

Diamond Baby Dress

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Difficulty Level: ★★☆☆

Sizes: Newborn(3,6,12)months

Materials: 3 oz. Sport weight yarn (category #3), 17-inch circular knitting needles: Sizes 5.0 mm, 4.5 mm, 4.0 mm, 3.5 mm, and 3.0 mm; cable needle; two ½-inch buttons, Sizes B and G crochet hooks; 12 inches of 1/8" ribbon.

Gauge: 25 sts over 4 inches in patt on size 3.0mm knitting needles in stockinette stitch

Directions:

With size 5.0 mm knitting needles, cast on 104(112,120,128)sts. Join into a round, making sure sts are not twisted, and place a marker to mark beginning of rounds.

Round 1(and all odd-numbered rounds): Knit.

Round 2: *k1, k2tog, yo, k1, yo, ssk, k2; rep from * around.

Round 4: *k2tog, yo, k3, yo, ssk, k1; rep from * around.

Round 6: Remove marker and k1; replace marker and *yo, k5, yo, sl1-k2tog-psy; rep from * around.

Round 8: *yo, ssk, k3, k2tog, yo, k1; rep from * around.

Round 10: *k1, yo, ssk, k1, k2tog, yo, k2; rep from * around.

Round 12: *k2, yo, sl1-k2tog-psy, yo, k3; rep from * around.

Repeat rows 1-12 for pattern.

When piece measures 1 ½(1 ½, 2,2) inches, change to size 4.5 mm needles, and continue in pattern.

When piece measures 3(3,3 ½,4) inches, change to 4.0 mm needles, and continue in pattern.

When piece measures 4 ½(4 ½,5 ½, 6) inches, change to 3.5 mm needles, and continue in pattern.

When piece measures 6(6,7 ½,8 ½) inches, change to 3.0 mm needles, and continue in pattern.

When piece measures 7(8,9,11) inches, end by working an odd numbered round; begin Armhole shaping.

Armhole Shaping:

Beginning at marker, k2, bind off 7 sts, work pattern over next 45(49,53,57)sts, bind off 7 sts, work pattern over next 43(47,51,55)sts, remove marker, and knit last 2 sts.



Booties were made from Linda Cyr's Baby Janes. Link can be found here: <https://www.redheart.com/free->

Front Yoke (worked flat in rows):

Turn work, and with wrong side facing, p2tog, purl to last 2 sts, p2tog. Turn.

Working in set patt, dec 1 st each side of next 2(2,2,3) right side rows.

Work even until piece measures 2(2,2,2 ½) inches from beginning of armhole bind off. End by working a wrong side row.

Begin Cable for Strap:

Row 1: p3, slip next 4 sts to cable needle and hold in back, k3, then (k2tog, k2) from cable needle; p3; patt to last 13 sts; p3, slip next 3 sts to cable needle and hold in front, k2, k2tog, then k3 from cable needle, p3.

Row 2: purl.

Row 3: p3, k6, p3; patt to last 12 sts, p3, k6, p3.

Row 4: purl.

Row 5: p3, k6, p3; patt to last 12 sts; p3, k6, p3.

Row 6: purl.

Row 7: p3, k6, p3; patten to last 12 sts; p3, k6, p3.

Row 8: purl.

Row 9: p3, slip 3 sts to cable needle and hold in back, k3, then k3 from cable needle, p3; patt to last 12 sts; p3, slip 3 sts to cable needle and hold in front, k3, then k3 from cable needle, p3.

Repeat rows 2-9 for pattern. AT THE SAME TIME: when armhole measures 2 ½(2 ½,2 ½, 3) inches, bind off center 15(17,17,19) sts.

Each strap will be worked separately at this point.

Decrease 1 st at neck edge of next two rows, keeping in pat of strap.

When strap patt has been worked 3 times (3 cable crossings), work rows 2-4 once more.

Next row (right side): p2tog, p1 (k2tog) 3 times, p1, p2tog.

Next row: purl.

Bind off while working a k2tog on first two sts and last two sts.

Work other strap to match.

Back Yoke:

Work same as for Front Yoke.

With size B crochet hook, attach yarn to right top edge of Back strap with a slip stitch. Chain 5, and slip st to left top edge of strap. Repeat for other Back strap.

Sew buttons to top edge of Front Straps.

Bottom edging: With size G crochet hook, attach yarn with a sc anywhere on bottom edge. (ch3, skip next st, sc in next) around bottom edge. Slip stitch to beginning sc.

Thread ribbon through dress at the top of a diamond and tie into a bow.

