

Christening robe to treasure

This lovely christening robe, designed in a delicate looking lace stitch, separated with stocking stitch and lace ladders, has all the traditional fragility of hand made lace.

Sizes

To fit birth to 6 months
Length, 27in
Sleeve seam, 5½in

Basic yarn tension

8½ sts and 11 rows to 1in over st st worked on No. 11 needles

Tension for this design

Over patt when pressed, 2 patts to 2¼in wide. Actual tension over st st, 9 sts and 12 rows to 1in worked on No.12 needles.

Materials shown here

7 ozs Peter Pan 3-ply
Baby wool
One pair of No.10 needles
One pair of No.12 needles
¾yd of narrow ribbon
17 yds narrow lace, optional
Five small buttons

Note

A longer skirt may be made by working more patts before first decrease row. One ounce of wool will work approximately 4in of lace patt. The additional trimming of lace may be omitted if a more simple garment is required.

Skirt

Using No.10 needles cast on 316 sts.
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K 4 rows.

Commence patt.

1st row *K2, yfwd, K2 tog, K10, (yfwd, sl 1, K2 tog, pss, yfwd, K5) 6 times, yfwd, sl 1, K2 tog, pss, yfwd, K11, yfwd, K2 tog, K1, rep from * 3 times more.

2nd row *K2, yfwd, K2 tog, P71, K1, yfwd, K2 tog, K1, rep from * 3 times more.

3rd row As 1st.

4th row As 2nd.

5th row *K2, yfwd, K2 tog, K10, (K3, yfwd, sl 1, K1, pss, K1, K2 tog, yfwd) 6 times, K14, yfwd, K2 tog, K1, rep from * 3 times more.

6th row As 2nd.

7th row *K2, yfwd, K2 tog, K10, (yfwd, sl 1, K2 tog, pss, yfwd, K1) 12 times, yfwd, sl 1, K2 tog, pss, yfwd, K11, yfwd, K2 tog, K1, rep from * 3 times more.

8th row As 2nd.

Rep 1st-8th rows 4 times more.

Work 1st dec row.

Next row *K2, yfwd, K2 tog, K6, K2 tog, K2, (yfwd, sl 1, K2 tog, pss, yfwd, K5) 6 times, yfwd, sl 1, K2 tog, pss, yfwd, K2, K2 tog tbl, K7, yfwd, K2 tog, K1, rep from * 3 times more.

Work 2nd-8th rows once, then 1st-8th rows 4 times more, noting that there is one st less on each st panel, (2 sts less on WS rows between lace ladders).

Continue dec one st in this way on next and following 40th row until 3 dec rows have been worked. (292 sts) Work 31 rows then dec on next row. (284 sts)

Work 23 rows then dec on next row. (276 sts)

Work 23 rows then dec on

next row. (268 sts)

Work 14 rows ending with RS row.

Next row *K2, yfwd, K2 tog, P3 tog, (P5, P3 tog) 7 times, K1, yfwd, K2 tog, K1, rep from * to end.

Next row K2, yfwd, K2 tog, K95, yfwd, K2 tog, K3, yfwd, K2 tog, K95, yfwd, K2 tog, K1.

Next row K2, yfwd, (K2 tog) twice, *yfwd, K2 tog, rep from * 45 times more, K1, yfwd, K2 tog, K3, yfwd, (K2 tog) twice, *yfwd, K2 tog, rep from * 45 times more, K1, yfwd, K2 tog, K1.

Change to No.12 needles for yoke.

1st row Cast on 3 sts, K5 yfwd, K2 tog, K94, yfwd, K2 tog, K3, yfwd, K2 tog, K94, yfwd, K2 tog, K1.

2nd row Cast on 3 sts, K5, yfwd, K2 tog, P93, K1, yfwd, K2 tog, K3, yfwd, K2 tog, P93, K1, yfwd, K2 tog, K4.

3rd row (1st buttonhole) K5, yfwd, K2 tog, K73, (yfwd, K2 tog, K5) 3 times, yfwd, K2 tog, K3, (yfwd, K2 tog, K5) 3 times, yfwd, K2 tog, K73, yfwd, (K2 tog) twice, yfwd, K2.

4th row K5, yfwd, K2 tog, P72, (K1, yfwd, K2 tog, P4) 3 times, K1, yfwd, K2 tog, K3, yfwd, K2 tog, (P4, K1, yfwd, K2 tog) 3 times, P72, K1, yfwd, K2 tog, K4.

5th row K5, yfwd, K2 tog, K73, (yfwd, K2 tog, K5) 3 times, yfwd, K2 tog, K3, (yfwd, K2 tog, K5) 3 times, yfwd, K2 tog, K73, yfwd, K2 tog, K4.

Stitch detail of the christening robe's front panel



6th row As 4th.

Rep 5th and 6th rows 5 times more.

Divide for armholes

1st row Patt 48 sts, cast off 10 sts, patt to last 58 sts, cast off 10 sts, patt to last 4 sts, K2 tog, yfwd, K2. Work on last group of sts for Right back.

Work 1 row.

Dec one st at armhole edge of next 6 rows, then every RS row until 39 sts rem.

Work 1 row.

Work 26 rows without shaping, working buttonhole on 1st and 15th rows.

Shape shoulder

1st row Cast off 7 sts, patt to end.

2nd row Patt to end.

3rd row Cast off 6 sts, patt to last 4 sts, K2 tog, yfwd, K2.

4th row Patt to end.

5th row Cast off 6 sts, patt to end.

Cast off rem sts.

With WS of work facing rejoin yarn to centre 92 sts and work to end. Complete Front on these sts. Keeping patt correct, dec one st at each end of next 6 rows, then next 3 RS rows.

Work 13 rows without shaping.

Divide for neck

1st row Patt 29 sts, cast off 16 sts, patt 29 sts.

Work right shoulder on these sts.

**Dec at neck edge on next 7 rows, then every RS row until 19 sts rem.

Work until armhole measures

same as Right back to shoulder, ending at armhole edge.

Cast off at beg of next and following 2 alt rows, 7 sts once and 6 sts twice. **

With WS of work facing, rejoin yarn to rem sts and work from ** to **.

With WS of work facing, rejoin yarn to last group of sts and complete as given for Right back, omitting buttonholes.

Sleeves

Using No.12 needles cast on 52 sts. K2 rows.

Continue in patt.

1st row K16, yfwd, K2 tog, K5, yfwd, K2 tog, K3, yfwd, K2 tog, K5, yfwd, K2 tog, K15.

2nd row P15 K1, yfwd, K2 tog, P4, K1, yfwd, K2 tog, K3, yfwd, K2 tog, P4, K1, yfwd, K2 tog, P15.

Keeping patt correct, inc one st at each end of next and every 6th row until there are 70 sts. Continue without shaping until work measures 5½in, ending with a WS row.

Shape top

Cast off 6 sts at beg of next 2 rows.

Dec one st at each end of next and every RS row until 34 sts rem.

Dec one st at each end of every row until 16 sts rem.

Cast off rem sts.

To make up

Press all pieces under a damp cloth with a warm iron. Join seam of skirt to 3in below waistline.

Join shoulder seams.

Neckband Using No.12 needles K up 109 sts evenly around neck edge. K3 rows. Cast off.

Join sleeve seams. Set in sleeves. Edge panels, wrists, neck and lower edge with lace if required.

Sew on buttons.

Thread ribbon through ribbon slotting and sew ends at sides of back opening and centre front panel.

