

Blomstereng - a sweet dress for girls



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The inspiration for this sweet dress is a summer meadow dotted with fragrant camomile flowers. The skirt is roomy and wide, perfect for twirling, as little princesses love to do. The lovely flowers are embroidered on afterwards.

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Materials

200 (200) 250 (300) g of Merci by Filcolana in colour 1130 (Light Peach)
A scrap of Merci by Filcolana in colour 1090 (White) and 616 (Mai Tai)
1 button (approx. 8-10 mm diameter)

2,5 mm and 3 mm circular needle, 80 cm
3 mm crochet hook
2,5 mm and 3 mm double-pointed needles (optional)
Stitch markers

Sizes

2 years/92 cl (4 years/104 cl) 6 years/116 cl (8 years/128 cl)

Measurements

Body, chest: 53-56 (57-60) 61-66 (67-70) cm
Dress, chest: 56 (60) 68 (71) cm
Sleeve length: 17 (25) 28 (31) cm
Total length: 44 (49) 54 (60) cm

Gauge

26 sts and 34 rows in stockinette stitch on 3 mm needles = 10 x 10 cm.

Special abbreviations

Skp: Slip 1 stitch, knit the next stitch, pass the slipped stitch over the knit stitch.



M1R (Make 1 Right): from the back, lift the horizontal strand between stitches with the left needle and knit through the front loop.

M1L (Make 1 Left): from the front, lift the horizontal strand between stitches with the left needle and knit through the back loop.

Directions for knitting

The dress is knitted from the top down. The first section of the yoke is worked back and forth with increases. Then the work is joined in the round and the rest of the dress is worked in the round. Once the yoke has been worked, the stitches are divided for body and sleeves and each section is finished separately. The body is worked with increases for the skirt. At the end, flowers are embroidered on the skirt with millefleur stitches.

Yoke

Cast on 89 (89) 96 (96) sts on a 2,5 mm circular needle. Knit 3 rows (the first row is a WS row). Change to a 3 mm circular needle and work 4 rows in stockinette stitch.

Place markers and work increases on the next row as follows (RS): K5, *M1R, place marker, k2, place marker, M1L, knit 9 (9) 10 (10) sts*, repeat from * to * a total of 7 times, M1R, place marker, k2, place marker, M1L, k5. There are now a total of 105 (105) 112 (112) sts on the needle.

A total of 16 sts have been increased.

Work 3 rounds in stockinette stitch.

Increase row (RS): *Knit to marker, M1R, slip marker, k2, slip marker, M1L*, repeat from * to * 7 more times, knit to end of round.

Continue in stockinette stitch working increases as established every 4th row a total of 9 (11) 12 (13) times. There are now a total of 233 (265) 288 (304) sts on the needle.



At the same time, join the work in the round when the work measures 7 (8) 8 (9) cm. Place a marker for the beginning of the round.

Work 3 more rounds in stockinette stitch after the last increase round. The yoke now measures approx. 12 (14,5) 15,5 (17) cm measured mid front.

Divide the stitches for sleeves and body as follows: Knit 33 (36) 41 (43) sts, place the next 50 (60) 62 (66) sts on a stitch holder (sleeve), cast on 6 new sts in extension of the sts on the needle, knit 67 (73) 82 (86) sts, place the next 50 (60) 62 (66) sts on a stitch holder (sleeve), cast on 6 new sts in extension of the sts on the needle, knit 33 (36) 41 (43) sts.

Body

Work in the round in stockinette stitch across the 145 (157) 176 (184) sts for the body until the work measures 7 (8) 9 (10) cm from where the sts were divided.

Skirt

Work increases for the skirt on the next round as follows: *K1, M1L*, repeat from * to * to end of round. There are now a total of 290 (314) 352 (368) sts on the needle.

Work in the round in stockinette stitch until the whole dress measures 44 (49) 54 (60) cm.

Now work the folded edge as follows: Purl 1 round. Work 2 cm in stockinette stitch. Bind off.

Sleeves

Place the 50 (60) 62 (66) sts for the first sleeve on a 3 mm needle. Pick up and knit 6 sts along the 6 newly cast on sts at the underarm. There are now a total of 56 (66) 68 (72) sts on the needle. Place a marker in the middle of the 6 new sts to mark the beginning of the round.

Work 2 (2) 3 (4) cm in the round in stockinette stitch.

Decrease round: K1, k2tog, knit to 3 sts before marker, skip, k1.

Continue in stockinette stitch while working a decrease round every 1,5 cm a total of 9 (13) 14 (15) times.

There are now a total of 38 (40) 40 (42) sts on the needle.

Continue straight in stockinette stitch until the sleeve measures 16 (24) 27 (30) cm from the underarm.

Purl 1 round, knit 1 round, purl 1 round. Bind off knit-wise.

Work the second sleeve the same way as the first.

Finishing

Weave in all ends. Crochet a chain stitch button loop at the top of the slit at the back of the neck. Sew the button on across from the loop.

Fold the edge at the hem and sew it to the WS with stretchy stitches.

Embroidery

Embroider little flowers onto the skirt. Start by embroidering the centre of the flower in satin stitch with a single strand of orange yarn. Then embroider the petals of the flower in millefleur stitch with two strands of the white yarn held together. Each flower should have 5 petals.