

## Cozy Kids Coat in Garter Stitch

This is a very simple to make, warm child's jacket made with large needles and bulky yarn. You will need about 800 yards of yarn and size 13 or 15 needles.

For the purpose of keeping disadvantaged or homeless children warm, wool or wool blends are best but not required. Gauge is not important. Use whatever bulky yarn you have or consider using two strands of worsted held together on size 13 or 15 needles. This is a great way to use up lots of your stash leftovers. Carrying along 2 at a time, adding the next selection whenever one selection runs out, you'll get lots of great colors using this method.

This coat is worked entirely in garter stitch, knitting every row. Throughout the entire project, ***The first stitch of every row is slipped as a purl stitch with yarn held in front of work.*** Once this stitch is slipped on to right hand needle the working yarn is moved to the back, ready for knitting the row. ***The very last stitch of every row is knitted through the back loop.*** This method of working the first and last stitches creates perfect edge stitches, making the picking up of next sections very simple. Body is knit from buttonhole edge to button edge, all in one piece. The two fronts and the back are knitted from stitches picked up along top edges of body. Sleeves are worked from stitches picked up along side edge stitches of fronts and backs.

The only seams required are those along top edges of sleeves and shoulders. Collar may be added if desired.

Cast on 29 stitches. ***Beginning with that slipped stitch as described above,*** knit every stitch of every row. Always end each row by ***knitting through the back loop of the last stitch.***

Working in this manner, work this body part of your jacket for 100 ridges.

**Button holes:** Next row, slip first stitch as on other rows, knit 2 stitches then knit 2 together. Yarn over, knit another 7 stitches, knit 2 together, yarn over, knit to last stitch of row, knit 1 through the back loop. Next row of buttonhole: work next row, knitting thru back loop of yarn overs. Work 2 more rows (this creates one more ridge for a total of 102 ridges) Bind off all stitches.

### **Right Front Panel:**

With right side facing, buttonholes toward top edge, pick up 28 stitches along upper right edge of long lower panel through back of slipped edge stitches to begin right front panel. Work 21 ridges, ending with wrong side row. Bind off all stitches.

### **Back:**

With right side facing, beginning in same stitch as last picked up stitch for right front, pick up 50 stitches along upper edge of long lower panel through back of slipped edge stitches to begin back panel. Work 21 ridges, ending with wrong side row. Bind off all stitches.

### **Left Front Panel:**

With right side facing, beginning in same stitch as last picked up stitch for back, pick up 28 stitches along upper left edge of long lower panel through back of slipped stitches to begin left front panel. Work 21 ridges, ending with wrong side row.

Buttonhole: slip first stitch as on other rows, knit 2, knit 2 tog, YO, knit to end of row. Next row: knit to buttonhole, knit through back of YO, knit to end of row.

At 9 ridges create 2nd buttonhole. At 16 ridges create 3rd buttonhole. continue knitting until total of 21 ridges from picked up edges. end with wrong side row. Bind off.

**Sleeves:**

With outside facing, open out right front panel and back panel. Pick up and knit 22 stitches through back of slipped stitches down the right front edge, place a marker to indicate center, pick up and knit 22 stitches working along back panel edge. Total: 44 stitches

Knit 6 ridges.

**Sleeve Decreases:**

Row 1: Work to within 3 stitches of center marker, slip 1, knit 1, pass slipped stitch over knit stitch (PSSO) and off end of needle. Knit 1, slip marker, knit 1, knit 2 together, knit to end of row.

Rows 2, 3, 4: Knit

Repeat these 4 rows until only 24 stitches remain.

**Cuff:**

With smaller needles, continue sleeve to desired length. With wrong side facing bind off all stitches.

**Finish:**

Beginning a cuff, sew slipped stitches together up sleeve, sew back to front at shoulder, leaving approximately 13 stitches for neck opening. Attach buttons.