

Lacy Pram Set for 4.5 inch doll

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30g 3-ply yarn

Size 2 ¼ mm (UK 13, US 1) needles

3 tiny buttons

3mm ribbon for bonnet and booties

Shirring elastic

Any desired embellishments – if using ribbon for shawl, use 3mm ribbon.

Abbreviations

K: knit

P: purl

G-st: garter stitch

St-st: Stocking stitch

Dec: decrease

Inc: increase by knitting into front and back of stitch

M1: Make 1 stitch by inserting lh needle into yarn between last and current st, slipping onto lh needle and knitting into the back of.

Sl 1: slip next stitch

Yfwd: Yarn forward

Yrn: yarn round needle

K2 tog: knit next 2 stitches together

P2tog: purl next 2 sts together

K2togtbl: knit 2 tog through back of stitches

Rs: right side

Ws: wrong side

Author's note

I chose to use 3-ply rather than 2-ply as it is easier to obtain in a variety of colours. Although this pattern is for a 4.5 inch doll, using thicker yarn on larger needles will produce larger outfits. E.g 4-ply on 3 ¼ mm needles would fit approx a 6 inch doll. You can try different needles and yarns – just experiment!

Leggings

Left leg

Foot

Using 2¼ mm needles cast on 9sts.

1st row: P

2nd row: K1, m1, K1, m1, K2, m1, K2, m1, K3 (13sts)

3rd row: P

4th row: K7, m1, K2, m1, K4 (15sts)

5th row: P

Instep

1st row: K8, K2togtbl, turn.

2nd row: P1, P2tog, turn

3rd row: K1, K2togtbl, turn

Repeat 2nd row once more.

Next row: K across all sts from lh needle inc 1 st in centre of row. (12sts)

Next row: P across sts

Cont in st-st inc 1 st at each end of 3rd and foll 2 4th rows until there are 18 sts. Cont without shaping for a further 5 rows thus ending with a ws row. Break yarn. Leave sts on holder or safety pin.

Right leg

Foot

Using 2¼ mm needles cast on 9sts.

1st row: P

2nd row: K3, m1, K2, m1, K2, m1, K1, m1, K1 (13sts)

3rd row: P

4th row: K4, m1, K2, m1, K7 (15sts)

5th row: P

Instep

1st row: K5, K2togtbl, turn.

2nd row: P1, P2tog, turn

3rd row: K1, K2togtbl, turn

Repeat 2nd row once more.

Next row: K across all sts from lh needle inc 1 st in centre of row. (12sts)

Next row: P across sts

Cont in st-st inc 1 st at each end of 3rd and foll 2 4th rows until there are 18 sts. Cont without shaping for a further 5 rows thus ending with a ws row. Do not break yarn.

Body

Cast on 1 st, knit across right leg, turn and cast on 2sts, turn, knit across left leg, turn and cast on 1

st. (40sts) Work 13 rows in st-st, ending with ws row.

Work 2 rows in 1x1 rib. Cast off in rib.

Making up

Making sure that foot is correctly aligned (folded flat so shaping is 'foot-shaped'), join bottom foot seam. Join leg seams to crotch, and body seam. Using single strand shirring elastic thread through waistband and adjust to fit. Embellish as desired.

Bootees (if preferred to leggings)

Cast on 16sts and work 3 rows in st-st, dec 4 sts evenly across last row. (12 sts) K 1 row.

Next row: K1, *yfwd, K2tog; rep from * to last st, K1

K 1 row

Shape instep

Next row: K7, turn

Next row: P2, turn

Work 2 rows on these sts, break yarn.

Working from 5sts on lh needle, pick up and K 2sts up instep side, K 2 sts of instep, pick up and K 2

sts down instep side and K across 5sts from needle. (16sts)

Work 3 rows on these sts.

Shape sole

Next row: K1, *K2tog, K1; rep from * to end (11sts)

Next row: P2tog, P2, P3tog, P2, P2tog

Cast off.

Making up

Sew sole and back seam. Thread 3mm needle through holes and fasten in bow. Add small embellishment if desired.

Matinee Coat (in one piece to armholes)

Cast on 85sts and work in patt as below for 23 rows.

1st row: K1, *yfwd, K2tog tbl, K1, K2tog, yfwd, K1, rep from * to end

2nd and alt rows: P

3rd row: K1, *yfwd, K1, Sl 1, K2tog, pssso, K1, yfwd, K1, rep from * to end

5th row: K1, *K2tog, yfwd, K1, yfwd, K2tog tbl, K1, rep from * to end

7th row: K2tog, *[K1, yfwd] twice, K1, Sl 1, K2tog, pssso, rep from * to last 5 sts, [K1, yfwd] twice, K1, K2tog tbl.

8th (alt) row: P

Decrease

P2, *P2tog 12 times, P3tog 11 times, P2tog 12 times, P2 (39sts)

Divide for sleeves and back

K8, cast off 2, K8, K2tog, K8 (18 on needle), cast off 2, K7 (8 on needle)

Left front

Cont on last set of sts. Work 4 rows in st-st.

Shape neck

Cast off 1 st at beg of next row. Dec 1 st at neck edge on next 2 rows. (5sts)

Work 2 rows straight. Cast off.

Back

Rejoin yarn to middle set of 18 sts.

Work in st-st for 9 rows.

Shape shoulders

Cast off 5sts, K7 (8sts on needle), cast off rem 5sts. Leave rem centre 8sts on safety pin or holder.

Right front

Rejoin yarn to last set of 8 sts. P to end. Work 2 rows in st-st.

Shape neck

Cast off 1 st at beg of next row. Dec 1st at neck edge on next 2 rows. Work 3 rows straight. Cast off rem 5sts.

Sleeves

Cast on 19sts and work 16 rows in patt as for coat. Cast off.

Neckband

Join shoulder seams. Pick up and K 6 sts up right front, K across 8sts of back and pick up and K 6 sts down left front. K 3 rows. Cast off.

Right front edging (buttonband)

Pick up and K 26sts up front edge to neckband. K 3 rows. Cast off.

Left front edging (buttonhole)

Pick up and K 26sts down front edge from neckband to leg top. K 3 rows working buttonholes in 2nd row as below

Buttonhole row: K1, (yfwd, K2tog, K 2) 3 times, K to end
Cast off.

Making up

Join sleeve seams and loosely elasticate sleeve ends if desired with single strand shirring elastic. Pin sleeves into place and sew in neatly (this is fiddly!). Sew on buttons. Add any desired embellishments.

Bonnet

Front Frill

Cast on 41sts and work as follows:

Next row: P1, *K3, P1; rep from * to end

Next row: *K1, P3; rep from * to last st, K1

Next row: P1, *Sl 1, K2tog, pssso, P1; rep from * to end (21sts)

Next row: *K1, P1; rep from * to last st, K1.

K 2 rows. Cast off.

Main bonnet body

With ws of frill facing and working from rh to lh side, pick up and K 21sts from 1st g-st row. Turn and starting with a 1st row work 8 rows of patt as for coat, working 1 extra K st at each end of row.

Work 2 rows in st-st.

Next row: K1, *yfwd, K2tog; rep from * to end

Work 3 rows in st-st.

Next row: Pick up corresponding stitch 5 rows below and slip on to left hand needle. Work this and the 1st stitch already on the needle together. Continue to do this with every stitch. This will form the picot border

P 1 row.

Decrease

Row 1: K1, *K2tog, K2; rep from * to end

Row 2: P

Row 3: K1, *K2tog, K1; rep from * to end

Row 4: *P1, *P2tog; rep from * to end

Break yarn, draw up tightly and fasten off. Sew seam to end of picot.

Neck edging

Pick up and K 8sts from front of frill (through both layers for a couple of sts at each end of neck edging) to centre, and 8sts from centre to frill front. K 1 row. Cast off.

Making up

Sew on ribbon to tie and any desired embellishments.