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This is a neat little sleeveless top for premature babies who need to have sleeveless garments in order to accommodate drips, injections etc. - poor wee mites.

NB Choose your needles according to the thickness of yarn you are using - generally OLD FASHIONED SIZES 10s and 8s, 9s and 7s or 8s and 6s (some DK will take these larger needles and results in a lighter garment which isn't too restricting).

Begin with the Armbands(work 2!)
With finer needles and contrast colour

Cast on 27
Rib 5 rows
6th row - With Main colour purl
7th row - Cast off 3, work to last 3 stitches, cast off 3
Leave these 21 stitches on a spare needle.

Work the Main Part

With finer needles and contrast colour

Cast on 73
Rib 6 rows with a border of 4 stitches each end (usually garter stitch or moss stitch)
Make a button hole at the beginning of the 3rd rib row
Change to larger needles and main colour
Work 16 rows stocking stitch (keeping border stitches at each end as before)
Make a button hole at the beginning of the 15th stocking stitch row

17th Row - Work 18 stitches, cast off 6, work 25 stitches, cast off 6, work to end
18th Row - Work 18 stitches, work across 21stitches from first sleeve, 25 stitches from back, 21 stitches from second sleeve, 18 stitches from left front (103 stitches)

Work the Yoke

1st Row - Work 51 stitches, K2tog, work to end
2nd and alternate rows - Purl (keeping border stitches at each end as before)
3rd Row - Border 4, (K2, K2tog) to last 4 stitches, border 4
4th Row - Purl (keeping border stitches at each end as before)
5th Row - Work 51 stitches, K2tog, work to end
6th Row - Purl (keeping border stitches at each end as before)
7th Row - Border 4, (K2, K2tog) to last 4 stitches, border 4
8th Row - Purl (keeping border stitches at each end as before)
9th Row - Border 4, K2tog, K2, K2tog, work to last 6 stitches K2tog, border 4
Change to contrast colour
10th Row - Purl (keeping border stitches at each end as before)
11th Row - Border 4, (K2, K2tog) to last 4 stitches, border 4
Change to finer needles
Work 5 rows for the neckband
Make a button hole at the beginning of the 2nd neckband row
Cast off
Join armband and underarm

