



# Knit Fashion Flair

## Knitting Tips

**Changing yarn color.** There are two methods for changing yarn color when you are knitting horizontal stripes. If the stripes are wide or separated by several rows of stitches, join the new color to the previous color at the beginning of the row. To do this, drop the first color yarn at the end of the row. Work several stitches at the beginning of the next row with the second color yarn. Then tie the two colors together at the beginning of the row. The tails can be woven in when seams are sewn. If the stripes are narrow, drop the first color and start working with the second color at the beginning of the row but do not tie the yarn together. Just carry the yarn up the side of the work until the color is used again.

To change yarn color in the middle of a row, pick up the new color from under the dropped color so that the new color is twisted around the dropped color at the joining. Carry the unused color loosely across the back of the work until it is needed again.

## Working with charts.

Sometimes knitting patterns are given in chart format instead of written row-by-row descriptions of the stitches. In a chart, each square or rectangle represents a stitch. Each horizontal row represents a row. The chart is read from the bottom up, starting at the lower right-hand corner. Right-side rows are read from right to left and wrong-side rows are read from left to right as indicated. The list of symbols indicates which color is to be used for each stitch with the background color stitches being left blank.

**Beginners:** choose the skirt or tube dress and learn to cast-on, knit, purl, and bind-off.

**Experienced Knitters:** choose from the cardiagan, v-neck sweater, or turtleneck dress for a quick mini-project.

## Fashion-Doll Knit Wardrobe

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*Something for every knitter's skill!*

**Finished size:** skirt, 2½" long; tube dress, 5½" long; cardiagan, 4" long; v-neck heart sweater, 3½" long; turtleneck dress, 6" long

## MATERIALS

- ☐ Fingering-weight yarn:
  - for skirt, cardiagan, and turtleneck dress, color of choice for each;
  - v-neck heart sweater, three colors of choice;
  - tube dress, four colors of choice.
- ☐ Knitting needles, size 5.
- ☐ Stitch holder (for v-neck heart sweater and turtleneck dress); cable needle (for turtleneck dress).
- ☐ Tapestry needle.
- ☐ Scissors, Ruler.

## Abbreviations:

k — knit  
p — purl  
st(s) — stitch(es)

**Gauge:** 9 rows = 1"; 6 sts = 1"

## INSTRUCTIONS

(See Knitting Tips on this page.)

### Skirt

Skirt is worked in single ribbing by alternating knit and purl stitches across the row.

With yarn, cast on 35 sts.

**Row 1.** K 1, p 1; repeat across row.

**Row 2.** P 1, k 1; repeat across row. Repeat Rows 1-2 for single ribbing until skirt measures 2½" long. Bind off loosely. With tapestry needle, sew sides together at back of skirt.

### Tube Dress

Dress is worked in single ribbing in the same way as skirt with a change of yarn color every other row.

With color 1, cast on 35 sts.

**Row 1.** K 1, p 1; repeat across row.

**Row 2.** P 1, k 1; repeat across row.

**Row 3.** Join color 2 at beginning of row. K 1, p 1; repeat across row.

**Row 4.** P 1, k 1; repeat across row.

**Row 5.** Repeat Row 3, changing to color 3.

**Row 6.** Repeat Row 4.

**Row 7.** Repeat Row 3, changing to color 4.

**Row 8.** Repeat Row 4.

Changing back to color 1 at the start of Row 1, continue to repeat Rows 1-8 for single ribbing until dress measures 5½"; bind off loosely. With tapestry needle, sew sides together at back of dress.

### Cardigan

Sweater is worked in stockinette stitch by alternating knit and purl rows. Shaping at sleeves and neckline is done by increasing and decreasing stitches. The bottom edge is worked in single ribbing, and a border of single ribbing is added to the front edges and cuffs.

**Back.** With yarn, cast on 22 sts.

**Rows 1-3.** K 1, p 1; repeat across row for single ribbing.

Work in stockinette stitch (k 1 row, p 1 row) until sweater is 2" from beginning, ending with a purl row.

### Sleeve shaping.

**Row 1.** Increase 1 st in first st (to increase when knitting, k 1 but do not remove st from left-hand needle, insert right-hand needle into back of same st and k), k across row to last st, increase 1 st in last st. (24 sts)

**Row 2.** P across row.

**Row 3.** Increase 1 st in each of first two sts, k across row to last two sts, increase 1 st in each of last two sts. (28 sts)

**Row 4.** Repeat Row 2.

**Row 5.** Increase 1 st in each of first three sts, k across row to last three sts, increase 1 st in each of last three sts. (34 sts)

**Row 6.** Repeat Row 2.

**Row 7.** Increase 1 st in each of first four

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sts, k across row to last four sts, increase 1 st in each of last four sts. (42 sts)  
Continue in stockinette stitch until sweater measures 4" from beginning, ending with a purl row. Bind off loosely.

**Left front.** Cast on 11 sts.

**Row 1.** K 1, p 1; repeat across row.

**Row 2.** P 1, k 1; repeat across row.

**Row 3.** Repeat Row 1.

Work in stockinette stitch until left front measures 2" from beginning, ending with a purl row.

**Sleeve shaping.**

**Row 1.** Increase 1 st in first st, k across row. (12 sts)

**Row 2.** P across row.

**Row 3.** Increase 1 st in each of first two sts of row, k across row. (14 sts)

**Row 4.** Repeat Row 2.

**Row 5.** Increase 1 st in each of first three sts of row, k across row. (17 sts)

**Row 6.** Repeat Row 2.

**Row 7.** Increase 1 st in each of first four sts, k across row. (21 sts)

**Row 8.** Repeat Row 2.

**Neckline shaping.**

**Row 9.** K across row to last two sts, k 2 together to decrease one st. (20 sts)

**Row 10.** Repeat Row 2.

**Row 11.** Repeat Row 9. (19 sts)

**Row 12.** Repeat Row 2.

**Row 13.** Repeat Row 9. (18 sts)

**Row 14.** Repeat Row 2.

**Row 15.** Repeat Row 9. (17 sts)

**Row 16.** Repeat Row 2. Bind off loosely.

**Right front.** Cast on 11 sts. Repeat Rows 1-3 for left front for single ribbing; work in stockinette stitch until right front measures 2" from beginning, ending with a purl row. For sleeve shaping, repeat Rows 1-8 for left front, working increases at end of each knit row. For neckline shaping, repeat Rows 9-16, working decreases at beginning of each knit row. Bind off loosely.

**Finishing.** Sew shoulders together. To add border to front edges and neckline, pick up 48 sts around right front edge, back of neck, and left front edge of sweater. Work in single ribbing for 3 rows; bind off loosely.

To add sleeve cuffs, pick up 12 sts at each sleeve edge. Work in single ribbing for 3 rows; bind off. Sew side and sleeve seams.

## V-Neck Heart Sweater

Sweater is worked in single ribbing and stockinette stitch. Neckline is shaped by decreasing stitches on each side of center front. Heart design is worked by changing yarn colors following a chart.

**Back.** With color 1, cast on 17 sts.

**Row 1.** K 1, p 1; repeat across row.

**Row 2.** P 1, k 1; repeat across row.

**Row 3.** Repeat Row 1.

**Row 4.** Increase 1 st in first st (to increase when knitting, k 1 but do not remove st from left-hand needle, insert right-hand needle into back of same st and k), k across row to last st, increase 1 st in last st. (19 sts)

Work in stockinette stitch (p 1 row, k 1 row) until back measures 34" from beginning, ending with a purl row.

**Neckline shaping.**

**Row 1.** Bind off 5 sts at beginning of row, k across row. (14 sts)

**Row 2.** Bind off 5 sts at beginning of row, p across row. (9 sts)

**Row 3.** K across row. Bind off loosely.

**Front.** With color 1 yarn, cast on 17 sts. Repeat Rows 1-4 of sweater back. Work in stockinette stitch until front measures 1" from beginning, ending with a purl row.

**Heart design.** Continue in stockinette stitch, referring to chart for color changes in design. You will need to change yarn color in the middle of each row.

**Chart Row 1.** K 9, change to color 2 and k 1, change back to color 1, k across row.

**Chart Row 2.** P 9, change to color 2 and p 1, change back to color 1, p across row.

**Chart Rows 3-9.** Complete heart design following chart.

With color 1, continue in stockinette stitch until front measures 2½" from beginning, ending with a purl row.

**Neckline shaping.**

**Right side.** **Row 1.** K 9 sts and place on stitch holder, k 2 sts together to decrease one st, k across row. (9 sts)

**Row 2.** P across row.

**Row 3.** K 2 sts together, k across row. (8 sts)

Repeat Rows 2-3 until 5 sts remain, ending with a purl row; bind off loosely. Move stitches from stitch holder onto needle.

**Left side.** **Row 1 (wrong side).** P across row.

**Row 2.** K across row.

**Row 3.** P 2 sts together, p across row. (8 sts)

**Row 4.** K across row.

Repeat Rows 3-4 until 5 sts remain, ending with a purl row; bind off loosely.

**Sleeve (make two).** With color 1, cast on 12 sts.

**Rows 1-3.** K 1, p 1; repeat across row for single ribbing.

**Row 4.** \*K 2, increase 1 st in next st; repeat from \* across row. (16 sts)

**Row 5.** P across row.

**Row 6.** K across row.

**Row 7.** P across row.

**Row 8.** Increase 1 st in first st, k across to last st, increase 1 st in last st. (18 sts)

**Rows 9-16.** Repeat Rows 5-8. (22 sts)  
Continue in stockinette stitch until sleeve measures 2" from beginning, ending with a purl row. Bind off loosely.

**Finishing.** Sew shoulder seams together. Sew sleeves in place. Starting at bottom, sew side seams and sleeve seams.

## Turtleneck Dress

Dress is worked with garter stitch at hem by knitting two rows, single ribbing at cuffs and for turtleneck, and stockinette stitch with cables for dress body and sleeves.

**Back.** Cast on 25 sts.

**Rows 1-2.** K across row.

**Cable pattern.** **Row 1 (wrong side).** (P 4, k 1) twice, p 5, (k 1, p 4) twice.

**Row 2.** (K 4, p 1) twice, k 5, (p 1, k 4) twice.

**Row 3.** Repeat Row 1 of cable pattern.

**Row 4.** K 4, p 1, make cable (move 2 sts to cable needle and hold in front of work, k next 2 sts, k 2 sts from cable needle), p 1, k 5, p 1, make cable, p 1, k 4.

**Rows 5, 7, 9.** Repeat Row 1 of cable pattern.

**Rows 6, 8.** Repeat Row 2 of cable pattern.

Repeat Rows 4-9 in pattern until back measures 6" from bottom edge. Bind off.

**Front.** Cast on 25 sts. Work in the same way as back for 5". For neck shaping, work the first 10 sts in pattern; place worked sts on stitch holder. Bind off next 5 sts. With remaining sts, continue to work in pattern until sweater front measures 6". Bind off. Move sts from stitch holder onto needle and continue to work in pattern until piece measures 6". Bind off.

**Sleeve (make two).** Cast on 12 sts.

**Rows 1-2.** K 1, p 1; repeat across row for single ribbing.

**Row 3.** Continue in single ribbing, increasing 1 st in every k st. (18 sts)

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**Cable pattern.** Work cable pattern as follows, increasing 1 st at beginning and end of every sixth row three times.

**Row 1 (wrong side).** P 6, k 1, p 4, k 1, p 6.

**Row 2.** K 6, p 1, k 4, p 1, k 6.

**Row 3.** Repeat Row 1 of cable pattern.

**Row 4.** K 6, p 1, make cable in the same way as on back, p 1, k 6.

**Rows 5, 7, 9.** Repeat Row 1 of cable pattern.

**Rows 6, 8.** Repeat Row 2 of cable pattern.

Repeat Rows 4-9 in pattern until sleeve measures 2½" from beginning. (24 sts)  
Bind off loosely.

**Turtleneck.** Sew one shoulder seam. Pick up 26 sts around neckline. Work in single ribbing for 2". Bind off loosely so sweater will be able to fit over doll's head.

**Finishing.** Sew remaining shoulder seam and turtleneck seam. Sew sleeves in place. Starting at bottom, sew side seams and sleeve seams. ♥