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Materials: Cascade Yarn’s Bentley 75% Acrylic / 25% Superwash Wool, 100g, 220 yds: 1 skein color #1 Lemon
Needles size #7
3 buttons ½” or 5/8”
Yarn needle and sewing needle and thread to sew on buttons.

Gauge: 5 sts and 5 ridges in garter stitch = 1”

Size: Newborn 16” (3-6 mo. 20”, 9 mo. 22”, 1 yr. 23”)

Abbreviations: K = knit  
P = purl  
YO = yarn over  
sl = slip  
K2tog = knit 2 together  
st = stitch  
B/o = bind off  
rep = repeat  
PM = place marker  
c/o = cast on  
g-st = garter st (knit every row)  
dec = decrease  
inc = increase  
beg = beginning  
Sts = stitches  
est = established

BACK
C/o 40 (50, 55, 58) sts.
Work in g-stitch for 3 ¼” (4”, 4”, 4 ½”) or desired length to armhole.

Armhole Shaping
Bind off 5 (5, 6, 6) sts at the beg of the next 2 rows. 30 (40, 43, 46 sts)
Work until armhole measures 3 ½” (4”, 4”, 4 ½”) or desired length to shoulder.
Bind off 6 (6, 7, 8) sts at the beg of the next 2 rows.
Bind off remaining sts.

FRONTS
NOTE: The pattern is written for the boy version with buttonholes on the left. For the girl version, place buttonholes on the right and make the left front first to mark for placement.

Right Front
Co 24 (29, 32, 34)sts.
Work in g-st for 3 ¾” (4”, 4”, 4 ½”) or same as back.

Armhole and Neck Shaping
Row 1: B/o 5 (5, 6, 6) sts at armhole edge, K across to last 2 sts, K2tog.
Row 2, & 4: Knit.
Row 3: K2tog at each end of row.
Rep Rows 3 & 4 1(2, 2, 3) times.
Continue decreasing at neck edge only every other row until 6 (6, 7, 8) sts remain.
Work until front measures same as back and bind off 6 (6, 7, 8)sts.
Mark for button placement.
Left Front
Work as for Right front placing buttonholes at front edge as follows:
K2 (K2, K3, K3), YO, K2tog, K to end of row.

Finishing
Sew side seams and shoulder seams.
Weave in all ends.
Sew on buttons.