



Little Princess Dress

Your little princess can enjoy wearing this dress with a t-shirt when it's cool or sleeveless when it's warm. It won't take you long to complete this girlie fashion since you knit only the bodice and attach a fabric skirt.

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Directions are for size 2; changes for sizes 4, 6, and 8 are in parentheses.

Finished Bust: 24 (25½, 27, 29)".

Finished Bodice Length: 7 (9, 10, 11½)".

Finished Dress Length: 18½ (22, 24½, 27)".

RED HEART® "Shimmer™": 1 (1, 1, 2) balls 1536 Purple.

Circular Knitting Needles: 3.75mm [US 5] 29" and 16".

Fabric: Top Drawer Calipso, 1 yd pre-cut 36" x 43/44".
Stitch marker, stitch holder, sewing thread and pins.

GAUGE: 22 sts = 4"; 32 rows = 4" in Dot st. **CHECK YOUR GAUGE. Use any size needles to obtain the gauge.**

Special Abbreviation

Ssk = Slip next 2 sts knitwise, one at a time to right needle; insert point of left needle into the fronts of these 2 sts and knit them together from this position

Note

Bodice is worked in the round to the armholes, then divided and completed working back and forth in rows.
Basic Sewing skills required.

Dot Stitch (Multiple of 4 sts)

Worked in the round:

Round 1: * K3, p1; repeat from * around.

Rounds 2 & 3: Knit.

Round 4: K1, p1, * k3, p1; repeat from * around to last 2 sts, k2.



Rounds 5 & 6: Knit.

Repeat Rounds 1 – 6 for pattern.

Worked back and forth in rows:

Row 1: * K3, p1; repeat from * to end of row.

Rows 2 and 6: Purl.

Rows 3 and 5: Knit.

Row 4: P2, * k1, p3; repeat from * across to last 2 sts, k1, p1.

Repeat Rows 1 – 6 for pattern.

BODICE

Cast on 132 (140, 148, 160) sts. Place marker for beginning of round and join, being careful not to twist sts.

Round 1: Knit.

Round 2: Purl.

Repeat Rounds 1 and 2 once more.

Knit 3 rounds even.

Next Round: Begin Dot St pattern, and work even until piece measures 2 (3, 4, 5)” from beginning.

Divide for Front and Back

Bind off 6 (7, 8, 10) sts, pattern 54 (56, 58, 60) sts and place these sts on holder for Front; bind off next 12 (14, 16, 20) sts, work across remaining 60 (63, 66, 70) sts.

BACK

Turn and continue on these sts only for Back, working Dot st pattern in rows.

Next Row (wrong side): Bind off 6 (7, 8, 10) sts, work to end of row– 54 (56, 58, 60) sts

****Shape Armholes**

Next Row (right side): K1, ssk, work to last 3 sts, k2tog, k1.

Next Row (wrong side): P1, p2tog, work to last 3 sts, p2tog-tbl, p1.

Repeat last 2 rows once more, then repeat Row 1, 0 (1, 1, 1) time–46 (46, 48, 50) sts.

Work even until armhole measures 2½ (3, 3½, 4)”, end by working a wrong side row.

Shape Neck

Work 14 (14, 15, 16) sts; join a second ball of yarn and bind off center 18 (18, 18, 18) sts, work to end of row. Working both sides at once with separate balls of yarn, work right side row decs only, same as for armhole at each neck edge 3 (3, 4, 5) times–11 sts each side. Work even until armhole measures 5 (6, 7, 8)”. Bind off.

Front

Slip sts from holder for Front Bodice to needle.

Next Row (wrong side): Begin working Dot st pattern in rows, and work even across.

Work same as for Back from **.

FINISHING

Sew shoulder seams.

Armhole Edgings

With right side facing, beginning at bottom edge of armhole, pick up and k70 (78, 86, 96) sts around armhole edge. Place marker for beginning of round and join, being careful not to twist sts. Purl 1 round. Knit 1 round. Purl 1 round. Bind off knitwise.

Neckband

With right side facing, beginning at shoulder edge, pick up and k92 (100, 108, 118) around neck edge. Place marker for beginning of round and join, being careful not to twist sts. Purl 1 round. Knit 1 round. Purl 1 round. Bind off knitwise. Weave in yarn ends.

Skirt

With fabric unfolded, cut into 2 pieces, 25 (28, 32, 36)” x 21”. With right sides together, sew skirt side seams along 21” edges, forming a tube. Press seams open. Sew a hem around one edge of the tube (this will be the bottom hem of the dress). Measure 12 (13½, 15, 16)” up from the hem and mark for the gathering line. Cut fabric parallel to, and 1” above gathering line and finish edge as desired (this is the edge that will be attached to the Bodice). Baste along the gathering line of the Skirt and pin to bottom edge of Bodice, easing in fullness. Sew Skirt to Bodice, making sure sewing lines are straight on both pieces.



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Abbreviations

K = knit; **mm** = millimeters; **p** = purl; **st(s)** = stitch(es); **tbl** = through back loop; **tog** = together; **[]** = work directions in brackets the number of times specified; * or ** = repeat whatever follows the * or ** as indicated.