



## MICROSPUN Knitted Maternity Top



**Skill Level:** *Easy***SIZE**

Maternity Size 6-8 (10-12, 14-16, 18-20)

**Finished chest measurement** 40 (44, 48, 52)''

**MATERIALS**

- LION BRAND Microspun  
9 (10, 11, 12) balls #098 French Vanilla or color of your choice
- Size 7 (4.5 mm) knitting needles OR SIZE TO OBTAIN GAUGE
- Size G-6 (4 mm) crochet hook
- 21 small buttons

**GAUGE**

20 sts and 28 rows = 4'' (10 cm) in St st (k on RS, p on WS). BE SURE TO CHECK YOUR GAUGE.

**BACK**

Cast on 18 (20, 22, 24) sts. Work in St st, inc 3 sts at end of next 2 rows. Inc 1 st at each end every row 38 (42, 46, 50) times - 100 (110, 120, 130) sts. Cont in St st until Back measures 30'' from beg. Bind off.

**FRONT**

Work as for Back until piece measures 27'' from beg. **Shape Neck: Next Row** Work 46 (51, 55, 60) sts, attach new ball of yarn and bind off center 8 (8, 10, 10) sts, join another ball of yarn and work rem 46 (51, 55, 60) sts. Working both sides at the same time with separate balls of yarn, bind off 4 (5, 5, 6) sts at each neck edge 3 times, then 2 sts 3 (3, 4, 4) times. Work even until Front measures same as Back to shoulder. Bind off rem 28 (30, 32, 34) sts each side.

**SLEEVES**

Cast on 56 sts. Work in St st, inc 1 st at each end every 6 rows 17 (18, 19, 20) times - 90 (92, 94, 96) sts. Work until Sleeve measures 15'' from beg or desired length to underarm. Bind off loosely.

**FINISHING**

Draw a basting thread down the center of the Front to mark the mock opening. Work 1 row reverse sc, working from left to right, along basting line. Sew Front to Back at shoulders. Place markers on Back and Front at side edges 9 (9 1/4, 9 1/2, 9 3/4)'' down from shoulder seams. Sew Sleeves between markers. **Edging** With RS facing, join yarn at wrist edge and work 1 row reverse sc. Sew Sleeve seams. Sew side seams for 2 1/2'' below armhole marker, leaving Shirt Tails open. **Neck Edging** With RS facing, join yarn at shoulder seam and work 1 row reverse sc. Fasten off. **Back Shirt Tail** Work 1 row reverse sc around entire edge of shirt tail making sure the pieces lie flat. Mark for 4 buttons on each side 1/2'' down from closed seam and rem 3 1/2'' apart. **Front Shirt Tail**

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**Buttonhole Row** Work as for Back; AT THE SAME TIME, on first row of sc work (ch 2, skip 2 rows) to correspond to each marker. **Next Row** Work in reverse sc, working 1 reverse sc in each ch-2 space.

**5 Month Side Panel (make 2)** Cast on 30 sts. Work in St st, dec 1 st at each end every 6 rows 14 times. Bind off rem 2 sts. Mark one side for 4 buttonholes: first one 1/8" up from lower edge; last one 1/8" down from upper edge and the other 2 evenly spaced 3 1/2" apart. **Edging** With RS facing, join yarn with slip st at lower edge and work 1 row sc, working (ch 2, skip 2 rows) to correspond to each marker. **Next Row** Work 1 row reverse sc. Fasten off. Work the other panel, rev buttonholes.

**8 Month Side Panel (make 2)** Cast on 48 sts. Work in St st, dec 1 st at each end every 3 rows 23 times. Bind off rem 2 sts. **Edging** Work as for 5 Month Panel.

Sew 5 buttons along center Front as pictured: one at 1/8" down from neck edge, rem 4 spaced approximately 4" apart. Sew rem buttons to correspond to all buttonholes.

<b>ABBREVIATIONS</b>	
beg = begin(ning)	rem = remain(s)(ing)
ch = chain	RS = right side
cont = continu(e)(ing)	sc = single crochet
dec = decreas(e)(s)(ing)	st(s) = stitch(es)
inc = increase(e)(s)(ing)	St st = stockinette st
k = knit	WS = wrong side
p = purl	

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