



Playground Shirt

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Playground Shirt is a very good project to learn top down raglan construction.

The shirt is completely seamless, knitted in the round and top down. The basic design allows you to use your imagination. You can easily add color work (some are provided in the pattern), embroidery, and stripes (good way to use your left over yarns)... sky is the limit.

This design is perfect for solid colors, variegates, self-stripping and gradients.

Techniques Required:

Working in the round
Increases and Decreases
Fair Isle (optional)
Working with colors (optional)
Embroidery (optional)



Suggested Yarns

Dia Sport *by Colour Adventures*

(100% merino; 251m/274 yds in 100gr/3.5 oz.)

Sweet Merino DK *by Colour Adventures*

(100% merino; 229 m/250 yds in 115 g/4.06 oz)

Exquisite Sport *by Colour Adventures*

(75% merino, 15% cashmere, 10% silk; 366 m/400 yds in 115 g/4 oz)

Age	Chest Size		Yarn Required	
	cm	inches	meters	yards
6-12 m	40.5-45	16-18	206	225
1-2T	51-56	20-22	274	300
3-4T	56-61	22-24	347	380
5-6	61-66	24-26	430	470
7-8	63.5-68.5	25-27"	512	560
9-10	71-76	28-30"	640	700

Gauge: 23 sts and 30 rows in 10 cm/4 inches over stockinette stitch in the round

Notions:

3.5 mm/US #4 circular needles (60 or 80 cm/24" or 32") or size needed to obtain gauge

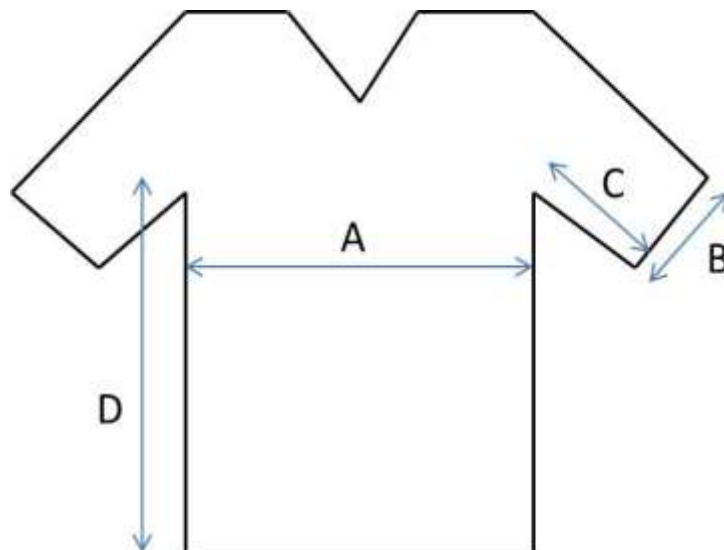
3.5 mm/US #4 DPN's or 30 cm/12" circulars

2.75 mm/US #2 circular needles (60 cm or 24")

4 stitch markers

3 mm/US #2.5 crochet hook

2 - 4 novelty buttons (eg, ball, flowers, animal, etc.)



A (Finished chest measurement): 47 (56, 61, 65.5, 69) cm/18.5 (22, 24, 25.75, 27.25) inches

B (Upper arm circumference): 16.5 (20.5, 21.5, 23, 25.5) cm/6.5 (8, 8.5, 9, 10) inches

C (Sleeve length): 4 (6, 6.5, 6.5, 7) cm/1.5 (2.25, 2.5, 2.5, 2.75) inches

D (Garment's Length): 19 (22, 27, 29.5, 33, 37) cm/7.5 (8.5, 10.5, 11.5, 13, 14.5) inches

Abbreviations

k = knit

p = purl

st(s) = stitch(es)

kfb = increase by knitting into the front and back of the stitch

m1 = make one, increase by knitting into the stitch below of the following stitch

pm = place marker

slipm = slip the stitch marker from the left needle to the right needle

yo = yarn over the needle

k2tog = knit 2 stitches together

M1 = with left needle tip, lift strand between needles from front to back; knit lifted loop through the back

skp = slip one stitch, knit the following stitch, pass the slipped stitch over the knitted one

~Pattern Notes ~

- The pattern is perfect for working with any color yarn. You can use solid color, variegated, or several solid colors to create your own unique stripes. See Reference Chapter on page 6 for Random Stripe Generator.
- You can easily introduce some basic Fair Isle to make the pattern more interesting and reflect your own creativity. See page 6 for some simple Fair Isle charts.
- If you do work with Fair Isle charts, make sure to adjust the number of sts you have to be a multiple of the Fair Isle repeat. Increase sts as M1 if necessary, do not decrease. See Reference Chapter on page 6 for how to increase sts evenly across.
- If you do work with Fair Isle chart it is also recommended to go up a needle size for the colorwork portion so that your knitting tension stays the same.

~ Pattern Instructions ~

Cast on 43 (53, 65, 71, 75, 81) stitches, I suggest using the long tail cast on method.

Row 1 (WS): In this row, you will be adding stitch markers to show you where to increase.

6-12 m: p4, **pm**, p7, **pm**, p21, **pm**, p7, **pm**, p4.

1-2T: p6, **pm**, p8, **pm**, p25, **pm**, p8, **pm**, p6.

3-4T: p7, **pm**, p11, **pm**, p29, **pm**, p11, **pm**, p7.

5-6: p9, **pm**, p11, **pm**, p31, **pm**, p11, **pm**, p9.

7-8: p10, **pm**, p12, **pm**, p31, **pm**, p12, **pm**, p10.

9-10: p11, **pm**, p13, **pm**, p33, **pm**, p13, **pm**, p11.

Next you will start shaping the raglan as well as the front neck:

Row 2 (RS): kfb, (knit to one stitch before the marker, yo, k1, slipm, k1, yo) 4 times, knit to the last stitch, kfb.

E.g. for size 1-2T: kfb, k4, yo, k1, slipm, k1, yo, k6, yo, k1, slipm, k1, yo, k23, yo, k1, slipm, k1, yo, k6, yo, k1, slipm, k1, yo, k4, kfb. (63 sts).

Essentially, you increase in the first stitch of each row, before and after each stitch marker and in the last stitch of the row.

Row 3 (WS): kfb, purl to last stitch, kfb.

Repeat rows 2-3 till your stitches are arranged as (you will end with RS, i.e. Row 2):

6-12 m: 12/13/27/13/12

1-2T: 14/14/31/14/14

3-4T: 18/19/37/19/18

5-6: 20/19/39/19/20

7-8: 21/20/39/20/21

9-10: 22/21/41/21/22

Sizes 6-12 months and 1-2T only:

(WS): purl.

(RS): Repeat Row 2 only.

You should have:

6-12 months: 14/15/29/15/14

1-2T: 16/16/33/16/16

All sizes: You will continue with raglan shaping only. You won't be knitting into the front and back of the first and last stitch on the needles anymore. However, you will be increasing before and after each stitch marker as before.

Row 1 (WS): purl.

Row 2 (RS): (knit to one stitch before the marker, yo, k1, slipm, k1, yo) x4, knit to the end.

E.g. for size 1-2T: k15, yo, k1, slipm, k1, yo, k14, yo, k1, slipm, k1, yo, k31, yo, k1, slipm, k1, yo, k14, yo, k1, slipm, k1, yo, k15.

Row 3 (WS): purl.

Repeat Rows 2-3 for 4 (6, 7, 8, 9, 10) more times; 5 (7, 8, 9, 10, 11) total. End with Row 2.

You should have:

6-12 m: 20/27/41/27/20 (135 sts)

1-2T: 23/30/47/30/23 (153 sts)

3-4T: 26/35/53/35/26 (175 sts)

5-6: 29/37/57/37/29 (189 sts)

7-8: 31/40/59/40/31 (201 sts)

9-10: 33/43/63/43/33 (215 sts)

With RS facing, cast on 1 st, join in the round and k19 (23, 26, 28, 31, 33) sts. This is now the beginning of the round (first stitch marker you placed; you might want to change this marker to a different color).

Rnd 1: knit to the last stitch before beginning of the rnd marker, yo, k1.

Rnd 2: (k1, yo, knit to one stitch before the marker, yo, k1, slipm) x3, k1, yo, knit to the end of the rnd. Repeat Rnds 1-2 for 4 (5, 5, 5, 6, 7) times total. End with Rnd 2.

Knit one rnd.

You should have the following number of sts between markers: Each section is increased by 6 (10, 10, 10, 12, 14) sts.

6-12 m: 35/49/35/49 (168 sts)

1-2T: 40/57/40/57 (194 sts)

3-4T: 45/63/45/63 (216 sts)

5-6: 47/67/47/69 (230 sts)

7-8: 52/71/52/74 (249 sts)

9-10: 57/77/57/81 (272 sts)

Next Rnd: remove marker, place next 35 (40, 45, 47, 52, 57) sts on stitch holders/waste yarn, cast on 2 (4, 4, 4, 5, 5)sts, remove marker, kfb, knit 47 (55, 61, 65, 69, 75) sts, kfb, remove marker, put next 35 (40, 45, 49, 52, 57) sts on stitch holders/waste yarn, cast on 2 (4, 4, 4, 5, 5)sts, remove marker, kfb, knit next 47 (55, 61, 67, 79) sts, kfb, place marker for beginning of round.

You should have 106 (126, 138, 148, 160, 172) sts on your needles.

For Roll Up hem: knit till work measures 20.5 (23, 28, 30.5, 33, 38) cm/8 (9, 11, 12, 13, 15) or till desired length minus 4cm/1.5”.

Bind off loosely knitwise.

For Garter Edge hem: knit till work 16.5 (19, 24.5, 27, 30.5, 34.5) cm/6.5 (7.5, 9.5, 10.5, 12, 13.5) inches from the underarm or till desired length minus 2.5 cm/1”.

Then work as follows:

Rnd 1: purl.

Rnd 2: knit.

Repeat these two rnds three more times.

Bind off purlwise.

Sleeves:

Place 35 (40, 45, 47, 52, 57) sts from hold onto DPN's or 30 cm/12" circular needles. Then pick up and knit 5 (6, 6, 8, 8, 8) sts from the underarm area. Place a marker in the middle of the underarm to mark the beginning of the round.

Total of 40 (46, 51, 55, 60, 65) sts.

Decrease Rnd:

k1, k2tog, knit to last 3 sts, skp, k1.

Knit 8 (13, 15, 15, 17) rounds and *at the same time* decreases will be done as follows:

k1, k2tog, knit to last 3 sts, skp, k1.

Do decreases on the

6-12 months and 1-2T: 5th round

3T to 5-6: 7th and 11th round

7-8 to 9-10: 7th, 11th, and 15th round

For Roll Up sleeves: bind off loosely knitwise.

For Garter Edge sleeves work as follows:

Rnd 1: purl.

Rnd 2: knit.

Repeat these two rnds two more times.

Bind off purlwise.

Collar:

With RS facing you, using US #2/2.75 mm needles and starting at the very top of the left neckline opening, attach yarn, then pick up and knit 2 sts out of 3 rows for the neckline opening, then pick up and knit every cast on stitch along to where you started. Place marker and join for knitting in the round.

Purl one rnd.

Bind off sts along the neckline opening, then knit to the end.

Work 8 rows in garter stitch (i.e. knit every row).

Change to 3.5 mm /US #4 needles and work 5 (6, 7, 8, 10, 12) rows in garter stitch.

Bind off loosely.

Neckline Edging:

With RS facing you, using US#2/2.75 mm needles and starting with where the right sleeve joins with the back, attach yarn, then pick up and knit every cast on stitch, and pick up and knit 2 sts out of 3 rows for the neckline opening, then pick up and

knit every cast on stitch along to where you started. Place marker and join for knitting in the round.
Purl one rnd.
Bind off knitwise loosely.

**Finishing Touches:**

Weave in ends. Block.

Sew on buttons through the collar edges and shirt (see picture above).

Alternatively you can put one button under the collar on one side. Then make a crochet chain on another side 6-8 links long, then attach to the start of the chain, thus making a loop to use for button closure.

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How to increase stitches evenly across a row:

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Random Stripe Generator:

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Stranded Colorwork (Fair Isle):

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Embroidery (Flowers):

<http://www.needlework-tips-and-techniques.com/embroidery-stitches.html>

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Colorwork Charts

Chart 1 (7-st repeat)

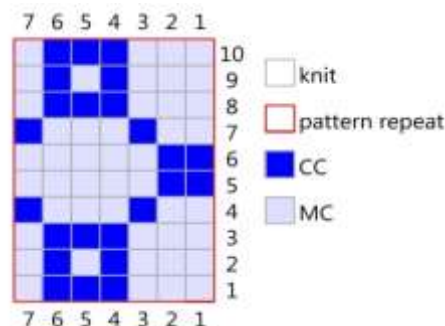


Chart 2 (6-st repeat)

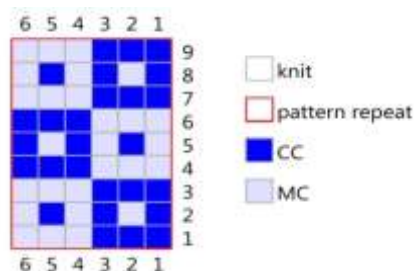


Chart 3 (7-st repeat)

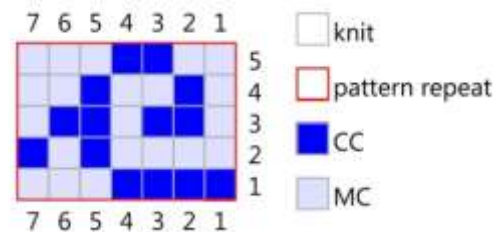


Chart 4 (2-st repeat) – shown on pattern pictures

