

Little Summer Dress

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An easy to wear little dress for lazy summer days. The pattern should work with any DK yarn with nice drape: cotton, linen, hemp, bamboo blends are ideal. The blue dress is knitted in Debbie Bliss Amalfi (70% Cotton, 15% Rayon, 10% Linen, 5% Silk), the orange dress is made with Jaeger Trinity (Silk, Cotton, Nylon).

Sizes: 2-3, 3-4, 4-5 years

Actual sizes: 60, 64, 67 cm (24", 25", 26.5") measured under the arms around the body.

Level: Easy. Advanced beginner, know how to decrease stitches. There are short rows in the yoke.

Materials

Yarn: Debbie Bliss Amalfi colour 32006, light-blue 6,6,7 balls

Embroidery yarn: DMC 25 blanc, 2 hanks

Needles: 4 mm circular needle 60 cm, 4 mm DPNs (US 6 needles)

Embroidery needle

Darning needle

6 stitch markers, 2 different to mark sides of garment, 4 for marking decreases.

Gauge: 20 sts x 30 rows gives 10 x 10cm (4" x 4") width x length measured after washing/drying swatch. Row gauge is not critical for this pattern.

Abbreviations used:

k: knit

p: purl

k2tog: knit 2 stitches together

skp: slip 1 stitch, knit next stitch,
pass slipped stitch over knitted
stitch

M: marker

pm: place marker (1, 2, 3, 4)

sm: slip marker (1, 2, 3, 4)

sts: stitches

EOR: End of Round

EZ sewn bind-off:

Cut the yarn leaving a long tail (about 2 to 3 times longer than circumference). Thread your yarn tail into a darning needle. Working from right to left, *** pass needle through the front loops of two first stitches, as if to purl. Take all the yarn through and be careful that stitches remain on the knitting needle. Pass the darning needle now through the first stitch again as if to knit. Take all the yarn through. Let first stitch slip of the knitting needle. Repeat from *** until no stitches remain.

**Body**

Using the circular needle cast on 176 (188, 200) stitches. Be careful not to twist and join stitches for knitting in the round. Place one of the different colour markers to indicate start of the round (EOR marker).



Round 1: Knit all stitches

Round 2: Purl all stitches.

Repeat these last two rounds 3 times more, (4 ridges in total).

Knit 9 (5, 9) rounds.

Next round: K25 (27, 30) stitches, pm1, k38 (40, 40), pm2, k25 (27, 30), place one of the different colour markers to indicate side, k25 (27, 30), pm3, k38 (40, 40), pm4, k25 (27, 30).

Scheme on page 4 shows how markers are placed. The side and EOR marker should be slipped on every round until the section for joining.

Decrease round: Knit to marker 1, sm, k2tog, knit to 2 sts before m2, skp, sm, knit to marker 3, sm, k2tog, knit to 2 sts before m4, skp, sm, k to end of round: decreased 4 stitches.

Knit next 6 (7,7) rounds.

Repeat decrease round as described.

Repeat these last 7 (8, 8) rounds, 12 (13, 14) times (in total 14 (15, 16) rounds of decreases) total stitches 120 (128, 136).

Continue straight to 37 (42 48) cm/14.5" (16.5", 19") measured from the cast-on round. Set body aside to knit the sleeves.

Sleeves

For sleeves cast on 42(44, 44) stitches on DPNs. Be careful not to twist and join for knitting in the round. Place marker to indicate EOR.

Round 1: Knit all stitches.

Round 2: Purl all stitches.

Repeat these last 2 rounds 3 times more (4 ridges in total).

Knit next 8 rounds.

Knit 5 sts and place last 5 sts worked as well as 5 sts before the EOR (10 sts in total) on spare yarn for grafting later to body.

Joining:

Knit across front sts until 5 sts before side marker. Put next 10 sts on piece of scrap yarn, (removing marker). Knit across sts of right sleeve, (with right side facing at all times), knit across back sts to 5 stitches before side m. Put next 10 stitches on piece of scrap yarn, (removing marker). Knit 16 (17, 17) sts across left sleeve, place one of the different coloured markers (This is your EOR marker), knit remaining 16 (17, 17) stitches of the sleeve. Join in the round, total stitches, 164 (176, 184).



Yoke

Knit 3 (4.5, 4.5) cm (1 ¼", 1 ¾", 1 ¾") in k rounds (Stockinette). During decrease rounds slip m such that k2tog can be performed (either to 1 st before or behind).

First round of decreases: (k2, k2tog) repeat to end of round; 123 (132, 138) stitches remain.

All sizes: Knit 3.5 cm (1.5") straight.

Decrease round 2: (k1, k2tog) repeat until end of the round 82 (88, 92) stitches remain.

Knit 2 cm (¾") straight and a set of short rows will be used to raise the back of the dress for a better fit. See scheme for the positioning of the markers as well as how the short rows are knitted. See for a short row tutorial: <http://www.purlbee.com/short-row-tutorial/2008/6/18/short-rows-tutorial.html>

Short row 1: Knit to marker 1 sm, wrap next stitch and turn. Purl to marker 2, wrap next stitch and turn.

Short row 2: Knit to 7 stitches before marker 1, wrap next stitch and turn. Purl to 7 stitches before marker 2, wrap next stitch and turn.

Short row 3: Knit to 15 stitches before marker 1, wrap next stitch and turn. Purl to 15 stitches before marker 2, wrap next stitch and turn. Knit to EOR marker. Knit 1 round being careful to pick up remaining wrapped stitches.

Decrease round 3: (k1 k2tog) repeat until end of the round 55 (59, 61) stitches remain.

Neck

Round 1: purl all sts

Round 2: knit all sts

Round 3: purl all sts,

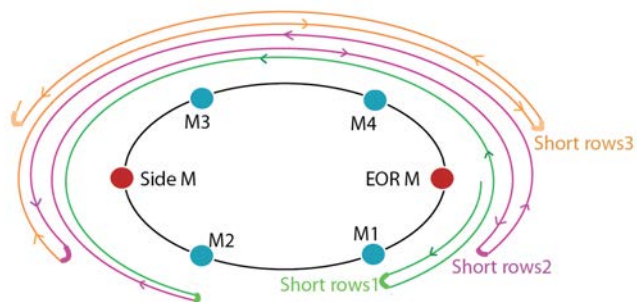
Round 4: k4 k2tog repeat round, 46 (49, 51) stitches remain

Round 5: purl all sts

Round 6: knit all sts

Round 7: purl all sts

Bind stitches off using EZ sewn bind-off.

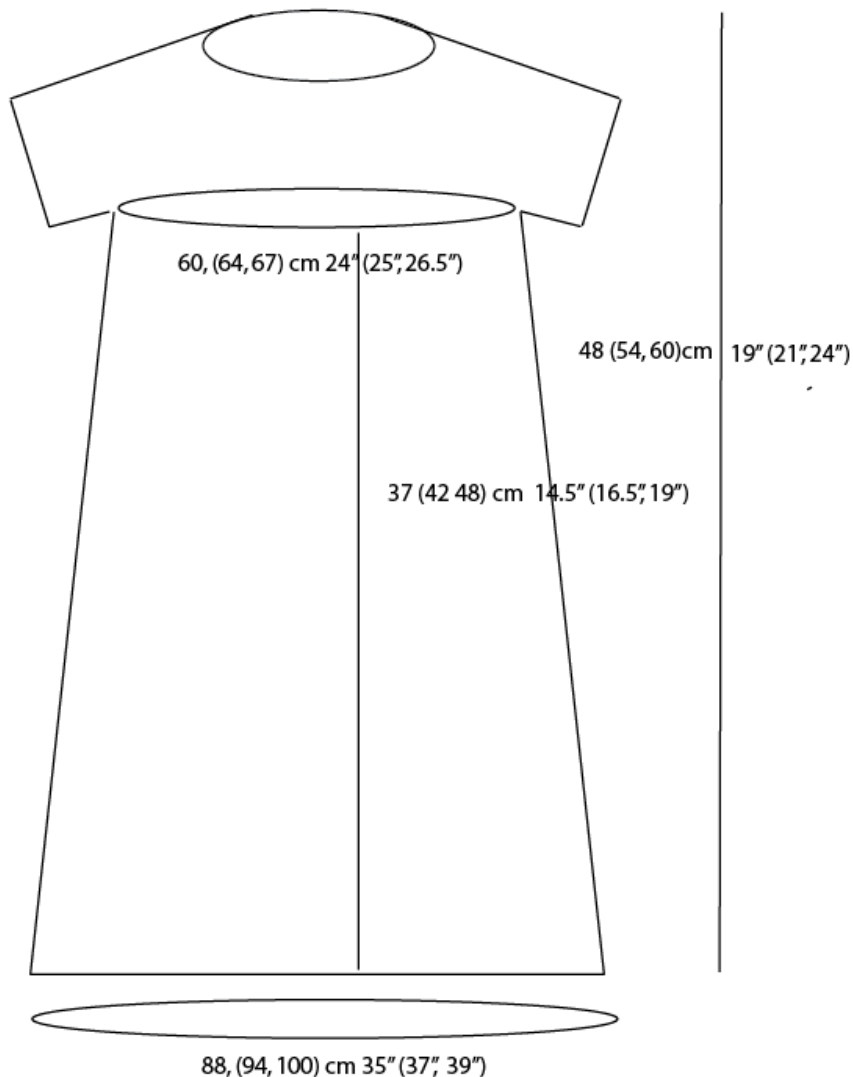


Weave in all remaining yarn ends and graft underarm stitches to main body using a Kitchener's Stitch see the link below for a tutorial:

<http://www.knitty.com/ISSUEsummer04/FEATtheresasum04.html>

For a better finish pick up 1 extra stitch at either side on both arm and body, any remaining holes can be stitched closed.

With the photographs as a guide, use the DCM yarn and embroider small daisies around the hem and neckline of the dress using a lazy daisy stitch. See <http://crochet.about.com/library/weekly/aalazydaisy.htm> for a tutorial on this stitch.



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