

Caleb & Baby Ginger Plain Pullovers

Hand knitting pattern for lovers of Sasha dolls, free of charge.

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This is Caleb 4-309 from the English production, manufactured from 1972 to the end of the production in 1986. Over the years his skin color and outfit were modified, but he always wore a light yellow machine knitted pullover made from acrylic yarn. In the first few years his pullover was made in plain jersey fabric (stockinette stitch) as pictured, with 1x1 (knit 1, purl 1) ribbed borders and mock turtleneck collar. Later, the fabric was changed to fisherman rib, first with turtleneck collar, and finally with return to the mock turtleneck collar. But Caleb's first pullover is the focus of this knitting pattern.

Two more English Sashas also wore this pullover. First was Sweater 112, the only English Sasha with a unique bubble haircut, manufactured from 1982-1984. Second was baby Ginger 515S, the only English baby with red hair and blue eyes, manufactured from 1985-1986. Both dolls wore pullovers styled the same as Caleb's first pullover, Sweater's in beige acrylic yarn, and Ginger's in creamy white acrylic yarn. Sweater's outfit was also made as a dress set from 1982-1986, but Caleb's and Ginger's outfits were never sold as dress sets.



Above: Caleb 4-309.

Left: Sweater 112.

Right: Baby Ginger 515S.

The pattern for Caleb's pullover in fisherman rib can be found in **Gregor's Pullover & Wintersport's Cap**.

These pages are patterns to make copies of Caleb's and Ginger's pullovers, using yarn, needles and gauges appropriate for hand knitting. They should fit both earlier, smaller dolls as well as later, larger dolls. The patterns given here are not reproductions of the original garments. They are copies with changes as needed for hand knitters, and they remain faithful to the original styling and construction of the garments.

Both sizes of this plain pullover are made the same way and are identical in styling and construction. All the pieces are made flat, on two needles. The main fabric is stockinette stitch, which makes it very easy to decorate the fabric by adding your choice of a texture or color pattern. It has set-in sleeves which requires very simple shaping. It also has a mock turtleneck collar, meaning a turtleneck rib that is folded to inside and hemmed, and there is no neck shaping. In my opinion, this is an ideal garment for the less experienced knitter, or for an experienced knitter who wants a simple garment to apply one's own patterning ideas.



Abbreviations

CO, BO = cast on, bind off
 R side, W side = right side, wrong side
 k, p = knit, purl
 ndls = needles
 sts = stitches
 EOR = every other row
 k2 tog = knit 2 together (single decrease, leans R)
 ssk = slip 1 st kwise 2 times, insert L ndl through the fronts and knit them together (single decrease, leans L)
 * . . * = repeat instruction between *'s across the row.

Yarn: 1/2 oz (15gm) fingering weight wool or wool blends such as sock yarn.

Needles: single point needles for flat knitting
2.25mm for 1x1 rib (US 1, UK 13)
3.00mm for stockinette stitch (US 2 or 3, UK 11)
4.00mm for collar BO (US 5 or 6, UK 8)

Markers: Small safety pins to mark the start of each garment section. In each section, after the first two rows are made, mark a stitch on the first of the two rows (always on the R side) with a pin so you can easily count the rows you have made in each section.

Gauge: In stockinette stitch with 3.00mm ndls, 8 sts and 10 rows = 1 inch (2.5 cm). Wash and dry your swatch before measuring for gauge.

Cast on method: Use a cast on that makes a row of knitted stitches, such as “Thumb,” “Two-strand,” or “Long Tail,” leaving an unused length of about 12 inches for sewing up during finishing.

Pullover for Girls and Boys

Front and Back, make two pieces alike

Waist rib

1. With 3.00mm ndl, CO 37 sts, leaving a tail for sewing up. Change to 2.25mm ndls for 1x1 rib.
2. W side: *P1, k1* across, end p1.
3. R side: *K1, p1* across, end k1.
- 4-6. Repeat row 2, row 3, row 2. Change to 3.00mm ndls for stockinette stitch.

Main, stockinette stitch

1. R side: Knit all stitches.
2. W side: Purl all stitches.
- 3-20. Repeat rows 1 and 2.

Armhole

- 1-2. Continuing in stockinette stitch, BO 3 sts at the beginning of the next two rows = 31 sts.
- 3-16. Continue straight in stockinette stitch.

Shoulder

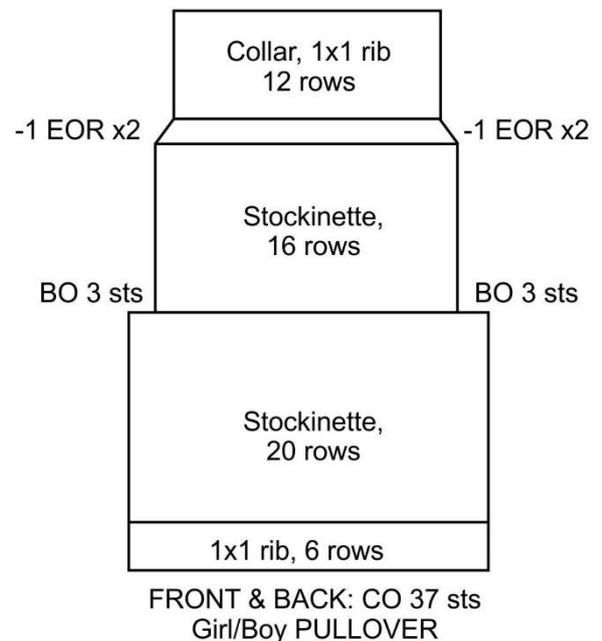
- 1-2. K1, k2 tog, k to last 3 sts, ssk, k1. Purl the return row.
- 3-4. Repeat rows 1-2, 27 sts remain. Change to 2.25mm ndls for 1x1 rib.

Collar rib

1. R side: *K1, p1* across, end k1.
2. W side: *P1, k1* across, end p1.
- 3-12. Repeat rows 1-2. Change to 4.00mm ndl for BO.
13. BO all sts in rib, leaving a 12 inch tail for sewing up.

Finishing

Using the beginning yarn tails, sew the side seams of the Front and Back from the bottom rib to the armhole. Do this from the R side using mattress stitch, taking ½ selvedge st each side into the seam. With a separate piece of yarn, sew the shoulder and collar seam the same way. Turn the garment wrong side out, and fold the collar in half. Using the ending yarn tails, sew the BO edge of the collar to the first row of collar sts. Usually, catching every-other-st into the seam is enough, and stretch it widthwise during sewing to be sure the collar can stretch to its maximum to fit over the doll's head. Finish off all the yarn tails.



Sleeves, make two pieces alike

Cuff rib

1. With 3.00mm ndl, CO 23 sts, leaving a tail for sewing up. Change to 2.25mm ndls for 1x1 rib.
2. W side: *P1, k1* across, end p1.
3. R side: *K1, p1* across, end k1.
- 4-6. Repeat row 2, row 3, row 2. Change to 3.00mm ndls for stockinette stitch.

Main, stockinette stitch

1. R side: Knit all stitches.
2. W side: Purl all stitches.
- 3-30. Repeat rows 1 and 2.

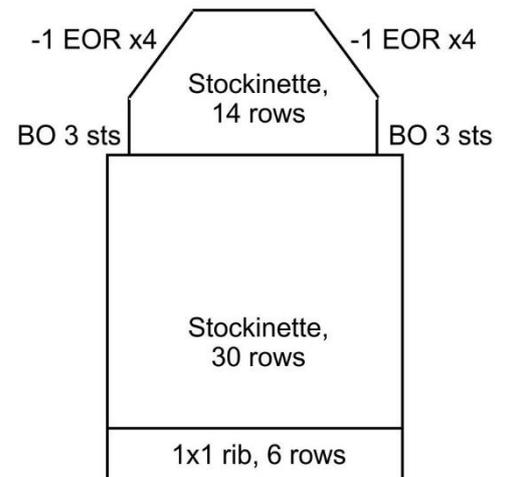
Armhole and Sleeve Cap

- 1-2. Continuing in stockinette stitch, BO 3 sts at the beginning of the next two rows = 17 sts.
- 3-6. Continue straight in stockinette stitch.
- 7-8. K1, k2 tog, k to last 3 sts, ssk, k1. Purl the return row.
- 9-13. Repeat rows 7-8 through row 13, 9 sts remain.
14. BO all sts in purl with 3.00mm ndl.

Finishing

Using the beginning yarn tails, sew the sleeve seams as far as the armhole, using mattress stitch from the right side. Now place the sleeves against the body and continue the mattress stitch seams each side from the armholes.

At the top of the sleeve, gather the BO sts into the top of the armhole. Finish off all yarn tails, wash and dry the sweater.



SLEEVE: CO 23 sts
Girl/Boy PULLOVER

Pullover for Babies and Toddlers

Front and Back, make two pieces alike

Waist rib

1. With 3.00mm ndl, CO 33 sts, leaving a tail for sewing up. Change to 2.25mm ndls for 1x1 rib.
2. W side: *P1, k1* across, end p1.
3. R side: *K1, p1* across, end k1.
- 4-6. Repeat row 2, row 3, row 2. Change to 3.00mm ndls for stockinette stitch.

Main, stockinette stitch

1. R side: Knit all stitches.
2. W side: Purl all stitches.
- 3-16. Repeat rows 1 and 2.

Armhole

- 1-2. Continuing in stockinette stitch, BO 3 sts at the beginning of the next two rows = 27 sts.
- 3-12. Continue straight in stockinette stitch.

Shoulder

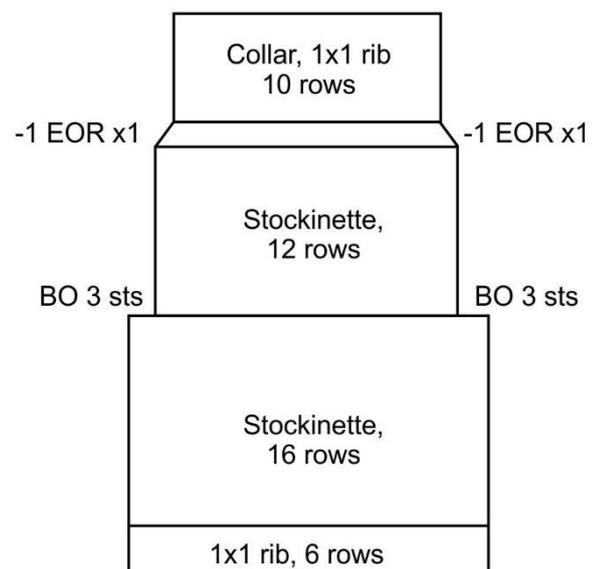
- 1-2. K1, k2 tog, k to last 3 sts, ssk, k1 = 25 sts. Purl the return row. Change to 2.25mm ndls for 1x1 rib.

Collar rib

1. R side: *K1, p1* across, end k1.
2. W side: *P1, k1* across, end p1.
- 3-10. Repeat rows 1-2. Change to 4.00mm ndl for BO.
11. BO all sts in rib, leaving a 12 inch tail for sewing up.

Finishing

Using the beginning yarn tails, sew the side seams of the Front and Back from the bottom rib to the armhole. Do this from the R side using mattress stitch, taking 1/2 selvedge st each side into the seam. With a separate piece of yarn,



FRONT & BACK: CO 33 sts
Baby/Toddler PULLOVER

sew the shoulder and collar seam the same way. Turn the garment wrong side out, and fold the collar in half. Using the ending yarn tails, sew the BO edge of the collar to the first row of collar sts. Usually, catching every-other-st into the seam is enough, and stretch it widthwise during sewing to be sure the collar can stretch to its maximum to fit over the doll's head. Finish off all the yarn tails.

Sleeves, make two pieces alike

Cuff rib

1. With 3.00mm ndl, CO 21 sts, leaving a tail for sewing up. Change to 2.25mm ndls for 1x1 rib.
2. W side: *P1, k1* across, end p1.
3. R side: *K1, p1* across, end k1.
- 4-6. Repeat row 2, row 3, row 2. Change to 3.00mm ndls for stockinette stitch.

Main, stockinette stitch

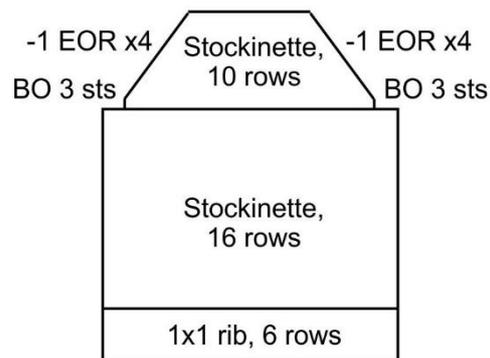
1. R side: Knit all stitches.
2. W side: Purl all stitches.
- 3-16. Repeat rows 1 and 2.

Armhole and Sleeve Cap

- 1-2. Continuing in stockinette stitch, BO 3 sts at the beginning of the next two rows = 15 sts.
- 3-4. K1, k2 tog, k to last 3 sts, ssk, k1. Purl the return row.
- 5-9. Repeat rows 3-4 through row 9, 7 sts remain.
10. BO all sts in purl with 3.00mm ndl.

Finishing

Using the beginning yarn tails, sew the sleeve seams as far as the armhole, using mattress stitch from the right side. Now place the sleeves against the body and continue the mattress stitch seams each side from the armholes. At the top of the sleeve, gather the BO sts into the top of the armhole. Finish off all yarn tails, wash and dry the sweater.



SLEEVE: CO 21 sts
Baby/Toddler PULLOVER