

# Letterman-Style Baby Cardi

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- Easy, top-down construction
- Very, very little seaming
- Good for beginners
- Just two skeins of yarn!
- Make it in team colors!
- A pictorial walk-through of this sweater's construction can be found here: [www.verypink.com/letterman.htm](http://www.verypink.com/letterman.htm)

Size: 12 months

## Materials:

- 2 hanks of Cascade 220, in two different colors (or 220 yards of any worsted weight yarn in two colors – 440 yards total)
  - MC is your main color (body)
  - CC is your contrasting color (sleeves)
- Size 8 US circulars or straight needles
- Size 8 US double-pointed needles
- Tapestry needle for weaving in the ends

Gauge – 4.5 stitches and 5 rows to the inch

## Pattern notes:

- You will need your yarn wound into 5 balls. Three balls of equal weight in MC, and two balls of equal weight in CC.
- Of course you'll want to knit a swatch and check your gauge, duh. But let me tell you now – you should work that swatch in CC. You're going to have *just enough yarn* in the MC color.
- There are times when two strands of yarn are worked into the same stitch. This counts as one stitch, even though it looks like two stitches on the needle.
- Seed stitch is a K1, P1 pattern, alternating Ks and Ps with each row.



*Detail of dual-color stitches*

**Cast-On:**

- Using MC and the long-tail cast-on method, cast-on 16 stitches.
- Then, using the same MC ball and starting up a new ball of CC, cast-on one stitch holding two strands of yarn together (in both colors).
- Continuing in the same CC, cast-on 8.
- Start up a new ball of MC and cast-on one in both colors.
- Continuing in the same MC, cast-on 19.
- Start up a new ball of CC and cast-on one in both colors.
- Continuing in the same CC, cast on 8.
- Start up a new ball of MC and cast-on one in both colors.
- Continuing in the same MC, cast on 16.

This is what your cast on row looks like:

16 in MC / 1 in both / 8 in CC / 1 in both / 19 in MC / 1 in both / 8 in CC / 1 in both / 16 in MC

Whew. You have 5 balls of yarn going at once, and 71 stitches total.



From here on, work in the colors as established. You'll probably want to weave in the ends as soon as you can to eliminate some of the yarn clutter.

ROW 1: (WS) (Note: there is a seed stitch border, so the first and last 5 stitches of every row are K1, P1, K1, P1, K1.) K1, P1, K1, P1, K1, \*P to the first dual-colored stitch and purl that stitch with both colors\*, repeat from \* to \* across the row to last five stitches, K1, P1, K1, P1, K1.

ROW 2: (RS) 5 stitches in seed stitch, K11, M1, K stitch with both colors, M1, K8, M1, K stitch with both colors, M1, K19, M1, K stitch with both colors, M1, K8, M1, K stitch with both colors, M1, K11, 5 stitches in seed stitch.

This is how it's going to go from here. You will always work an increase row (like Row 2) on every RS row, working a M1 before and after the dual-colored stitch. Every WS row will be purling in the colors

established.

Work these two rows until you have completed 14 increases, ending after a WS row. You will now have 183 stitches on the needles.

**Divide for Sleeves:**

5 stitches in seed stitch, K26 in MC, put next 36 stitches on scrap yarn to hold them, using the same ball of MC, K next 49, put next 36 stitches on scrap yarn, K next 26 using the same ball of yarn, 5 stitches in seed stitch. (The dual-colored stitches are still on the needles. You should only have CC colored stitches on scrap yarn.)

You're down to one ball of yarn now! Yay! Cut the yarn on the other ones and put them away for now.

Continue working the body in stockinette stitch (knitting the RS and purling the WS), maintaining the seed stitch border, until you have completed 28 rows. Then work 4 rows in seed stitch. Bind off, baby!

**Sleeves:**

Transfer the sleeve stitches from the scrap yarn on to 3 double-pointed needles, 12 stitches on each. Attach CC and start under the arm, knit one round. When you get back to where you started at the underarm, pick up and knit 2 stitches from the body of the sweater right there in the gap at the armpit. (12 stitches on needles 1 & 2, 14 stitches on needle 3.) Knit another 28 rounds, then work 4 rounds of seed stitch. Bind off.



Work the other sleeve the exact same way. (Did you really need me to tell you that?)

**Hood:**

- Using MC, cast-on 32 stitches.
- Using MC and a new ball of CC, cast-on 1 stitch in both colors.
- Using CC, cast on 32 stitches.

65 stitches total.

Work 38 rows in stockinette, in the colors as established. Then work 4 rows in seed stitch. Bind off.

**Finishing:**

Weave in all of the ends.

Seam the hood to the sweater, and block out to these measurements:

Chest – 12.5”

Length from shoulder – 14”

Sleeves – 8.5”

Closure – close the sweater up however you like. As of the time of writing this, I have ordered a snap-maker-doodad...so I'm going to install (install?) a snap or two.

Now go find a baby and make them try it on.