cn
C4B	Slip 2 sts onto cn and hold at back of work, K2, K2 from cn
CC	Contrast Color
CN	Cable needle
C/O	Cast on
Cont	Continue
Dc	Double crochet
Dec	Decrease
DPN(s)	Double pointed needle(s)
Foll	Following
Inc	Increase
KFB	Knit 1 in front and back of stitch
K2tog	Knit 2 together
K3tog	Knit 3 together
M1	Make one
M1P	Make one Purl
MC	Main Color
P	Purl
P2tog	Purl 2 together
PFB	Purl 1 in front and back of stitch
PM	Place Marker
PSSO	Pass slipped stitch over
Rem	Remaining
Rep	Repeat
RS	Right Side
Sc	Single crochet
Sl	slip
SKP	Slip, Knit, Pass
SK2P	Slip 1, Knit 2 together, Pass slipped stitch over
SSK	Slip, Slip, Knit OR <i>slip 2 stitches one at a time, knit 2 slipped stitches together</i>
St(s)	Stitch(es)
St st	Stockinette stitch
WS	Wrong side
WYIB	With yarn in back
WYIF	With yarn in front
Yfwd	Yarn forward, or to the front, knit next stitch
YO	Yarn Over
NEEDLE SIZE	
US Size	5/0 4/0 3/0 2/0 0 1 2
Metric size	1mm 1.2mm 1.5mm 1.75mm 2mm 2.5mm 3 mm

RULES TO KNIT BY

For successful doll knitting, I have found the following “Rules to Knit By” work every time to produce successful results.

1. Make a swatch and check your gauge. I knit up my swatch and let it “rest” over night. This way the yarn has a chance to relax and be more accurate. Also, and even more important, check your gauge (tension) while you are knitting. Keep an even tension and correct it early to avoid wasting hours of knitting only to have a sweater that does not quite fit!
2. Read through the instructions first, before you begin. Check all the terms and abbreviations used to make sure you understand how the garment is to be made. If there is a new technique in the pattern, practice it first on a scrap piece before you attempt it on your garment.
3. For doll knitting, I found knitting only with natural yarns work the best. I prefer wool, silk, alpaca or blends of these yarns. I do not like to waste my time on inferior yarns. I do not recommend “sock yarn” for any of my patterns.
4. Steam and block your sweater! This is like “pressing” when you sew. I do it several times while knitting. This insures a wonderful finished product that looks professional.