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# Varna Toddler Jacket

designed by  
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Technique used: Crochet



EASY

MATERIALS

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75% Microdenier acrylic, 25% Merino wool; 3 (3, 3, 4) oz (A), 3 (3, 4, 4) oz (B), 3 (3, 4, 4) oz (C), 3 (3, 3, 3) oz (D), 3 (3, 3, 3) oz (E)

**Shown in:** #0004 Green Sheen (A); #0005 Ocean Spray (B); #0002 Coral Lipstick (C); #0003 Soft Sunshine (D); #007 Naturally (E)

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One size US G-7 (4.5 mm), or size to obtain gauge.

Stitch markers

Sewing needle

1 lightweight button—1 1/2"/4cm diameter

2 lightweight buttons—smaller than the other and of a different shape and color

Optional: black cotton floss (or color of choice)

Yarn needle



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## SIZES

1 (2, 3, 4) years

## FINISHED MEASUREMENTS

**Chest:** 22 (24, 26, 27)"/56 (61, 66, 68.5)cm

**Length:** 13 (13 1/2, 14, 14 1/2)"/33 (34.5, 35.5, 37)cm

## GAUGE

In double crochet, 16 sts and 10 rows = 4"/10cm, slightly stretched.

## STITCHES USED

Chain (ch), double crochet (dc), single crochet (sc), slip stitch (sl st).

## SPECIAL STITCHES

**Optional: Fdc:** Foundation double crochet (This technique creates a foundation chain and a row of double crochet stitches in one) –

Step 1: Place a slip knot on hook, ch 3, yarn over, insert hook in 3rd ch from hook and draw up a loop (3 loops on hook); yarn over and draw through one loop on hook (the "chain"); [yarn over and draw through 2 loops on hook] twice (the "double crochet").

Step 2: Yarn over, insert hook into the "chain" of the previous stitch and draw up a loop, yarn over and draw through one loop on hook (the "chain"), [yarn over and draw through 2 loops on hook] twice (the "double crochet"). Repeat for the length of foundation.

## NOTES

1. To change color, work last stitch of old color to last yarn over, yarn over with new color and draw through all loops on hook to complete stitch. Do not fasten off old color, until instructed. Carry color not in use neatly up the side of the piece.
2. When changing colors within a row, always put the old color to WS of work before picking up the new color.
3. When using more than one color within a row, use separate balls for each color. Do not carry the yarn across the back of the work.
4. When working the turning ch-1, draw up the loop to about 1/4"/0.5cm high. This allows the yarn to reach the necessary height for the next row and does not count as a stitch. You will always work into the first stitch of the row; doing so eliminates the "hole" you get at the beginning of rows when you chain the required number of chains and skip the first stitch.
5. When working the Fdc row for left front, you must change to the new color during the last step of the last stitch of the old color. Leave a long tail as this stitch will be loose and you may need to hold on to the tail while working the first stitch of the new color.
6. When working stitches in the ends of rows (the neckline of the edging row), work approximately 2 stitches in the end of each row, and work one stitch in each shoulder seam. Adjust the number of stitches as needed, to allow the edging to lie flat.
7. The sweater body is made in three parts. Each body piece is crocheted side-to-side. The shoulders are seamed, then the sleeves are worked from the shoulder down to the wrist.

## BACK

**Note:** If you prefer to begin this piece with a traditional foundation chain, work as follows: Ch 54 (56, 58, 60). Row 1: Dc in 3rd ch from hook (beginning ch does not count as a st) and in each remaining ch across, turn—52 (54, 56, 58) dc. Then proceed to Row 2 of instructions.

**Row 1:** With A, Fdc 52 (54, 56, 58) sts, turn.

**Rows 2–7 (8, 8, 9):** Ch 1, dc in each dc across, turn. **Note:** The beginning ch-1 doesn't count as a stitch, work the first stitch in the first double crochet (do not skip first double crochet).

Piece should measure about 2 3/4 (3 1/4, 3 1/4, 3 1/2)"/7 (8.5, 8.5, 9)cm. Place a marker on front of last row to indicate RS.

### Begin Neck Shaping

**Row 8 (9, 9, 10) (WS):** Ch 1, dc in each dc across to last 3 dc, turn; leave last 3 dc unworked (for neck)—49 (51, 53, 55) dc.

**Next 1 (1, 3, 3) Rows:** Ch 1, dc in each dc across, turn; change to E in last st of last row.

**Next Row:** With E, ch 1, dc in each dc across, turn; change to D in last st of last row.

**Next 3 Rows:** With D, Ch 1, dc in each dc across, turn; change to B in last st of last row.

### Divide into Bands of Color

**Row 1 (WS):** With B, ch 1, dc in first 21 (22, 22, 23) dc; change to A, dc in next 5 (5, 6, 6) dc; change to C, dc in last 23 (24, 25, 26) dc, turn.

**Row 2:** With C, ch 1, dc in first 23 (24, 25, 26) dc; change to A, dc in next 5 (5, 6, 6) dc; change to B, dc in last 21 (22, 22, 23) dc, turn.

Repeat last 2 rows 3 more times.

### End Neck Shaping

**Row 1:** With B, ch 1, dc in first 21 (22, 22, 23) dc; change to A, dc in next 5 (5, 6, 6) dc; change to C, dc in last 23 (24, 25, 26) dc; Fdc 3 (working first Fdc into bottom of last st made), turn—52 (54, 56, 58) dc.

**Row 2:** With C, ch 1, dc in first 26 (27, 28, 29) dc; change to A, dc in next 5 (5, 6, 6) dc; change to B, dc in last 21 (22, 22, 23) dc, turn.

**Row 3:** With B, ch 1, dc in first 21 (22, 22, 23) dc; change to A, dc in next 5 (5, 6, 6) dc; change to C, dc in last 26 (27, 28, 29) dc, turn.

Repeat last 2 rows 2 (2, 2, 3) more times, then repeat Row 2, 0 (1, 1, 0) more time(s). Fasten off, leaving a long tail to weave in later.

### RIGHT FRONT

**Note:** If you prefer to begin this piece with a traditional foundation chain, work as follows: Ch 54 (56, 58, 60). Row 1: Dc in 3rd ch from hook (beginning ch does not count as a st) and in each remaining ch across, turn—52 (54, 56, 58) dc. Then proceed to Row 2 of instructions.

**Row 1:** With B, Fdc 52 (54, 56, 58) sts, turn.

**Rows 2–7 (8, 8, 9):** Ch 1, dc in each dc across, turn. **Note:** The beginning ch-1 doesn't count as a stitch, work the first stitch in the first double crochet (do not skip first double crochet).

Piece should measure about 2 3/4 (3 1/4, 3 1/4, 3 1/2)"/7 (8.5, 8.5, 9)cm. Place a marker on front of last row to indicate WS.

### Begin Neck Shaping

**Row 8 (9, 9, 10) (RS):** Ch 1, dc in each dc across to last 6 dc, turn; leave last 6 dc unworked (for neck)—46 (48, 50, 52) dc.

**Next 1 (1, 1, 2) Rows:** Ch 1, dc in each dc across, turn; change to D in last st of last row.

**Next 5 (5, 6, 6) Rows:** With D, ch 1, dc in each dc across, turn.

Fasten off, leaving a long tail to weave in later.

### LEFT FRONT

#### Notes:

1. If you prefer to begin this piece with a traditional foundation chain, work as follows: With A, ch 54 (56, 58, 60). Row 1: With A, dc in 3rd ch from hook (beginning ch does not count as a st) and in next 25 (26, 27, 28) ch; change to E, dc in next 5 (5, 6, 6); change to C, dc in last 21, 22, 22, 23) ch, turn—52 (54, 56, 58) dc. Then proceed to Row 2 of instructions.
2. The color blocks on left front will appear in the opposite order, from top of shoulder down to lower edge, than shown in photo, on the middle two sizes. If you prefer the color blocks to appear in the order shown, swap colors A and C in the following instructions.

**Row 1:** With A, Fdc 26 (27, 28, 29); change to E, Fdc 5 (5, 6, 6); change to C, Fdc 21 (22, 22, 23), turn—52 (54, 56, 58) dc.

**Row 2:** With C, ch 1, dc in first 21 (22, 22, 23) dc; change to E, dc in next 5 (5, 6, 6) dc; change to A, dc in last 26 (27, 29, 29) dc, turn. **Note:** The beginning ch-1 doesn't count as a stitch, work the first stitch in the first double crochet (do not skip first double crochet).

**Row 3:** With A, ch 1, dc in first 26 (27, 29, 29) dc; change to E, dc in next 5 (5, 6, 6) dc; change to C, dc in last 21 (22, 22, 23) dc, turn.

Repeat last 2 rows 2 (2, 2, 3) more times, then repeat Row 2, 0 (1, 1, 0) more time(s).

Piece should measure about 2 3/4 (3 1/4, 3 1/4, 3 1/2)"/7 (8.5, 8.5, 9)cm. Place a marker on front of last row to indicate RS.

### Begin Neck Shaping

**Note:** Continue to change color within each row, as established, throughout. Work with A in A-colored stitches, with C in C-colored stitches, and with E in E-colored stitches.

**Row 8 (9, 9, 10) (WS):** Ch 1, dc in each dc across to last 6 dc, turn; leave last 6 dc unworked (for neck)—46 (48, 50, 52) dc.

**Rows 9 (10, 10, 11)–14 (15, 16, 18):** Ch 1, dc in each dc across, turn.

Fasten off, leaving a long tail to weave in later.

Sew shoulder seams. Place a marker 20 (22, 24, 26) sts below the shoulder seam on both side edges of fronts and back.

### LEFT SLEEVE

**Row 1:** With RS facing, join B with sl st in first marked st, ch 1, dc in same st as join and in each st across to other marker, turn—40 (44, 48, 52) dc.

**Row 2:** With B, ch 1, dc in each dc across, turn.

Repeat Row 2 until piece measures about 6 3/4 (7 1/4, 8 1/4, 9 1/4)"/17 (18.5, 21, 23.5)cm from beginning (or 1 1/4"/3cm less than desired length); change to E in last st of last row.

**Next 2 Rows:** With E, ch 1, dc in each dc across, turn; change to A in last st of last row.

**Last Row:** With A, ch 1, dc in each dc across. Fasten off, leaving a long tail to weave in later.

**RIGHT SLEEVE**

**Row 1:** With RS facing, join E with sl st in first marked st, ch 1, dc in same st as join and in each st across to other marker; change to A, turn—40 (44, 48, 52) dc.

**Rows 2 and 3:** With A, ch 1, dc in each dc across, turn; change to C in last st of last row.

**Row 4:** With C, ch 1, dc in each dc across, turn.

Repeat Row 4 until piece measures about 8 (8 1/2, 9 1/2, 10 1/2)"/20.5 (21.5, 24, 26.5)cm from beginning (or to desired length). Fasten off, leaving a long tail to weave in later.

**FINISHING**

Sew side and sleeve seams.

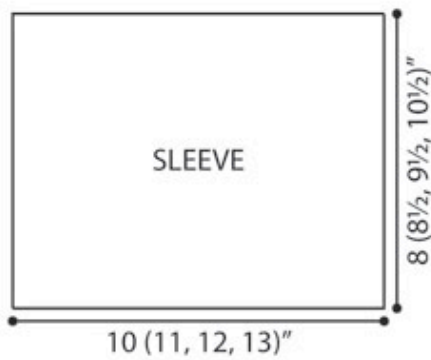
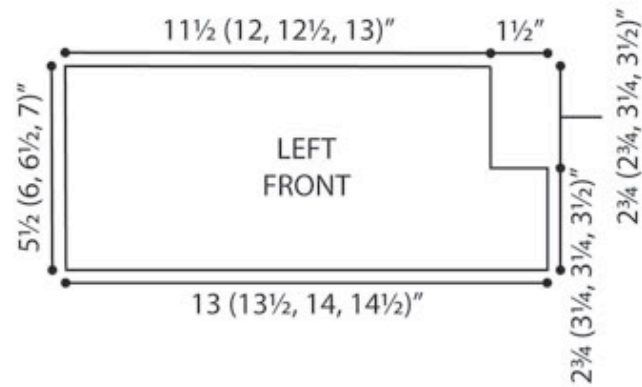
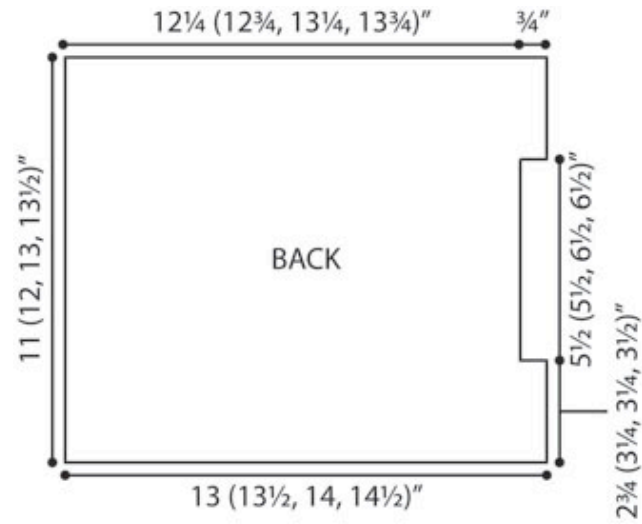
**Front Edging**

**Row 1:** With RS facing, join D with sl st in lower front corner, ch 1, sc in each dc up front edge to beginning of neck shaping, 3 sc in corner, sc evenly spaced around neck edge (see Notes), 3 sc in corner, sc in each dc down other front edge, turn.

**Row 2 (button loop row):** Ch 1, sc in each sc to E-colored section of left front, ch 10, sk next 5 (5, 6, 6) sc, sc in each remaining sc across, working 3 sc in each corner st. Fasten off, leaving a long tail to weave in later.

Mark placement for button on right front (opposite button loop on left front). At marker, place large button with one of the smaller buttons stacked on it on RS, and the other smaller button on WS (back to back with large button), and sew in place using yarn or contrast color cotton floss. Using yarn needle, weave in ends.

Block lightly, if desired.



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