GARTER YOKE BABY CARDI

A simple little cardi with super speedy top-down, seamless raglan construction and an optional I-cord button band. Use thinner yarn and smaller needles for a smaller sweater or thicker yarn and larger needles for a bigger one, just be sure to adjust the length accordingly.

CO 60

(Knit neck band)
Row 1-8: sl1, k59

(Begin raglan shaping)
Row 9: sl1, k9, m1, pm, k2, pm, m1, k6, m1, pm, k2, pm, m1, k20, m1, pm, m1, k6, m1, pm, k2, pm, m1, k10 (68 sts)
Row 10: sl1, k10, p2, k8, p2, k22, p2, k8, p2, k11 (note the p2s create stockinette raglan details)
Repeat rows 9 & 10 increasing outside markers (leaving 2 stockinette stitches between) until piece measures 3 3/4-inches and 188 sts

(Place the sleeves on holders and continue with the body)
Row 1: dropping markers as you go; sl1, k 27 (right front), place 38 sts on holder (right sleeve), k56 (back), place 38 sts on holder (left sleeve), k28 (left front). (112 active sts forming the body)
Row 2: sl1, p110, k1
Row 3: sl1, k111
Repeat rows 2 & 3 until piece measures 8 1/2-inches.

(Finish the body with a garter stitch edge)
All rows: sl1, k111 until piece measures 10-inches from the top.
Bind off on wrong side.

(Finish the sleeves)
Pick up 38 sleeve sts.
Rnd 1: pm at beginning of round, k38
Rnd 2: join to k in round. K38
Continue in stockinette stitch for 3-inches.

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(Add garter stitch cuff)
Rnd 1: p38
Rnd 2: k38
Repeat Rnds 1 & 2 for 1-1/2 inches
Bind off in purl
(Add button band)
With right side facing, pick up and knit each edge stitch on button side.
K every row for 1-inch and bind off loosely on wrong side

(Add buttonhole band)
With right side facing, pick up and knit each edge stitch on buttonhole side.
K every row for 3/4-inch and follow either I-cord or basic garter buttonhole band instructions.

Basic garter buttonhole band:
Row 1: k to 1/2-in from edge, k2tog, yo, k to 2 3/4-in. from edge, k2tog, yo, k to 5-in. from edge, k2tog, yo, k to 7 1/4-in. from edge, k2tog, yo, k to 9-in. from edge, k2tog, yo, k to end.
Row 2: k
Bind off loosely on wrong side

I-cord buttonhole band:
Bind off loosely on wrong side
With right side facing, pick up edge sts.
Using dpn, CO3, slide sts to circ needle holding picked up sts
Rnd 1: *k2, yo, k2tog and slide sts back to circ.* repeat to 1/2-in. from edge
Make Buttonhole: k 2 rnds of I-cord without attaching to the picked up sts (*k3, slide to circ* twice) and drop 2 corresponding picked up sts.
Continue applying I-cord and make buttonholes at 2 3/4-in., 5-in., 7 1/4-in. and 9 1/2-in. from edge.
At edge, cut yarn and draw through remaining sts to close I-cord.

Finally, attach buttons to match button hole spacing and weave in ends.

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