Bunting with Ridged Pattern

You will need
Please use white, cream or pale shades (white is preferred).
2ply with 2:5 needles (13's)
3ply with 2.75mm needles (12's)
4ply with 3.25mm needles (10's)
2 Cords: Can be anything you like, knitted, twisted, crochet or narrow ribbon to thread through holes and be able to tie in a bow.
2 or 3 buttons.

Abbreviations
inc - increase in next st by working into the front and back of stitch.
K2tog - knit 2 stitches together making 1 stitch.
P2tog - purl 2 stitches together making 1 stitch.
Sl1 - slip next stitch onto Rt needle without knitting it.
yfwd - yarn over needle to create a new stitch and a 'hole'.
Buttonhole - K2, yfwd, K2tog then pattern to end.

TIPS: slip the first stitch Purl-wise for a neat edge with 'give'.

For girls, put buttonholes on the beginning of a Knit row, boys at the end.

Begin at the toes
With your choice of yarn and needles,

Cast on 34 sts loosely.

First Row: Knit.

Row 2: K2, P1, (yfwd, P2tog, P1) to last 4 sts, yfwd, P2tog, K2 (10 holes).

Row 3: Knit (knitting the loops as stitches).

Row 4: K2, increase in every stitch to last 2 sts, K2 - **64 sts**

The next 6 rows form pattern
Row 1: Knit.

Row 2: K4, Purl to last 4 sts, K4.

Row 3: Knit**.**

Row 4: K4, Purl to last 4 sts, K4.

Row 5: Knit.

Row 6: Knit (forms a ridge on Right Side)

Buttonholes
For 3 buttons, work each buttonhole on Row 5 of pattern, every **3rd** repeat.

To have 2 buttons instead, work each buttonhole on Row 5 of pattern, every **4th** repeat.

After working last buttonhole, continue in pattern for 3 (or 4) more pattern repeats.

Neck

With **Wrong Side** facing you, K6, *K2tog to last 6 sts, K6 - **38 sts**
Next Row: Knit.
Next Row: K1, K2tog twice, (yfwd, P2tog, P1) to last 6 sts, yfwd, K2tog three times - **34sts**
Next Row: Knit.
Increase Row: K12, (inc, K2) 4 times, Knit to end - **38 sts**

Hood

Starting with row 1, pattern as before but with borders of 3 sts.
Work pattern 4 times (4 ridges).
Work the first <u>4 rows</u> of pattern again ending with the purl row.

Shape top of hood

Next row: Knit 15 sts, K2tog 4 times, Knit to end - **34 sts**
Next pattern row: Knit (forms a ridge on Right Side)
Next row: Knit 13 sts, K2tog 4 times, Knit to end - **30 sts**
Next row: K3, Purl to last 3 sts, K3.
Next row: Knit 11 sts, K2tog 4 times, Knit to end - **26 sts**
Next row: K3, Purl to last 3 sts, K3.
Next row: Knit 9 sts, K2tog 4 times, Knit to end - **22 sts**
Cast off and sew seam or use Kitchener stitch to graft it.
Add buttons to correspond with buttonholes.
Thread ribbon or cord through holes at toes and neck edge.

Variations on the theme

Space the pattern ridges as you like, just keep the borders.
To add colour, work the pattern ridges in a contrasting yarn on pattern rows 5 & 6.
Simply knit throughout in stocking stitch, keeping borders and buttonholes as above. You could then decorate with embroidery or small motif.
You could do lots of different stitch patterns, like moss stitch or star stitch etc.
Have fun with any Stitch combinations - just remember, not too open or lacy.

Tip

<u>Buttonhole placement up the border to fit with stripes:</u>
For 4 buttons, buttonholes are spaced at 7 garter stitch ridges apart.
For 3 buttons, buttonholes are spaced at 9 garter stitch ridges apart.
For 2 buttons, place the buttonholes 12 garter stitch ridges apart.