

Knit a summer wardrobe for Barbie®!

Your little girl will love dressing her Barbie® doll and all her friends in our fabulous nautical fashions. And you'll love 'em too 'cause they're super-easy to knit!

Our terrific trio includes a snazzy sailor suit, a super short set and an adorable polka-dot bikini. Knit them all in basic stockinette stitch using J & P Coats Knit-Cro-Seen mercerized cotton.

Materials

YARN

J & P Coats Knit-Cro-Seen (100 yards) from Coats & Clark (P.O. Box 27067, Greenville, SC 29616) 1 ball #001 White and 2 balls each of #126 Red and #182 True Blue.

NEEDLES AND HOOK

Size 2 knitting needles or size to obtain gauge.
Crochet hook size 1.
Sewing needle.

NOTIONS

One stitch holder.
Matching sewing thread.
Elastic thread.
Barbie buttons from JHB International; we used: 6 red and 3 white.
Small metal snaps.

Directions

GAUGE

15 sts and 19 rows = 2" (in St st using two strands of yarn held together).

NOTE

Use 2 strands of yarn throughout for knitting and crochet edging.

BOTTOM (make 2 pieces)

Begin at waist, cast on 20 sts. Work in k 1, p 1 rib for 2 rows. Begin with a k row, work even in St st (k 1 row, p 1 row) for

1½". **Crotch shaping:** cast on 2 sts at beg of next 2 rows—24 sts. Work even for 1½". **Leg shaping:** dec 1 st at beg of next 2 rows, then every 6th row 3 times more—16 sts. Work even to length indicated in individual directions. Bind off.

FINISHING

Lightly steam-press pieces. Using matching sewing thread (doubled), sew front, back and leg seams. Weave elastic thread through ribbing at waist, pull to gather in; fasten off securely on WS.

TOP

(made in one piece)

Cast on 41 sts (except where noted). Work even in St st (k 1 row, p 1 row) for length indicated in individual directions, end with a WS row. **Armholes:** k 9, bind off next 2 sts, k 19, bind off next 2 sts, k 9.

RIGHT BACK

Next row: p 9, sl rem sts onto st holder. Work even in St st for 13 more rows. Bind off.

FRONT

Join yarn and p across next 19 sts from st holder. **Vee neck shaping:** p 9, join another double strand of yarn and bind off center st, p 9. Working both sides at the same time, dec 1 st each neck edge on next row, then every 3rd row twice more—6 sts each side. Work even until armholes measure same as for right back. Bind off each side.

LEFT BACK

Join yarn and p across last 9 sts from st holder. Work even in St st for 13 more rows. Bind off.

FINISHING

Lightly steam-press pieces. Using matching sewing thread, sew shoulder seams.



Great gift for a special little girl

SAILOR PANTSUIT

For bottom, use True Blue to cast on. Work until piece measures 6½" from beg; bind off. Finish per directions. Sew a vertical row of three red buttons along each side of front seam.

For top, use White to cast on. Working in a stripe pat of 2 rows White and 1 row Red, even work piece measure 1½" from beg. Finish as per directions. **Edging:** from right side with White, sc evenly along each side of back opening. Sew on two snaps to back opening. **Middy collar:** with White, cast on 21 sts. Work even in St st for 2 rows. Change to Red and work even for 1 row. Change to White and continue to work even until piece measures 1" from beg, end on WS. **Neck shaping:** k 7, join another 2 strands of yarn, bind off 7 sts, k 7. Working both sides at once,

dec 1 st each neck edge on next row, then every 3rd row 3 times more, end on WS—3 sts each side. **Next row:** k 1, k 2 tog, using yarn, k 2 tog, k 1; cut second yarn—4 sts. P next row. **Following row:** sl 1, k 2 tog, pss, k 1. Bind off. **Ties and edging:** using Red, ch 12. With RS of collar facing, join ch with a st st at top right edge above center point, ch 1. Sc evenly around entire outer edge, working 2 sc in each corner. Ch 12 and fasten off. Knot the ch ties.

SHORT SET

For bottom, use Red to cast on. Work until piece measures 3" from beg; bind off. Finish per directions.

For top, use True Blue to cast on. Work even in St st for 2 rows; end with a WS row. Change to Red. Work even until piece measures 1½" from beg. Finish per directions. **Edging:** from

right side with True Blue, work 1 rnd of sc evenly around each armhole, then along each side of back opening and neck. Sew a vertical row of three white buttons to center front. Sew on a snap to back neck opening.

BIKINI

For bottom, use White to cast on. Work until piece measures 1½" from beg; bind off. **Polka dots:** using red, embroider a French knot in center of every 4th st across and staggering them every 4th row. Finish per directions.

For top, use White to cast on 40 sts. Work even in St st for 1"; bind off. Sew short sides together, gathering seam (center front). Embroider polka dots. **Straps (make 2):** with White, crochet a chain that measures 4½". Fasten off. Sew on straps to top edge, spacing each ½" from center front.

NEXT WEEK: Patriotic patchwork pillows