PREEMIE SLEEPER

Adapted by Kay Banner, Nebraska from Marianne Doty's original newborn size pattern

SIZE: small preemie (2-3 lbs.) and large preemie (4-6 lbs..)

FABRIC: stretch knits only including jersey, interlock, sweatshirt fleece; ribbing - ribbed knit

CUTTING: Cut 2 fronts, 1 back on fold, 2 sleeves on fold

NOTIONS: snaps, Velcro, or buttons, interfacing

SUGGESTIONS: cuff and neckband can also be made from same fabric as sleeper if it is stretchy enough; you may need to lengthen the pieces slightly

- 1. With RIGHT sides together, stitch sleeves to back of sleeper.
- 2. With RIGHT sides together, stitch front pieces to sleeves.
- 3. Fold cuff ribbing in half lengthwise. With RIGHT sides together, stretch and sew to lower sleeve.
- 4. Apply iron-on interfacing to inside of front facings.
- 5. Fold neckline ribbing in half lengthwise, WRONG sides together. Mark center of ribbing with a pin. Pin neckband to RIGHT side of sleeper, matching center of neckband to center back of sleeper and end of neckband to foldline of front facing. Fold facing back on RIGHT side of sleeper, "sandwiching" neckband between sleeper and facing. Pin in place and stitch along entire neckline. Fold facings back to inside of sleeper.
- 6. With RIGHT sides together, pin sleeper front to back, matching cuff, underarm, feet, overlapping facings in front to form closure, and repeating for other side. Starting at cuff, stitch all the way around to other cuff.
- 7. Turn RIGHT side out. Apply snaps, Velcro, or buttons & buttonholes to center front of sleeper.



