Baby Jumper knitting pattern (Knitted all in one)

Approx. 50g DK wool

Use double knitting wool and 4mm needles, cast on 44 stitches.

Work 18 Rows in K2, P2 rib

Work 30 Rows stocking stitch (1 row plain, 1 row purl)

Cast on 12 stitches at beginning of next 2 rows and at the same time change to K2,P2 (for sleeve)

Rib 22 more rows.

Next row: Rib 21, cast off 26 stitches, rib 21 (Please cast these stitches off loosely in rib, to Allow The neck to stretch over a baby's head)

Next row: Rib 21, cast on 26 stitches, rib 21 (Please cast these stitches on loosely, using one size bigger needles if necessary).

Work 22 rows in K2, P2 rib

Cast off 12 stitches at beginning of next 2 rows

Work 30 rows stocking stitch

Work 18 rows, K2, P2 rib

Cast off. Sew side and sleeve seams.

Baby Beanie Hat Pattern (Approx. 20g DK wool)

Using double knitting wool and 4mm needles cast on 64 stitches and work 14 rows in (K1 P1) rib.

Work 18 rows in stocking stitch or until work measures 11cm from cast on edge

Shape crown as follows – Row 1: *k6, k2tog. Repeat from * to end of row (56 stitches)

Row 2 and every alternate following row: Knit

Row 3: *k5, k2tog. Repeat from * to end of row (48 stitches)

Row 5: *k4, k2tog. Repeat from * to end of row (40 stitches)

Continue decreasing in this manner until (k1 k2tog) has been completed and 16 stitches remain.

Knit 1 row. Break yarn and thread through remaining 16 stitches. Pull up tightly and join Seam
Knitting for the fish and chips babies in Africa. These are really poor babies, many of whom are born with Aids and that is about all these little souls come into this world with. They are so poor that they are sent home wrapped in newspaper which is why they are called fish and chip babies.

The jumpers themselves are very easy to knit and they are knitted in one complete piece. For most knitters they take an afternoon or an evening to complete. They are very important because in Africa, the nights are cold and these babies have no clothes.

The only real stipulation is that they are knitted in bright dark colours rather than the pastel shades we may use for babies, (bright stripes look good and use up only small bits of wool). This is because these little garments may never be washed.