



# Neighborly

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*Neighborly* is a simple vest sized for a child, intended to keep them warm at their core while not overheating them during all the running about that kiddos do. Interest is created by the wide boatneck collar knit in a contrasting yarn which is further accented by a large button. Stitches are picked up around the collar's edge and the piece is knit in the round from the top-down — there is no seaming whatsoever and only a bit of additional stitching at the hemline and weaving in the ends. *Neighborly* is a satisfying quick knit that is perfect for layering throughout the seasons. Enjoy!

**Size :** fits a child 3-5/6 years when knit as written.  
*(That said, you can easily size up or down accordingly by knitting it in a heavier or lighter worsted weight yarn.)*

**Measurements :**

- length from bottom of collar to hem 12" (30.5cm)
- circumference at chest 24" (61cm)
- circumference at hem 32" (81cm)
- circumference at armhole 10" (25.5cm)

**Yarn :** 1 skein EACH of...

- Brown Sheep Lamb's Pride Worsted [85% wool, 15% mohair; 190yd/173m per 4oz./113g skein) - MC.
- Noro Kureyon [100% wool, 100m per 50g skein] - CC.

**Needles :** US 8 (5mm) circulars and double pointed needles

**Gauge :** 18 St and 22 rows = 4"x4" (in stockinette stitch)

**Notions :** stitch holder (or scrap yarn), stitch marker, tapestry needle, and a button



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**Collar :** *Using CC yarn (Noro Kureyon)*

CO 10 st and work St st for 6 rows.

RS: K2, BO6, K2

WS: P2, CO6, P2 — you've just made the buttonhole!

Work St st for 110 more rows, and then BO all st.

Block the collar piece — this will make the next step easier.

Take that strip that will become the collar and overlap it by 2" so that the end with the buttonhole is on top. Stitch it in place on the WS, leaving the buttonhole flap on top of the RS. You are securing the collar band together at this point, and later you'll stitch on a button.



**Yoke :** *Using MC yarn (Lamb's Pride)*

**\*\*** *Look at the RS of the collar with the buttonhole to be placed just to the front of the child's left shoulder. You are going to start picking up stitches at the intersection where you overlapped the collar and stitched it in place.*

Pick up 105 stitches all along that bottom edge of the collar.

PM and join to work in the round.

K 9 rounds.

**Upper Bodice :** *Continue with MC yarn (Lamb's Pride)*

**\*\*** *You are going to work the front and back of the bodice separately, creating the armholes.*

BO5, K47 (place these sts on a holder/scrap yarn), BO5, K46, K2tog.

**\*\*** *The 47 active sts are for the back of the piece and the 47 on the holder are for the front.*

- Turn work so that you are looking at a WS/purled row.
- Work St st on these 47 back sts for 21 rows ending with a WS/purled row.
- Break yarn and place these back sts on a holder/scrap yarn.

Now go to the 47 front sts and repeat what you did for the back.

- Turn so that you are looking at a WS/purled row.
- Work St st on these 47 front sts for 21 rows ending with a WS/purled row.
- This time, do not break yarn when you are done.

Turn so you are looking at the RS — this is the exact beginning of the round, PM — 94 sts.

K 5 rounds.

K1, Kf+b, (K2, Kf+b)\* repeat\* to last 2 sts, K1, Kf+b — 126 sts.

**Lower Bodice :**

*\*\* Do not break either yarn while striping, just carry it on the WS overlapping only when you switch from one color to another. Using Noro Kureyon gives the illusion of changing colors as the self-striping wool slowly moves from one tone to another.*



Using CC yarn, K 2 rounds.

Switch to MC and K 2 rounds.

Repeat 7 more times, resulting in 8 stripes of each yarn.

Switch back to CC again and K 4 rounds.

P 1 round — this will give a nice clean edge to the hemline.

K 4 more rounds and BO all sts.

*\*\* At some point during those final 4 rounds you may run out of CC yarn, but this is not a problem because this will be tucked under to create a neat hemline. Switch to the MC yarn (if needed) to complete these 4 rounds and then BO all sts.*

**Hemline :**

Block the piece and fold under the hem toward the WS using the purled row as a guide.

Stitch the hem in place on the WS.

**Armholes : Using MC yarn (Lamb's Pride)**

Using double pointed needles, pick up and Knit 50 stitches around the edge of one armhole.

PM and join to work in the round.

Work K1 P1 rib for 4 rounds.

BO in patt.

Repeat for other armhole.

**Finishing :**

Secure a large button to the RS of the collar underneath the buttonhole, then fasten.

It's decorative, but appears fully functional... and it looks cool.



Block the entire piece, weave in ends + present to the kiddo!

*Please consider being Neighborly + make one for donation to charity!*

*Thanks!*

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