

Baby Soft Romper with Optional Ruffles

Inspired by the classic baby bloomer shape, this romper is knitted up in our Baby Soft Printed yarn. With minimal shaping and basic stitches, the Worked as two pieces the pattern also features a pinafore front. Our model is shown here wearing a 12 month old size.

MEASUREMENTS

| Size | | 0 | 3-6 | 6-12 | 12 |
|--|------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| | | Months | Months | Months | Months |
| To Fit Waist | cm | 35 | 40 | 45 | 50 |
| To Fit Chest | cm | 35 | 40 | 46 | 50 |
| Length (approx) | cm | 17 | 19 | 20 | 22 |
| Yarn Required: Makr Baby Soft Print | 100g balls | 1 | 1 | 2 | 2 |

Please use only the yarn specified. Another yarn is likely to yield different results. Quantities are approximate as knitting styles may vary between knitters. Check the ball bands to ensure all yarn is from the same dye lot.

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NEEDLES AND EQUIPMENT:

A pair of 4.00mm knitting needles. A pair of 3.75mm knitting needles. A 4.00mm circular knitting needle, 80cm. Stitch Holder. Stitch Markers.

Wool needle for sewing in ends.

TENSION:

22 sts and 30 rows to 10cm over stocking st, using 4.00mm needles.

KNITTING ABBREVIATIONS:

Knit

K2tog: Knit 2 Together

K1 into the fr of the next stitch on the needle but do not slide Kfb:

the stitch off, K1 into the bk of the same stitch on the needle

and slide the stitch off the needle

P: Purl

P2tog: Purl 2 Together

Pfb: Purl 1, Purl tbl to increase by 1 SI1: Slip One Stitch purlwise wyif: With Yarn in Front

wyib: With Yarn in Back

ssk: Slip, Slip Knit (Left Slanting Decrease)

PATTERN

This pattern is written for our Newborn size, all stitch counts and references for other sizes are written in brackets for easy reference. They are as follows, Newborn (3-6 Months - 6-12 Months - 12 Months)

Back Bloomers:

Using 4.00 mm needles, cast on 16 (16 - 18 - 18) sts. Begin working in stocking st, work 2 rows.

Cast on 3 sts at beg of the next row, work in stocking st to end. Repeat the above row until there are 28 (34 - 54 - 36) sts, then cast on 4 sts at beg of every row until there are 52 (58 - 62 - 68) sts.

Cont in stockinette st until work measures 14 (16 - 17 - 19) cm from beg, ending with a knit row.

Next Row: P0 (3 - 0 - 3), *P2tog, P3 (3 - 4 - 4), rep from * to last 2 (5 - 2 -5) sts, P2tog, P0 (3 - 0 - 3) ... 41 (47 - 51 - 57) sts.

Back Waistband:

Row 1: K2, *P1, K1, rep from * to last st, K1 ... 41 (47 - 51 - 57) sts. Row 2: K1, *P1, K1, rep from * to end Last two rows form rib. ** Work a further 2 rows rib.

Row 5: Rib 12 (14 - 15 - 17), YO, Rib2tog, Rib 13 (15 - 17 - 19), YO, Rib2tog, Rib 12 (14 - 15 - 17) ... 2 buttonholes Work 5 rows in rib. Cast off in rib.

Front Bloomers:

Work as for Back to **

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Work a further 8 rows rib... 41 (47 - 51 - 57) sts.

Next Row (RS): Cast off 5 in rib, K36 (42 - 46 - 52), rib to end. **Next Row:** Cast off 5 in rib, purl to end ... 31 (37 - 41 - 47) sts.

Next Row: Cast off 3 (3 - 4 - 5), knit to end

Next Row: Cast off 3 (3 - 4 - 5), purl to end ... 25 (31 - 33 - 37) sts.

Next Row: Cast off 2 (3 - 2 - 3), K4 (6 - 8 - 9), K4, SSK, Y0, K1, Y0, K2tog, knit to end

Next Row: Cast off 2 (3 - 2 - 3), purl to end ... 21 (25 - 29 - 31) sts. **Next Row:** Cast off 0 (1 - 2 - 2), K4 (5 - 6 - 7), SSK, YO, K1, YO, K2tog, K3, SSK, YO, K1, YO, K2tog, knit to end.

Next Row: Cast off 0 (1 - 2 - 2) purl to end ... 21 (23 - 25 - 27) sts rem

Pinafore Lace Pattern:

Repeat the following 12 rows until the piece measures 4 (5 - 6 - 7) cm from end of ribbing, ending with a WS row.

Row 1: K4 (5 - 6 - 7), K4, SSK, YO, K1, YO, K2tog, K4, K4 (5 - 6 - 7)

Row 2 (and all alt rows): Purl

Row 3: K4 (5 - 6 - 7), K5, *Y0, Sl2, K1, P2SSO, Y0, K5, K4 (5 - 6 - 7),

Row 5: Repeat Row 1

Row 7: K4 (5 - 6 - 7), SSK, YO, K1, YO, K2tog, K3, SSK, YO, K1, YO, K2tog, K4 (5 - 6 - 7)

Row 9: K4 (**5** - 6 - **7**), K1, Y0, Sl2, K1, P2SSO, Y0, K5, P2SSO, Y0, K5, Y0, SL2, K1, P2SSO, Y0, K1, K4 (**5** - 6 - **7**)

Row 11: Repeat Row 7

Row 12: Purl all

Overall Straps:

Work one row in stocking st. Work in stocking st across first 11 sts, cast off the next 26 (30 - 34 - 42) sts, work in stocking st till end. Slip the first ten sts worked onto a stitch holder and continue to work on the rem 11 sts.

Work in 1x1 rib, slipping the first st of each row wyib until piece measures 26 (30 - 34 - 42) cm from end of rib at waistband edge (or length desired), ending with a Row 2. Cast off in rib.

Join yarn to the inner neck edge of the other side, work as you did for the other strap.

Leg Opening Bands:

Join side seams. With RS facing and using 4.00mm needles, pick up 33 (41 - 45 - 51) sts around leg opening. Work 7 rows rib, beg with a 2nd row. Cast off in rib.

Right Shoulder Ruffle (optional):

Using 3.75mm with RS facing, starting 2cm below where the strap meets the main pinafore, pick up 16 (16 - 24 - 24) sts.

Row 1: Purl all

Row 2: K1 *K1, Y0, K2, P1, K1, P1, K2, Y0, repeat from * to last st K1
Row 3: K1 *P4, K1, P5, repeat from * to last st K1 ... 20 (20 - 30 - 30) sts
Row 4: K1 *K1, Y0, K3, P1, K1, P1, K3, Y0, repeat from * to last st, K1
Row 5: K1 *P5, K1, P6, repeat from * to last st, K1 ... 24 (24 - 36 - 36) sts
Row 6: K1 *K1, Y0, K4, P1, K1, P1, K4, Y0, repeat from * to last st, K1
Row 7: K1 *P6, K1, P7, repeat from * to last st, K1 ... 28 (28 - 44 - 44) sts
Row 8: *K1, Y0, K5, P1, K1, P1, K5, Y0, repeat from * to last stitch

Row 9: *K7, P1, K8, repeat from * to end ... 32 (**32** - 52 - **52**) sts

Row 10: *K1, YO, K4, K2tog, P1, K1, P1, SSK, K4, YO, repeat from * to end

Row 11: As row 9 ... 32 (32 - 52 - 52) sts

Row 12 (Picot Cast Off): *Cast on 2 sts at the beg of the next row using a cable cast on. Cast off 4 sts as normal. SI the 5th st purlwise back onto the LN needle. Repeat from * to end. Taking care not to put sts too tight as this will make the picots too small.

Left Shoulder Ruffle (optional):

Using 3.75mm with RS facing on the left strap, starting at the same length where your right strap finishes, pick up 16 (16-24-24) sts.

Work ruffle pattern as for right shoulder strap

Waist Ruffle (optional):

NOTE: If you're finding it difficult to keep track of the repeat working in the round, we suggest putting a stitch marker between every one or two repeats for the first couple of rounds.

Using 3.75mm circular needle with RS facing, starting at the left side seam just below where the waist rib begins, pick up 40 (48 - 52 - 56) sts across the front, place a marker continuing around the back, pick up 40 (48 - 52 - 56) sts. Place a marker. Join yarn to stitches at left side seam and begin working in the round ... 80 (96 - 104 - 112) sts

Round 1-2: Knit all

Round 3: *K1, YO, K2, P1, K1, P1, K2, YO, repeat from * to end of round. **Round 4:** *K5, P1, K4, repeat from * to end of round ... 100 (**120** - 130 - **140**) sts

Round 5: *K1, Y0, K3, P1, K1, P1, K3, Y0, repeat from * to end of round. **Round 6:** *K6, P1, K5, repeat from * to end of round ... 120 (**144** - 156 - **168**) sts

Round 7: *K1, YO, K4, P1, K1, P1, K4, YO, repeat from * to end of round. **Round 8:** *K7, P1, K6, repeat from * to end of round ... 140 (**168** - 182 - **196**) sts

Round 9: *K1, YO, K5, P1, K1, P1, K5, YO, repeat from * to end of round. **Round 10:** *K8, P1, K7, repeat from * to end of round ... 160 (**192** - 208 - **224**) sts

Round 11: *K1, YO, K4, K2tog, P1, K1, P1, SSK, K4, YO, repeat from * to end of round.

Round 12: As row 10 ... 160 (216 - 234 - 252) sts

Cast off in picot edging as described above.

Finishing:

Sew back and front cast on edges and leg opening seams to join crotch together. Sew buttons to back and weave in all ends.

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ITEM A: Detail of Lace Ruffle at Waist



ITEM B: Front



ITEM C: Back of Romper

