

BERNAT LAYER CAKE KNIT DRESS | KNIT



MATERIALS

Bernat® Softee® Baby Stripes™ (4.2 oz/120 g; 287 yds/262 m)

Size 12 18 mos

Main Color (MC) Butterfly Wings Stripe (53005) 1 2 ball(s)

Bernat® Softee® Baby™ (5 oz/140 g; 362 yds/331 m)

Contrast A Petunia (54001) 1 ball

Sizes U.S. 4 (3.5 mm) and two U.S. 6 (4 mm) circular knitting needles 16" [40.5 cm] long. Set of four size U.S. 4 (3.5 mm) double-pointed knitting needles or size needed to obtain gauge. Stitch marker. 2 stitch holders.



KNIT I SKILL LEVEL: INTERMEDIATE

ABBREVIATIONS

Alt = Alternate

Beg = Beginning

Cont = Continue(ity)

Dec = Decrease(ing)

K = Knit

K2(3)tog = Knit next 2(3) stitches

together

 $\mathbf{P} = \text{Purl}$

Psso = Pass slipped stitch over

Pat = Pattern

Rem = Remaining

Rep = Repeat(ing)

Rnd(s) = Round(s)

RS = Right side

SI1 = Slip next stitch knitwise

Ssk = Slip next 2 stitches knitwise one at a time. Pass them back

onto left-hand needle, then knit through back loops together.

St(s) = Stitch(es)

Yo = Yarn over

WS = Wrong side

SIZES

To fit chest measurement:

6 mos 17" [43 cm] 18" [45.5 cm] 12 mos

19" [48 cm] 18 mos

Finished chest measurement:

18" [45.5 cm] 6 mos 12 mos 19" [48 cm]

20" [51 cm] 18 mos

GAUGE

22 sts and 30 rows= 4" [10 cm] with larger needles in stocking st.

INSTRUCTIONS

The instructions are written for smallest size. If changes are necessary for larger sizes the instructions will be written thus (). Numbers for each size are shown in the same color throughout the pattern. When only one number is given in black, it applies to all sizes.

DRESS

Note: Body is worked in one piece to armholes.

Lower Ruffle: With MC and larger circular needle, cast on 300 (310-330) sts. Join in rnd, placing a marker on first st.



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**1st rnd: Purl.

2nd rnd: *K3. yo. K1. yo. K3. Sl1. K2tog. psso. Rep from * around. **3rd rnd:** Knit. Move end of rnd marker back 1 st (to keep correct placement of pat).

4th rnd: *K3. yo. K1. yo. K3. Sl1. K2tog. psso. Rep from * around. Rep last 2 rnds for Eyelet pat until Ruffle from beg measures 3½ (4-4)" [9 (10-10) cm].**

Change to A.

Body: Next rnd: *(K3tog) 3 times. K1. Rep from * around. **120** (**124-132**) sts.

Next rnd: Purl. Place marker at end of last rnd.

Knit 4 rnds.

Next rnd: [K2tog. K**56** (**58-62**). ssk] twice. **116** (**120-128**) sts. Knit 4 rnds.

Next rnd: [K2tog. K54 (56-60). ssk] twice. 112 (116-124) sts. Knit in rnds until work from marked purl rnd measures 2 (2-2½)" [5 (5-6) cm]. Leave sts on a spare needle.

Middle Ruffle: With A and larger circular needle cast on 280 (290-310) sts. Join in rnd, placing a marker on first st.

Work from ** to ** as for Lower Ruffle.

Next rnd: *(K3tog) 3 times. K1. Rep from * around. **112** (**116-124**) sts.

Join Middle Ruffle to Body: Next rnd: Place Body sts behind Middle Ruffle sts, with A, *K2tog taking 1 st from Middle Ruffle and 1 st from Body. Rep from * around. 112 (116-124) sts.

Next rnd: Purl. Place marker at end of last rnd.

Knit 4 rnds.

Next rnd: [K2tog. K**52** (**54-58**). ssk] twice. **108** (**112-120**) sts rem. Knit 4 rnds.

Next rnd: [K2tog. K50 (52-56). ssk] twice. 104 (108-116) sts rem. Knit in rnds until work from last marked purl rnd measures 2 (2-2½)" [5 (5-6) cm]. Leave sts on a spare needle.

Top Ruffle: With MC and larger circular needle, cast on **260** (270-290) sts. Join in rnd, placing a marker on first st.

Work from ** to ** as for Lower Ruffle.

Next rnd: *(K3tog) 3 times. K1. Rep from * around. 104 (108-116) sts rem. Leave sts on a spare needle. Break MC.

Join Top Ruffle to Body: Next rnd: Place Body sts behind Top Ruffle sts, with 3rd needle and A, *K2tog taking 1 st from Top Ruffle and 1 st from Body. Rep from * around. 104 (108-116) sts.

Next rnd: Purl. Place marker at end of last rnd.

Knit 4 rnds.

Next rnd: [K2tog. K48 (50-54). ssk] twice. 100 (104-112) sts rem. Knit in rnds until work from last marked purl rnd measures 2 (2½-3)" [5 (6-7.5) cm].

Shape armholes: Next rnd: Cast off **2** (2-3) sts. K**46** (**48**-**50**). Cast off **4** (**4**-**6**) sts. Knit to last **2** (**2**-**3**) sts. Cast off rem **2** (2-3) sts.

Back: With RS facing, rejoin A to **46** (48-50) sts.

Working back and forth across needle in rows, proceed as follows:

Next row: (RS). K1. K2tog. Knit to last 3 sts. ssk. K1.

Next row: Purl.

Rep last 2 rows once more. **42** (**44**-**46**) sts.

Cont even until armhole measures 3 (3½-4)" [7.5 (9-10) cm], ending on a purl row.

Shape back neck: Next row: K14 (14-15) (neck edge). **Turn**. Leave rem sts on a spare needle.

Dec 1 st at neck edge on next 4 rows. **10** (**10-11**) sts.
Cont even until armhole measures

4 (4½-5)" [10 (11.5-12.5) cm], ending on a purl row. Cast off.

With RS facing, slip center **14** (**16**-**16**) sts onto a st holder. Join MC to rem sts and knit to end of row. Dec 1 st at neck edge on next 4 rows. **10** (**10**-**11**) sts rem.

Cont even until armhole measures 4 (4½-5)" [10 (11.5-12.5) cm], ending on a purl row. Cast off.

Front: With RS facing, rejoin A to **46** (**48**-**50**) sts.

Working back and forth across needle in rows, proceed as follows:



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Next row: (RS). K1. K2tog. Knit to last 3 sts. ssk. K1.

Next row: Purl.

Rep last 2 rows once more. **42** (44-46) sts rem.

Cont even until armhole measures 1½ (2-2½)" [4 (5-6) cm], ending on a purl row.

Shape front neck: Next row: K17 (17-18) (neck edge). Turn. Leave rem sts on a spare needle. Dec 1 st at neck edge on next 4 rows, then on following alt rows 3 times. 10 (10-11) sts rem. Cont even until armhole measures 4 (4½-5)" [10 (11.5-12.5) cm], ending on a purl row. Cast off.

With RS facing, slip center **8** (10-10) sts onto a st holder. Join MC to rem sts and knit to end of row. Dec 1 st at neck edge on next 4 rows, then on following alt rows 3 times. **10** (10-11) sts rem. Cont even until armhole measures **4** (4½-5)" [10 (11.5-12.5) cm], ending on a purl row. Cast off.

FINISHING

Sew shoulder seams.

Neck edging: With RS facing, smaller circular needle and A, pick up and knit 16 sts down left front neck edge. K8 (10-10) from front st holder, dec 1 st at center. Pick up and knit 16 sts up right front neck edge and 7 sts down right back neck edge. K14 (16-16) from back st holder, dec 2 sts evenly across. Pick up and knit 7 sts up left back neck edge. Join in rnd, placing a marker on first st. 65 (69-69) sts.

1st rnd: Purl. **2nd rnd:** Knit. Cast off purlwise.

Armhole edging: With RS facing, set of 4 double-pointed needles and A, beg at center of armhole cast off edge, pick up and knit 43 (49-55) sts evenly around armhole edge. Divide sts on 3 needles. Join in rnd placing a marker on first st.

1st rnd: Purl. **2nd rnd:** Knit. Cast off purlwise.

