

## Colourway Basics Children's Sweater



**To fit approx.:** 6 months:1 year:2-3 years:4-5 years

Actual measurements (chest): 56 cm (22 in): 62 cm (24.5 in):  
70 cm (27.5 in): 78 cm (31 in)

**Length :** 26.5 cm (10.5 in): 30.5 cm (12 in): 35.5 cm (14 in):  
40.5 cm (16 in)

**Yarn:** 4:4:5:6 balls of Rowan Handknit DK cotton

**Needles:** 1 pair each 3.75 mm and 4 mm knitting pins

**Tension:** 19-20 sts and 28 rows to 10cm square

### **Back:**

With 4mm pins, cast on 56:62:70:78 sts.

Work 36:46:56:68 rows in stocking stitch ( K on RS, P on WS)

Use a contrasting thread to mark ends of last row worked to denote armhole depth.

Continue until a total of 70:82:96:110 rows worked, ending with a WS row

**Shape back neck:**

Next row: K 14:16:19:22 sts, k.2 tog., k.2, turn,

P 1 row, K 13:15:18:21 sts, k.2 tog., k.2,turn,

P 1 row. Cast off remaining 16:18:21:24 sts.

Hold centre 20:22:24:26 sts on stitch holder.

Rejoin yarn to next group of stitches.

Next row: K.2, k.2 tog through back of stitches, k to end of row, turn, P 1 row.

Repeat last 2 rows.

Cast off

**Front:**

Work as back till 54:66:80:94 rows have been worked, marking armholes as for back.

Shape front neck:

K 19:21:24:27 sts, k.2 tog, k.2.

Continue decreasing as set (with one less stitch before the decrease each decrease row ) on the next following 6 alternate rows (so on rows 1,3,5,7,9,11 and 13 of the neck shaping), then 7 rows straight.

Cast off

Hold centre 10:12:14:16 sts on stitch holder, repeat shaping other side decreasing the stitch at the beginning of the k rows instead of the end, as for the back neck.

(i.e k.2, k.2 tog through back of stitches, k to end).

### **Neckband**

Join right shoulder, then with 3.75 mm pins, pick up 18 sts down side of neck, then across the stitches held for centre front neck, 18 up the side of the neck, 4 down back neck, then the stitches across centre back neck and 4 up the other side of back neck = 74:78:82:86 stitches.

Work 7 rows in stocking stitch.

Cast off (not too tightly). Join left shoulder and neckband seam.

### **Sleeves:**

With 4 mm pins, pick up and knit 53:57:61:65 stitches along armhole edge between markers as follows - pick up 2 sts, miss 1 row, pick up 2 sts, miss 1 row, pick up 3 sts, miss 1 row - i.e, 7 sts from every 10 rows.

Starting with a purl row, work 43:53:61:69 rows, decreasing fully fashioned as for neck (k.2, k.2 tog at beginning of rows, k.2 tog through backs of stitches k.2 at ends of rows) on every 4th:6th:6th:6th row = 33:41:41:43 sts.

Cast off.

Join side and sleeve seams and darn in any ends.

