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Make it Easy

Our charming skating sets each include a matching sweater, skirt and hat. The hard part is deciding which set to make—the snappy red-and-white version or the berry-trimmed green one.

MATERIALS

YARN

Paternayan 3-Ply Persian Wool (8-yd. skein) from JCA, Inc. (35 Scales Lane, Townsend, MA 01469). For red set, we used 5 skeins #968 Red (MC) and 2 skeins #260 White (CC). For green set, we used 5 skeins #611 Green (MC), 2 skeins #260 White (CC) and 1 skein #968 Red.

NEEDLES AND HOOK

Size 3 knitting needles or size to obtain gauge.
Tapestry needle.

NOTIONS

5 safety pins for st holders.
2 tiny metal snaps for each set.

DIRECTIONS

GAUGE

6 sts and 9 rows = 1" (in St st using two plys of yarn held together).
To save time, take time to check gauge.

NOTES

Knit using 2 plys of yarn held together. Sew pieces together and embroider using one ply of yarn, unless otherwise stated.

RED SET

Pullover: with MC, cast on 36 sts. Work in k 1, p 1 rib for 1". Working in St st (k 1 row, p 1 row) and stripe pattern of 2 rows CC and 2 rows MC, work even for 4 rows, end on wrong side. Divide yoke for raglan shaping: keeping to stripe pattern, k across first 8 sts, bind off next 2 sts, k across next 16 sts, bind off next 2 sts, k 8.

Right back: p 8, sl remaining sts onto separate st holders. **Next row:** k across. **Following row:** p across. **Dec row:** k 1, k 2 tog, k across. **Following row:** p across. Rep last 2 rows 3 times more—4 sts. Sl sts onto a st holder.

Front: p across next 16 sts from st holder. **Next row:** k across. **Following row:** p across. **Dec row:** k 1, k 2 tog, k across to within last 3 sts, k 2 tog, k 1. **Following row:** p across. Rep last 2 rows 3 times more—8 sts. Sl sts onto a st holder.

Left back: p across last 8 sts from st holder. **Next row:** k across. **Following row:** p across. **Dec row:** k across to within last 3 sts, k 2 tog, k 1. **Following row:** p across. Rep last 2 rows 3 times more—4 sts. Sl sts onto a st holder.

SLEEVE (MAKE 2)

With MC, cast on 10 sts. Work in k 1, p 1 rib for 4 rows. Working in St st and stripe pattern of 2 rows CC and 2 rows MC, inc 1 st each side every 4th row 4 times—18 sts.

Your little girl's Barbie doll will be the best-dressed in the rink with a gorgeous skating ensemble you can knit!

It's ice-skating season!

Work even until 5 stripes of MC have been completed. **Raglan shaping:** keeping to stripe pat, bind off 2 sts at beg of next 2 rows. **Dec row:** k 1, k 2 tog, k across to within last 3 sts, k 2 tog, k 1. **Following row:** p across. Rep these 2 rows 4 times more—4 sts. Sl sts onto a holder.

FINISHING

Sew sleeve seams. Sew raglan seams, matching stripes. **Turtleneck:** from right side, sl sts from holders onto left-hand needle—24 sts. With MC, k across, inc 4 sts evenly spaced. Work in k 1, p 1 rib for 7 rows. Bind off loosely in rib. Fold turtleneck in half to right side. Loosely tack in place using MC. Sew back seam to within 1½" of top edge of turtleneck. Sew on snap to back neck edge.

SKIRT

With MC, cast on 21 sts. **Note:** to inc 1 st, p 1 into horizontal thread between last st made and next k st. **Row 1:** right side: *k 1, p 1, rep from * across, end k 1. **Row 2:** *p 1, k 1, rep from * across, end p 1.

Row 3: *k 1, p 1, inc 1 st, rep from * across, end k 1. **Row 4 and all following even rows:** p the p sts and k the k sts as they face you. **Row 5:** *k 1, p 2, inc 1 st, rep from * across, end k 1. **Row 7:** *k 1, p 3, inc 1 st, rep from * across, end k 1. **Row 9:** *k 1, p 4, inc 1 st, rep from * across, end k 1. **Row 11:** *k 1, p 5, inc 1 st, rep from * across, end k 1. **Rows 12 to 16:** Rep row 4. **Change to CC. Rows 17 to 19:** k across. Bind off as if to k.

Sew back seam to within ¾" of waist edge. Sew snap to waist edge.

STOCKING CAP

With MC, cast on 30 sts. Work in k 1, p 1 rib for 4 rows. **Row 1:** with CC, k 1, k 2 tog, k across to within last 3 sts, k 2 tog, k 1. **Row 2:** with CC, p across. **Row 3:** with MC, k 1, k 2 tog, k across to within last 3 sts, k 2 tog, k 1. **Row 4:** with MC, p across. Rep these 4 rows until 3 sts remain, end on wrong side. **Last row:** sl 1, k 2 tog, pssso. Fasten off.

Sew back seam. Using 2 plys of MC, embroider 5 loops at top of hat for pompon.

GREEN SET

Pullover: with MC, cast on 36 sts. Work in k 1, p 1 rib for 1". Working in Reversed St st (p on right side, k on wrong side), work even for 6 rows, end on wrong side. Change to CC and St st. Beg with divide yoke for raglan shaping, work same as for red set.

SLEEVE (MAKE 2)

With MC, cast on 10 sts. Work in k 1, p 1 rib for 4 rows. Working in Reversed St st, inc 1 st each side every 4th row 4 times—18 sts. Work even until sleeve measures 2¾" from beg, end on wrong side. Change to CC and St st. Work raglan shaping same as for red set.

FINISHING

Work same as for red set up to sewing back seam. **Embroidery:** refer to photo. With MC, sew a zigzag running stitch across entire yoke. Using Red, work a French knot in center of each V formed by the zigzag. Sew back seam to within 1½" of top edge of turtleneck. Sew snap to back neck edge.

Great gift for a special girl

SKIRT

Work same as for red set working even number rows as right side.

STOCKING CAP

With MC, cast on 30 sts. Work in k 1, p 1 rib for 4 rows. Change to CC. **Dec row:** with CC, k 1, k 2 tog, k across to within last 3 sts, k 2 tog, k 1. **Following row:** with CC, p across. Rep these 2 rows 3 times more. Change to MC. **Dec row (right side):** with MC, p 1, p 2 tog, p across to within last 3 sts, k 2 tog, k 1. **Following row:** with MC, p across. Rep these 2 rows until 3 sts remain, end on wrong side. **Last row:** sl 1, p 2 tog, pssso. Fasten off.

Embroider zigzag and French knots same as for pullover. Sew back seam. Using 2 plys of CC, embroider 5 loops at top of hat for pompon.