

Nilla - a sweet dress for the littlest girls



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The designer has been playing with stripes, bobbles and yummy colours for this series of fun and adorable baby knits. Here is a sweet dress for the littlest girls.

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Materials

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Colour A (main colour): (50) 100 (100) 100 (150) g

Colour B (stripe colour): 50 g for all sizes

Colour C (edges + bobbles): 50 g for all sizes

Dress 1: Colour A: 817 (Cinnamon), colour B: 829 (Malve), colour C: 825 (Akacia)

Dress 2: Colour A: 827 (Dijon), colour B: 826 (Cantaloupe), colour C: 317 (Cerise)

3 mm, 3½ mm, 4 mm, and 4½ mm circular needles,
60 cm

3 mm crochet hook

1 stitch marker

Length of scrap yarn for marking sts

1 wool needle

1 button

Sizes

(6 months/68 cl) 9 months/74 cl (1 year/ 80 cl) 1½
year/86 cl (2 year/92 cl)

Measurements

Dress, chest: (50) 53 (56) 62 (65) cm

Length: approx. (33) 38 (38) 43 (46) cm

Gauge

25 sts and 34 rows in stockinette stitch on a 3,5 mm
needle = 10 x 10 cm

21 sts and 29 rows in stockinette stitch on s 4,5 mm
needle = 10 x 10 cm



Special abbreviations

sl: Slip stitch as if to purl with yarn held in front.

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

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

tbl: Knit or purl stitch through the back loop (twisted).

stbl: Insert right needle through first stitch as if to knit without letting the stitch slip off the needle, then insert the right needle through the back leg of the second stitch on the needle and knit the 2 sts together, letting them slip off the needle.

Bobble: Work in colour C, slip a stitch back on the left needle and work (k1, yarn over, k1 tbl) into this stitch, turn, p1, yarn over, p1 tbl, yarn over, p1, turn, k1, k1 tbl, k1, k1 tbl, k1, turn, p2tog, p1, p2tog, turn, let go of colour C and continue in colour A, hold the yarn tight and work as follows: Slip 2 sts as if knitting them together, k1, pass the slipped stitch over. Continue knitting in colour A, holding the yarn tight for the first stitch after the bobble.

Special techniques

Avoiding "a jump" in the stripes when changing colour: Work the transition as follows: Work 1 round in the "new" colour, then, before working the first stitch on the 2nd round, lift the first stitch of last the round in the "old" colour up onto the left needle and knit it together with the first stitch in the "new" colour.

Knitted cast-on: *Insert right needle between the 1st and 2nd stitch on the left needle, pull the yarn through to the front and place it on the left needle - 1 new stitch has been created *, repeat from * to * until the desired number of sts have been created.

**Directions for knitting**

The dress is worked from the top down.

Yoke

Cast on (77) 81 (87) 89 (93) sts on a 3 mm circular needle with colour C. the yoke is worked back and forth on a circular needle until the work is joined in the round after the slit.

Row 1 (WS): sl1, *k1, p1*, repeat from * to * to the last 2 sts, k1, sl1.

Row 2: *k1, p1*, repeat from * to * to the last stitch, k1.

Work Row 1 once more.

Change to colour A og a 3½ mm needle.

Next row (RS): Knit (12) 12 (14) 14 (14), M1R, wrap a loop of scrap yarn around the next stitch and knit it (raglan stitch), M1L, knit (13) 15 (15) 15 (17), M1R, wrap a loop of scrap yarn around the next stitch and knit it (raglan stitch), M1L, knit (23) 23 (25) 27 (27), M1R, wrap a loop of scrap yarn around the next stitch and knit it (raglan stitch), M1L, knit (13) 15 (15) 15 (17), M1R, wrap a loop of scrap yarn around the next stitch and knit it (raglan stitch), M1L, knit (12) 12 (14) 14 (14).

There are (85) 89 (95) 97 (101) sts on the needle.

Next row: Sl1, purl to the last stitch, sl1.

Row 1: *Knit to the raglan stitch, M1R, k1, M1L*, repeat from * to * 3 more times, knit to end of row.

Row 2: Sl1, purl to the last stitch, sl1.

Change to colour B.

Repeat Row 1 and 2 and work 4 rows in each colour until a total of 4 stripes in each colour have been worked (after neck edge). Work 2 more rows (continuing to the increases on the RS). End on a WS row.

Next row (RS): Work as Row 1 until there is 1 stitch left. Join in the round and move the last (unknit) stitch to the left needle, place a marker on the right needle to mark the beginning of the round and work k2tog.

Work in the round, continuing to work raglan decrease every other round.

Continue until a total of (7) 8 (9) 10 (10) stripes, ending with a colour (A) B (A) B (B) stripe. Break colour B.

There are now (51) 55 (63) 67 (67) sts on the back, (51) 55 (63) 67 (67) sts on the front and (41) 47 (51) 55 (57) sts on each sleeve. There are now (188) 208 (232) 248 (252) sts on the needle.

Skirt

Change to colour A.

Knit to the first raglan stitch and knit the first raglan stitch, *slip the (41) 47 (51) 55 (57) sts for the sleeve to a stitch holder, turn the work and cast on (9) 9 (9) 9 (13) new sts using the knitted cast-on technique, turn the work back to the RS*, knit to the next raglan stitch and knit the first raglan stitch, repeat from * to *, knit to end of round. There are (124) 132 (148) 156 (164) sts on the needle.

Next round: *Knit to 1 stitch before the new sts, stbl, knit (7) 7 (7) 7 (11), k2tog*, repeat from * to *, knit

to end of round. There are (120) 128 (144) 152 (160) sts on the needle.

Next round: *k2, M1R*, repeat from * to *. There are (180) 192 (216) 228 (240) sts on the needle.

Change to a 4,5 mm circular needle.

Knit 2 rounds.

When bobbles are worked, colour C runs behind the work. Tack down the float of yarn every 3 or 4 sts to avoid little fingers getting caught on the loops. Take care not to pull the float too tight when changing from the main colour to bobble colour, colour C should lie nice and straight on the WS. Break colour C after every row of bobbles.

Next round: K3, *bobbles, k11*, repeat from * to * to the last 9 sts, bobble, k8.

Knit 7 rounds.

Please note: It is important to measure the length between bobble. If your gauge is correct, there will be 5 cm between the bobble. The next round of bobbles are knit 2,5 cm after the last round of bobbles, i.e. half the distance between the bobbles horizontally.

Next round: K9, *button, k11*, repeat from * to * to the last 3 sts, bobble, k2.

Knit 7 rounds. #

Repeat from # to # until the skirt measures approx. (21) 24 (24) 27 (30) cm from the armhole, ending 3 rounds after the last row of bobbles.

Hem

Change to a 4 mm needle and colour B and knit 4 rounds.

Change to colour C og knit 1 round, then purl 1 round (fold).

Change to a 3½ mm needle and knit 4 rounds. Bind off knit-wise.

Sleeve edges

Place the sts for the first sleeve on a 3½ mm needle.

Work in colour C from the RS as follows:

Row 1 (RS): M1L, knit all sts, M1R.

There are (43) 49 (53) 57 (59) sts on the needle.

Row 2: Knit all sts (fold).

Work 4 more rows in stockinette stitch (knit on the RS, purl on the WS). Bind off.

Work the second sleeve edge the same way as the first.

Finishing

Use the end left from the cast-on, insert the crochet hook in the outermost stitch of the cast on edge and slip stitch through, chain 8 sts and pull the end of the yarn through the last stitch. Sew the end of the button loop to the bottom of the rib. Sew the button on the edge across from the button loop.

Fold the sleeve edge along the colour C purl row to the WS and sew it to the WS of the work. Sew the sides of the sleeve edge to the side of the armhole. Fold the hem to the WS along the purl and sew it to the WS.

Weave in all ends. Gently wash the finished work as



instructed on the yarn label and lay it on a flat surface to dry.