Premie Baby Kimono

This should fit premature baby to newborn size 7 pounds or less.

4 oz Red Heart Baby Soft Yarn Size 6 needles 2 stitch holders 3 buttons Darning needle

Abbreviations:
K Knit
P Purl
St Stitch
Rib K1, P1, repeat across
Stockinette Stitch k1 row, p1 row
K2tog Knit 2 stitches together
P2tog Purl 2 stitches together
Inc Increase
BO Bind Off
OS Other Side
YO Yarn Over
RS Right Side
WS Wrong Side

NECKBAND
(you may design neckband in many variations: 6 rows of rib; garter or eyelet stitches. I used the eyelet pattern for my neckband for this pictured pattern.)

Cast on 40 sts. Knit 2 rows.
RS- (eyelet row) K3, *yo, k2tog, repeat from * to last 3 sts, k3. K 1 row.
Next row
– WS – k8, place marker, k6, place marker, k12, place marker, k6, place marker, k8.
Row 6 – k across row inc 1 st before and after markers.
Row 7 – k4, p across slipping markers, to last 4 sts, K4.
Repeat rows 6 & 7 four times, ending with row 7. There will be 4 purl ridges after the eyelet row

BUTTONHOLE
RS – k2, yo, k2tog, (buttonhole) k across continuing to inc 1 st before and after markers.(place a pin at the end of the row as this will be button placement)
Next row – repeat row 7
Continue pattern of rows 6 & 7 until 120 sts.

DIVIDE FOR SLEEVES AND BODY
(remove markers when you get to them) RS- k18, cast on 4 sts, slip next 26 sts (left sleeve) onto stitch holder, k32 sts (back) cast on 4 sts, slip next 26 sts (right sleeve) onto stitch holder, k18. Row 1 – k4, p across to last 4 st, k4 (76 st) Row 2 – k across. Continue last 2 rows until 9 purl ridges from 1st buttonhole. RS- k2, yo, k2tog, k across (place a pin at the end of the row as this will be button placement) Repeat pattern of rows 1 & 2 until 9 purl ridges from 2nd buttonhole. Make 3rd buttonhole as above. Continue pattern of rows 1 & 2 until 9 purl ridges from 3rd buttonhole.

CONTINUE FOR BODY
Use circular needle. RS – knit across until last 4 st, (button band) Bind off those 4 st. of button band. Place a marker so that this will be the center by the buttonhole band. Continue to knit unit desired length. Any where from 11” to 16” from armhole may be good. K 1 row. P 1 row. Make the eyelet row of *YO, K2tog * repeat pattern from * K 1 row. P 1 row. Bind off all stitches.

SLEEVES
Using regular straight needles. Pick up stitches from stitch holder. Join yarn. Stockinette stitch (k1 row, p1 row) for 20 rows. Rib (k1, p1 across) for 6 rows. BO. Sew seam. Sew buttons onto button band to correspond where buttonholes are from the buttonhole band. Make a crochet chain approximately 30” to 32” for the drawstring. Weave through the eyelet stitches at the bottom for a drawstring closure.