Little Princess Cardigan
designed and crocheted for
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Pattern difficulty:
Moderate

Pattern sizes:
0-3 mnths; (3-6 mnths; 6-12 mnths; 1-2 yrs; 3-4 yrs; 5-6yrs)

Measurements:

To fit chest:
41cm, (43cm, 46cm, 51cm, 59cm, 64cm)

All round measurements:

Chest:
46cm, (48cm, 51cm, 56cm, 64cm, 69cm)

Length to shoulder:
20cm, (24cm, 28cm, 32cm, 36cm, 39cm)

Sleeve seam:
16cm, (19cm, 22cm, 26cm, 32cm, 38cm)

Materials:

Vinnis Colours Nikkim:
5, (5, 6, 6, 7, 8) balls of 119m/50g,
DK in Ballet Pink (522)
Oddments of Nikkim in Black (560),
White (598) and Sunshine (535) for
the owl face

Hook: 3.50mm and 3.75mm
3 x 15mm buttons
Tapestry needle
Scissors

Tension:
17sts x 19 rows = 10cm using a
3.75mm crochet hook and working
in double crochet sts.

Abbreviations:
beg – beginning
ch – chain
col -colour
cont – continue
dc – double crochet
dec – decrease
htr – half treble
inc – increase
RS – right side
slst – slip stitch
st/s – stitch/es
WS – wrong side
2dctog – 2 double crochet together
(decrease a stitch)

Pattern notes:
Throughout the pattern 3ch replace
the first tr of every row, and 1ch
does not replace the first dc of
every row, unless otherwise stated.

Special stitches:

Magic ring:
Make a large loop with the end of
the yarn lying under the working
yarn. Hold the loop with your thumb
and forefinger, insert the hook under
the yarn end and pull the work-
ing yarn through to create a loop.
Slip stitch 1 to lock the loop. Treat
the looped yarn as a closed chain
and work the required number of
stitches into the loop. Once you
have completed the stitches pull
the yarn end to tighten the loop thus
closing the hole.

To make:

Back:
With a 3.75mm hook and col Ballet
Pink, loosely make 37 (39, 41, 45,
52, 56) ch.

Foundation row:
(RS) Insert hook in 2nd ch from
hook and work 1dc in each ch
across, turn
(36 (38, 40, 44, 51, 55)
dc).

*Next row: Work 1dc in each dc across.
Cont in working dc rows until piece
measures 10 (13, 16, 19, 22, 24) cm.

Shape armholes:

Next row: Slst over first 3 sts,
work across row, leaving last 3 sts
unworked, turn.

Next row:
Dec 1st at beg and end of row, turn
(28 (30, 32, 36, 43, 47) sts).*
Cont until armhole measures 9 (10,
11, 12, 13, 14) cm.

Shape Shoulder (Left):

Next row:
Work across the first 11sts, 2dctog
in next st, turn.

Next row:
Ch1, 2dctog, work across the re-
maining sts 7 (7, 8, 9, 11, 12) sts.
Fasten off.

Shape Shoulder (Right):

Work as for left shoulder, reversing
all shapings.
The middle 10 (12, 12, 14, 17, 19)
sts remain unworked.

Left Front:
With a 3.75mm hook and Ballet
Pink Nikkim, loosely make 17 (19,
20, 22, 25, 27) ch.

Foundation row:
(RS) Insert hook in 2nd ch from
hook and work 1dc in each ch
across, turn (16 (18, 19, 21, 24, 26)
dc).
Cont as for back from *-* (12 (14,
15, 17, 20, 22) dc).
Cont straight until armhole
measures 7 (8, 8, 8, 8, 9) cm.

Shape Neckline:

Next row:
Skip over next 3 (3, 4, 4, 5) sts at
neckline.

Next rows:
Dec 1st at neckline until 7 (7, 8, 9,
11, 12) sts remain. Cont straight
until piece measures same as back
and fasten off.

Right Front:
Work as for left front, reversing all
shapings.

Sleeves:
With a 3.75mm hook and Nikkim
Ballet Pink, loosely make 23 (25,
27, 31, 33, 35) ch.

Foundation Row:
(RS) Insert hook in 2nd ch from
hook and work 1dc in each ch
across, turn (22 (24, 26, 30, 32, 34) dc).

Row 2 - 6:
Work 1dc in each dc.

Row 7 onwards:
Inc 1 st at beg and end of this row
and every 7th (6th, 7th, 7th, 7th,
7th) row a total of 5 (6, 7, 7, 8, 9)
times (32 (36, 40, 44, 48, 52) sts).
Cont straight until piece measures
16 (19, 22, 26, 32, 38) cm.

Shape Sleevecap:

Next row:
Slst over first 3 sts, cont across
row, leaving last 3 sts unworked.

Next row:
Dec 1st at beg and end of row and
fasten off.

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**To make up:**
With WS facing, join shoulder seams. Fold sleeves in half lengthways, then placing folds on shoulder seams, sew seam into position. Sew up side and sleeve seams.

**Pocket:**
With a 3.75mm hook make 13 (15, 16, 18, 21, 23) ch.

**Foundation row:**
Insert hook in 2nd ch from hook, work 1dc in each ch across (12 (14, 15, 17, 20, 22) dc).

**Next rows:**
Cont in rows of dc until piece measures 6 (6, 7, 7, 7) cm.

**Next 4 rows:**
Dec 1st at beg and end of each row. DO NOT FASTEN OFF.

**Next round:**
Work 1 round of slst around the circumference of the pocket and fasten off.

**Owl Eyes (make 2):**
With col White, make a magic ring OR ch4 and close with a slst to form a ring.

**Round 1:**
Ch1 (does not count as st, here and throughout), work 8 htr in ring, close with slst (8 sts).

**Round 2:**
Ch1, work 2 htr in each htr of prev round, close with slst (16 sts).

**Round 3:**
Ch1, “1htr in next st, 2htr in next st”, rep from “*” around, close with slst (24 sts).
If making any of the first 3 sizes of the garment, stop here, and proceed to round 5.

**Round 4:**
Ch1, “1htr in next 2 htr, 2htr in next htr”, rep from “*” to end, close with slst (32 sts).

**Round 5:**
Ch1, 1cr-st (this st isn’t in the abbreviations) in each st around. Close with slst in first cr-st. Fasten off.

**Beak:**
With col Sunshine, make 2ch.

**Row 1:**
Make 2dc in second ch from hook, turn.

**Row 2:**
Ch1 (doesn’t count as st throughout), make 2dc in each st, turn (4dc).

**Row 3:**
Ch1, 2dc in first dc, 1dc in next 2 dc, 2dc in last dc, turn (6dc).

**Row 4:**
Ch1, 2dc in first dc, 1dc in next 4 dc, 2dc in last dc, DO NOT turn (8dc).

**Row 5:**
Work 1dc in each st around the triangle and fasten off.

Using the photo as a guide, embroider the eyelashes on the eyes. Pin the beak and then the eyes in position on the pocket. Sew to pocket. Position pocket on the cardigan and sew in place.

**Edging:**
Using a 3.50mm hook and with RS facing insert hook at bottom of left front. Work 1 row evenly spaced dc around the bottom, up the right side, around the neck and down the right side. Work another row of dc, but include 3 evenly spaced button loops at the top left side. (see photo) Make button loops by making 2ch, do not skip any stitches.

**Finish up:**
Weave in all loose ends. Sew on buttons. Block garment to measurement, cover with a damp cloth or spray with water. Allow to dry.

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