

# MOSSY – *Sweater for kids*

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*Mossy, the name of my daughter's favourite soft toy (who is actually Gonzo the Great but she named him Mossy as he looks like a mosquito), incorporates the use of the British Moss Stitch in a zig zag pattern.*

*The pattern shows better with a solid coloured yarn than a variegated one.*

*Using soft, luscious and brightly coloured Malabrigo Merino wool, this sweater is quickly knitted up and is bound to keep your little ones snug and warm on those chilly winter nights.*

## MEASUREMENTS

To fit 3mths (18mths, 3-4 yrs)

Chest 46 (60, 70)cm [18.1 (23.6, 27.6)inches]

Length from shoulder 24 (31, 38)cm [9.4 (12.2, 15)inches]

Sleeve length from underarm 11(17, 22)cm [4.3 (6.7, 8.7) inches]

## GAUGE

16 stitches to 10cm (4 inches) in St st on 5.5mm (US#9) needles

## MATERIALS

- 5.5mm (US#9) circular needles
- 5.5mm (US#9) DPNs (optional)
- Scrap yarn/ Stitch holder
- Stitch markers (both removable and non-removable)
- Tapestry needle
- Buttons 2 (2, 3) pieces

## YARN

Malabrigo Merino Worsted, 1 (2, 3 skeins) [210yds/192m per 100g skein]

Check out <http://www.yarnandkisses.com> for all your Malabrigo needs! :)

## NOTES

PM = Place marker      yo = Yarn over      ssk = slip, slip, knit

SM = Slip marker      k2tog = Knit 2 sts together

inc = (increase st) Knit into front and back of next stitch

M1L = Make one left. Insert left needle into the strand between the needles from Front to Back and knit through back loop.

M1R = Make one right. Insert left needle into the strand between the needles from Back to Front and knit into front loop.

(for help with these increases, you can visit <http://www.knittinghelp.com/videos/increases> )

## STITCHES

### St st = Stockinette Stitch

#### Flat

Row 1: Knit

Row 2: Purl

Repeat these 2 rows.

#### In the round

Knit every round

### Moss = Moss Stitch (British)

#### Flat (even number of sts)

Row 1: \* K1, p1 \* ; repeat from \* to \*

Row 2: \* P1, k1 \* ; repeat from \* to \*

Repeat these 2 rows

#### Flat (odd number of sts)

Row 1: K1 \* p1 , k1 \* ; repeat from \* to \*

Repeat row 1.

#### In the round (even number of sts)

Row 1: \* K1, p1 \* ; repeat from \* to \*

Repeat row 1

#### In the round (odd number of sts)

Row 1: K1 \* p1 , k1 \* ; repeat from \* to \*

Row 2: P1 \* k1 , p1 \* ; repeat from \* to \*

Repeat these 2 rows



**TIP:** Always work a K over a P st and a P over a K st (as the sts face you).



### Begin knitting here!

Cast on 41 (45, 55) stitches

#### Collar rows

(Collar rows are worked flat)

Row 1: Moss 5 (5, 5), PM, moss 8 (8, 11), PM, moss 15 (19, 23), PM, moss 8 (8, 11), PM, moss 5 (5, 5)

Row 2: Inc 1, moss to the last st, (slipping all markers as you come to them), inc 1.

Rows 3 – 6 ( 3 – 8, 3 – 10 ), repeat row 2.

51 (59, 73) stitches

#### Raglan increase rows

(You will work the first 5 stitches as well as the last 5 stitches in moss and all stitches in between in st st. You will also be increasing stitches before and after the markers AND working buttonholes **at the same time**; Important! See [↑ now!](#) Raglan increase rows are worked flat.)

Row 1 : Moss 5, \* k to within 1 stitch of marker, m1L, k1, sm, k1, m1R, k \* ; repeat from \* to \* to the last 5 sts, moss 5.

Row 2 : Moss 5, p to the last 5 sts, moss 5.

Repeat rows 1 and 2 for 18 (24, 30) more rows, 10 (13, 16) **increase** rows IN TOTAL.

† **AT THE SAME TIME**, work buttonholes in rows 5 & 15 ( 5 & 15; 5, 15 & 25).

### Buttonholes (worked into the 5 moss sts panel):

Rows A [5 & 15 ( 5 & 15; 5, 15 & 25)] : Moss 1, k2tog, double yo, ssk. (5 sts) continue the rest of the row in pattern.

Rows B [6 & 16 ( 6 & 16; 6, 16 & 26)] : Work in pattern to last 5 sts, moss 2, k1, p1, moss 1

You will now have worked a total of 20 (26, 32) rows from the start of the raglan increases and have 131 (163, 201) sts in total.

*Now, you will join to work in the round and divide the sts into sections for sleeves and body.*



Next row (remove all st markers as you come to them) : Moss 5, transfer the 5 sts just worked to a cable needle (CN), k to 1<sup>st</sup> marker, place next 28 (34, 43) sts onto waste yarn or st holder (left sleeve), k35 (45, 55) (back sts), place next 28 (34, 43) sts onto waste yarn or st holder (right sleeve), k to last 5 sts.

You will have 5 sts left on your left needle (LHN).

Bring the first 5 sts on the CN and hold it ON TOP OF your LHN (so that the moss st panel with buttonholes are on the TOP) and both needles are pointing in the same direction and work as follows:

Row 1 : Slip 1 st from the CN as if to purl, slip 1 st from your LHN as if to purl, transfer these 2 sts from your right needle back to LHN and k2tog.

Row 2 : Slip next st from CN as if to purl, slip next st from LHN as if to purl, transfer these 2 sts from your right needle back to LHN and p2tog.

Repeat these 2 rows until all 5 stitches are knitted in moss. PM to mark beginning of round. 70 (90, 110) body stitches.

### Body rounds

(Body is worked in rounds)

*You might have a 'hole' between the last st and the first st due to not working the last 5 moss sts in the last rows. To close the 'hole', insert your LHN 2 rows down into the strand between sts from back to front and k them together with the 1<sup>st</sup> st of the round.*

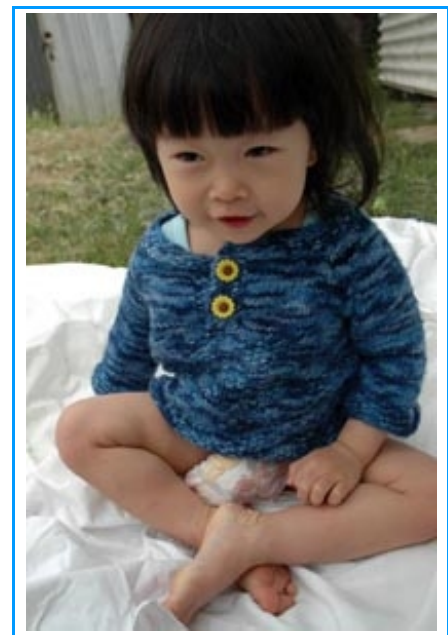
Begin Zigzag Moss st pattern for all sizes:

Round 1: \* K5, (p1, k1) twice, p1 \* ; repeat from \* to \*

Rounds 2 and 10 : \* K4, (p1, k1) thrice \* ; repeat from \* to \*

Rounds 3 and 9 : K3, \*(p1, k1) twice, p1, k5 \* ; repeat from \* to \* to last 7 sts, (P1, k1) twice, p1, k2.

Rounds 4 and 8 : K2, \*(p1, k1) twice, p1, k5 \* ; repeat from \* to \* to last 8 sts, (P1, k1) twice, p1, k3.



Rounds 5 and 7 : K1, \*(p1, k1) twice, p1, k5 \* ; repeat from \* to \* to last 9 sts, (P1, k1) twice, p1, k4.

Round 6 : \*(p1, k1) twice, p1, k5 \* ; repeat from \* to \*

Repeat these 10 rows until the garment measures 21 (28, 35) cm [8.3 (11, 13.8) inches] from shoulder, ending on either rows 1 or 6.

Moss for 6 (8, 10) rounds and bind off in moss st.

### Sleeves

(Worked in the round. You may use DPNs if you are unable to use circular needles for a small circumference.)

Transfer 28 (34, 43) sts from waste yarn/ st holder to your needles, join yarn and pick up 3 sts from underarm to close the gap, PM to mark beginning of round.

Knit in st st until sleeve measures 8(14, 19) cm [3.1 (5.5, 7.5) inches] from underarm, moss for 6 (8, 10) rounds and bind off in moss st.



Complete the other sleeve in the same way.

*#I like to work my sleeves with the exact same number of rows for both of them. So I place a removable stitch marker on the row where I transferred the stitches from the waste yarn and count the number of rows I have to knit to get the correct length and repeat for the 2<sup>nd</sup> sleeve.*

Weave in ends, attach buttons and model on baby! :D

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