

Breezy Summer Skirt

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My little girl loves to wear twirly and girly dresses and skirts. I try to keep up with her demands by designing more and more skirts for her.

I hope you enjoy the pattern too!

The pattern was worked around 2 factors:

- *the lace pattern in between the eyelets is a 12 st repeat, so the number of stitches before the lace starts should be a multiple of 12;*
- *the lace edging at the end is a multiple of 4.*

So when you knit your skirt keep these two things in mind, and you will be able to customize the fit of the garment.



Pattern Notes:

- Do not guide your knitting by the size alone, but rather measure the actual waist circumference and see which size will fit your girl better.
- The skirt is knitted in the round, starting from the waistband and down. You will begin with knitting the waistband first. Then fold the work together and knit stitches together with the cast-on edge, and then continue on knitting the skirt body.
- The body itself is divided into 4 sections: A-line increase section, lace section, rolling increase section, and the hem section (which also includes the edging).
- When I did the increases, I spaced them either every 6th or 7th round (2.5 cm/1 inch). If you want the skirt to be longer or shorter, you can either increase or decrease the number of rounds between the increase rounds. For example, the 2-3T size skirt's length is 32 cm/12.5 inches. If you do the increases either every 5th round or every 8th round, you will shorten or lengthen the skirt by 4 cm/1.5 inches.

Sizes Available

Age	Waist		Length		Yarn Required	
	cm	inches	cm	inches	m	yds
0-6 months	35.5 - 40.5	14 - 16	15-20.5	6-8	251	275
1-2T	40.5 - 45.5	16 - 18	17.5-23	7-9	320	350
2-3T	45.5 - 51	18 - 20	20.5-25.5	8-10	366	400
3-5T	51 - 56	20 - 22	25.5-30.5	10-12	411	450
5-7	56 - 61	22 - 24	28-33	11-13	457	500
7-10	61 - 66	24 - 26	33-38	13-15	503	550

Yarn

Degrade by **Katia** (100% cotton; 115 m/126 yds in 50 gr/1.76 oz)

Notions

4 mm/US #6 circular needles (50, 80 cm/20, 32 inch)

4 mm/US #6 double-pointed needles (optional)

1 stitch marker for beginning of round

4 stitch markers for increases

1.5 cm/0.5 inch elastic (5 cm/2 inches shorter than the actual waist measurement)

Gauge: 21 sts x 28 rows in 10 cm/4 inches over stockinette stitch

Abbreviations:

St/s = stitch/es

yo = yarn over the needle

k2tog = knit 2 stitches together

pm = place marker

M1 = make a stitch by knitting into the stitch below of the following stitch

S1K = slip 1 stitch knitwise

slipm = slip marker from left needle to right needle

rnd = round

p = purl

k = knit

Pattern Instructions:

Note: Sizes are arranged as follows: 0-6m (1-2T, 2-3T), (3-5T, 5-7, 7-10)

Cast on 4 sts, then using a provisional cast on method of your choice - cast on an additional 76 (84, 96), (108, 116, 128) sts.

Total 80 (88, 100), (112, 120, 132) sts.

Place marker A and join in the round.

Knit for 7 rnds.

Purl one rnd.

Knit for 7 rnds.

Now unravel the provisional cast on, and put those stitches on a second set of circular needles. Fold work in half at the purl rnd with wrong sides facing each other, then with the right side facing you, knit first 4 sts, then take the first stitch from a provisional cast on edge and put it on your left needle and knit it together with the stitch on the needle, then place another stitch from the provisional cast on edge on your left needle and knit it together with the next stitch on the needle, and so on until all the stitches are used up.

A-Line Increase Section

Round 1: knit and place markers as follows:

k10 (10, 12), (14, 14, 16), **pm B**, p1, k18 (22, 24), (26, 30, 32), p1, **pm B**, k20 (20, 24), (28, 28, 32), **pm B**, p1, k18 (22, 24), (26, 30, 32), p1, **pm B**, k10 (10, 12), (14, 14, 16).

Round 2: knit

Rounds 3, 5: k10 (10, 12), (14, 14, 16), **slipm B**,

B, p1, knit to next marker B, **slipm**, p1, k20

(20, 24), (28, 28, 32), p1, **slipm B**, knit to 1 sts before next marker B, p1, **slipm B**, k10 (10, 12), (14, 14, 16).

Rounds 4, 6: knit

Increase Round 1: k10 (10, 12), (14, 14, 16), **slipm**, p1, M1, k18 (22, 24), (26, 30, 32), M1, p1, **slipm**, k20 (20, 24), (28, 28, 32), **slipm**, p1, M1, k18 (22, 24), (26, 30, 32), M1, p1, **slipm**, k10 (10, 12), (14, 14, 16); 4 sts increased.

Total is 84 (92, 104), (116, 124, 136) sts.

Size 0-6m only:

Work Rnds 2-4, and then proceed to Lace Section on page 4.

Sizes 1-2T to 5-7 only:

Work Rnds 2-4, and then proceed to Increase Rnd 2.

Size 7-10 only:

Work Rnds 2-6, and then proceed to Increase Rnd 2.

Increase Round 2 for sizes 1-2T and up only: knit / (10, 12), (14, 14, 16), **slipm**, p1, M1, k/ (24, 26), (28, 32, 34), M1, p1, **slipm**, k/ (20, 24), (28, 28, 32), **slipm**, p1, M1, k/ (24, 26), (28, 32, 34), M1, p1, **slipm**, k/ (10, 12), (14, 14, 16); 4 sts increased.

Total is 84 (96, 108), (120, 128, 140) sts.

Sizes 1-2T to 3-5T only:

Work Rnds 2-4, and then proceed to Lace Section.

Sizes 5-7 and 7-10 only:

Work Rnds 2-6, and then proceed to Increase Rnd 3 below.

Increase Round 3 for sizes 5-7 and 7-10

only: k14 (16), **slipm**, p1, M1, k 34 (36), M1, p1, **slipm**, k 28 (32), **slipm**, p1, M1, k 34 (36), M1, p1, **slipm**, k 14 (16); 4 sts increase.

Total is 84 (96, 108), (120, 132, 144) sts.

Size 5-7 only:

Work Rnds 2-4, and then proceed to Lace Section.

Size 7-10 only:

Work Rnds 2-6, and then proceed to Lace Section.

Lace Section

Round 1: purl (keep the markers in place, because we will be continuing with purl and knit and taking the vertical lines it creates almost to the end of work. The lines will be interrupted by the lace pattern, and will continue afterward).

Round 2: *k2tog, yo* repeat to the end of the round.

Round 3: purl
Knit next 3 rounds.

Lace Pattern (12 sts repeat):

Round 1: *(yo, k2tog) x 3, k6*, repeat * to the end of rnd.

Round 2: knit

Round 3: *(k2tog, yo) x 3, k6*, repeat * to the end of rnd.

Round 4: knit

Repeat the above 4 rounds one more time.

Knit next 3 rounds.

Next round purl.

Next round *k2tog, yo* repeat to the end of the round.

Next round purl.

Lace pattern ends.

Rolling Increase Section

You will be doing a set of stitch increases in the following section.

Knit 6 rnds, while keeping the pattern for the 4 vertical lines near markers (i.e. knit 1 st one round and purl it the next). If an increase stitch happens to fall on the purl/knit stitch, then instead do an increase on the stitch after this stitch.

Increase Rnd 1:

(K6, M1) to the end of round.

Total 98 (112, 126), (140, 154, 168) sts.

Knit 6 rnds, while keeping the pattern for the 4 vertical lines near markers (i.e. knit 1 st one round and purl it the next).

Increase Rnd 2: (K7, M1) to the end of round.

Total 112 (128, 144), (160, 176, 192 sts).

Size 0-6m only: go to the Hemline Chapter, p5.

For sizes 1-2T and up only: Knit 6 rnds, while keeping the pattern for the 4 vertical lines near markers (i.e. knit 1 sts one round and purl it the next).

Increase Rnd 3: (K8, M1) to the end of the round.

Total / (144, 162), (180, 198, 216) sts.

Size 1-2T only: go to the Hemline Chapter.

For sizes 2-3T and up only: Knit 6 rnds, while keeping the pattern for the 4 vertical lines near markers (i.e. knit 1 sts one round and purl it the next).

Increase Rnd 4: (K9, M1) to the end of the round.

Total / (/180), (200, 220, 240) sts.

Size 2-3T only: go to the Hemline Chapter.

For sizes 3-5T and up only: Knit 6 rnds, while keeping the pattern for the 4 vertical lines near markers (i.e. knit 1 sts one round and purl it the next).

Increase Rnd 5: (K10, M1) to the end of the round.

Total / (/), (/), ((220, 242, 264) sts.

Size 3-5T only: go to the Hemline Chapter.

Size 5-7 only: next round knit and evenly make 2 stitch increases to bring up stitch count to 244 (multiple of 4).

Go to the Hemline Chapter.

For size 7-10 only (optional section for extra length): Knit 6 rnds, while keeping the pattern for the 4 vertical lines near markers (ie knit 1 st one round and purl it the next).

Increase Rnd 6: (K11, M1) to the end of the round. (288 sts)

Hemline

****Round 1:** Knit.

Round 2: Purl.

Round 3: *k2tog, yo* repeat to the end of the round.

Round 4: Purl.

Rounds 5 - 8: Knit.**

Repeat from ** to ** one more time.

Break the yarn, leaving the sts on the needles.

Lace Edging

Using double-pointed needle, CO 5 sts.

Row 1 [WS]: S1K, k1, [yo] twice, k2tog, k1. (6 sts.)

Row 2 [RS]: S1K, k2, p1, k1, with RS of the skirt facing, slip first stitch of the skirt to tip of left needle (2 sts on left needle), k2tog.

In the directions below for the Lace Edging itself, the [k2tog] worked at the end of each RS row indicates that the last st of the edging is worked together with the next st of the skirt. Continue working Lace Edging in this way from Row 3 below, attaching edging to the skirt as before, until all sts of the skirt have been attached. (4 sts of the skirt will be attached for every 8-row repeat of edging worked.)

Lace Edging:

Stitch counts given below are for stitches of Lace Edging only to help you to track the progress.

Cast on 5 sts.

Row 1 [WS]: S1K, k1, [yo] twice, k2tog, k1. (6 sts.)

Row 2 [RS]: S1K, k2, p1, k1, k2tog.

Row 3 [WS]: S1K, k3, [yo] twice, k2. (8 sts.)

Row 4 [RS]: S1K, k2, p1, k3, k2tog.

Row 5 [WS]: S1K, k1, [yo] twice, k2tog, k4. (9 sts.)

Row 6 [RS]: S1K, k5, p1, k1, k2tog.

Row 7 [WS]: S1K, k8.

Row 8 [RS]: Bind off 4 sts, knit to last st of edging, k2tog. (5 sts.)

Repeat these 8 rows for Lace Edging till all the skirt stitches are used up.

Bind off edging sts. Thread yarn tail on tapestry needle and use it to sew cast on and bound off ends of edging together.

Weave in any loose ends, and you are done.

Enjoy!

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