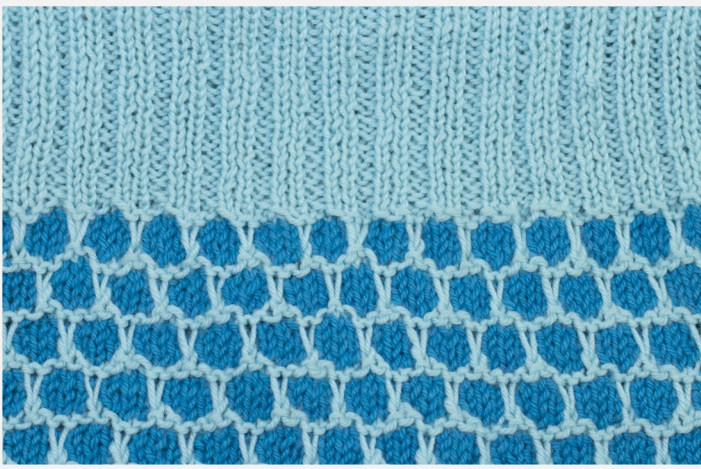


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The bubble stitch turns a simple little boat neck sweater into a dramatic treat of color. Ten of the 12 rows of the pattern are just knit or purled. The other 2 are a little tricky, but once you get comfortable with the dropped stitch technique you'll want to knit bubbles again and again. These directions are for baby sweaters, but it's such a basic pattern, you should be able to make it in any size after performing a little simple arithmetic.

**Materials:** 1 Skein each of Heritage in color #5626 (MC) and 5630 (CC)

Size 4 needles **OR NEEDLES REQUIRED TO OBTAIN**

Stitch holders

**Gauge:** 25 stitches to 4 inches in stockinette stitch

**Sizes:** 6 mon (12 mon,18 mon,24 mon) Picture is 6-month size. Instructions are for smallest size with changes in parentheses. If only one instruction is given, it applies to all sizes.

**Measurements:**

Chest: 20"(22", 23", 25")

Length: 10"(11", 12", 14")

Sleeve: 6"(7", 8", 10")

**Bubble Stitch Pattern:** multiple of 4 plus 3

Rows 1 and 3: w/CC, K

Rows 2 and 4: w/CC P

Row 5: w/MC, K1, \*drop next st and unravel it 4 rows to the next closest solid color st., insert the tip of the right hand needle into this st and tuck the needle under and behind the 4 bars/ladders of CC that were unraveled, wrap yarn around the needle as if to knit and pull a loop under the 4 bars of yarn and back through the st on the right needle so that the 4 bars of CC are caught in the st, K3. Rep from \* ending drop st, K1

Row 6: w/MC , K

Rows 7 and 9: w/CC, K

Rows 8 and 10: w/CC, P

Row 11: w/MC , K3, \*work drop st as described above, K3. Rep from \*

Row 12: w/MC , K

Repeat Rows 1 through 12 for pattern.

**Directions:**

**FRONT:**W/CC, cast on 64(68,72,80) sts. Connect MC and work K2, P2 ribbing in solid carrying CC loosely up edge. Work ribbing for 10(12,12,14)rows. First set-up row, w/MC K dec'g 5(5,5,9)sts evenly spaced across row. Second set-up row, w/MC K across row, creating a purl ridge on right side. Work even in bubble pattern until piece measures approximately 8(9,10,11-1/2) inches from cast on edge, ending with either row 6 or row 12. K 1 row, inc'g 5(5,5,9) sts evenly spaced across row. Next row should be a wrong side row. Begin working in K2, P2 ribbing, starting and ending with P3 and continuing for 1-1/4". Divide sts for neck and shoulders: rib 19(19,21,23) sts for first side shoulder, bind off center 26(30,30,32) very loosely (use needle 2 sizes bigger), Rib 19(19,21,23) for second side shoulder. Working the 2 shoulder pieces separately, rib for another 1"(1,1,1-1/2"). Place the 2 groups of shoulder sts on holders.

**BACK:** Work as for front until completion of 6 rows of bubble pattern. Next row, K 1 row, inc'g 5(5,5,9)sts evenly spaced across row. Continue in stockinette stitch until back is same length as front to top of last repeat of bubble pattern. K 1 row on wrong side to form purl ridge under ribbed neckline. Work ribbed boatneck as for front but continue ribbing across all sts until 1/4" before top edge, binding off center sts as for front and then working 2 more rows of ribbing on each side. Place the front and back together rights sides facing each other and join the shoulder sts from front and back together using the 3-needle bind off method. Alternatively, the shoulder sts can be bound off the usual way and sewed together.

**SLEEVES:** From shoulder seam, measure down 4(5,5-1/2,6)" on each side and place a marker. With right side of work facing, pick up and knit 50(60,66,72) sts. between markers (approximately 3 sts for every 4 rows of stockinette st or 4 sts for every repeat of bubble pattern). Work in stockinette st. dec'g 1 st. each side every 6 rows 2x then every 4 rows until sleeve measures 4-1/4(5,6,7-1/2)". On next row K, dec'g the number of sts necessary to leave 31(31,31,35)sts. K 1 row on WS. Work rows 1-6 of bubble pattern, inc'g 1 st at end of row 4. Work K2,P2 ribbing for 10(12,12,14)rows. Bind off very loosely w/ CC. Work second sleeve to match.

**Finishing:** Sew up side and sleeves seams. Weave in ends.