

Monogrammed Gansy Christening Gown

What better way to personalize that special baby's baptism gown than to monogram his/her initials into the border?

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Difficulty Level: Intermediate

Materials: Loops and Threads Snuggly Wuggly yarn (or other sport weight yarn), 2 skeins white, size 5 circular knitting needles, size 3 knitting needles (or size needed to get gauge), 4 small buttons, stitch markers.

Gauge: 5.5 sts/inch on size 5 needles in st st.

A chart including all 26 letters of the alphabet is included at the bottom of the pattern. Mix and match them to create your one-of-a-kind personalized christening gown! The pattern is designed for three initials across a total of 31 sts. For the pattern to work out as written, make sure to space your letters to fit these 31 sts, since different letters are different widths.

Directions: With size 5 needles, cast on 210 sts. Place a marker on needle. Starting with 1st cast on stitch:

Round 1: knit

Round 2: k4, *p1, k9, rep from * across to last 6 sts; p1, k5.

Round 3: k3, *p1, k1, p1, k7; rep from * across ending last repeat k4.

Round 4: k2, *(p1, k1) twice, p1, k5; rep from *, across ending last rep k3.

Round 5: k1, *(p1, k1) 3 times, p1, k3; rep from * across ending last rep k2.

Round 6: *(p1, k1) 4 times, p1, k1; rep from * across, ending last rep k1.

Round 7: (k1, p1) around.

Round 8: knit

Round 9: purl.

Rounds 10,11,12,13,14: knit

Round 15: purl.

Rounds 16,17: knit

Round 18: k57, place marker, work 1st row of letters, place marker, k to end.

Round 19: rep round 14, working 2nd row of letters between markers.

Round 20: k8 (p2, k15) twice, p2, k12, work 3rd row of letter between markers, k12, (p2, k15) 6 times, end p2, k5.

Round 21: Rep round 16, working 4th row of letters between markers.

Round 22: k6, (p2, k2, p2, k11) twice, p2, k2, p2, k10, work 5th row of letters between markers, k10, (p2, k2, p2, k11) 6 times, end p2, k5.

Round 23: rep round 18, working 6th row of letters between markers.

Round 24: rep round 16, working 7th row of letters between markers.

Round 25: rep round 16, working 8th row of letters between markers.

Round 26: rep round 14, working 9th row of letters between markers.

Round 27: rep round 14, working 10th row of letters between markers.

Rounds 28,29: knit across, removing markers.

Round 30: purl.

Rounds 31, 32, 33, 34, 35: knit.

Round 36: purl

Round 37: knit.

Round 38: (k3, p3) across.

Round 39: (p3, k3) across.

Rounds 40-45: rep rounds 38 and 39 three times.

Round 46: knit.

Round 47: purl.

Round 48: knit

Round 49: k3, (p1, k5) around, ending last repeat k2.

Round 50: k2, (p1, k1, p1, k3) around, ending last rep k1.

Round 51: k1, (p1, k3, p1, k1) around, ending last rep k1, p1.

Round 52: (p1, k5) around.

Round 53: rep round 51.

Round 54: rep round 50.

Rounds 55-59: rep rounds 49-54.

Round 60: rep round 49.

Round 61: knit

Round 62: purl.

Round 63: knit.

Round 64: (k1, p1, k5, p2, T2R, T2L, p2, k5, p1) around.

Round 65: (k1, p2, k4, p2, k4, p2, k4, p2) around.

Round 66: (k1, p3, k3, p2, k4, p2, k3, p3) around.

Round 67: (k1, p2, k4, p2, k4, p2, k4, p2) around.

Round 68: (k1, p1, k5, p2, T2R, T2L, p2, k5, p1) around.

Rounds 64-68 set pattern: Continue in pattern, twisting sts on every 4th row. Work until 19 ½ inches, or desired length of skirt.

Yoke:

Round 1: (k2 tog) across. (105 sts.)

Round 2: purl.

Split for Back Opening (piece will be worked in rows from this point on): Turn work, so that wrong side is facing for next row.

Row 1: K5, purl across, decreasing 1 st at center Front, cast on 5 sts. (109 sts)

Row 2: k5, (p3, k3) across to last 5 sts, k5.

Rows 3-9: rep row 2.

Row 10: k2, yo, k2 tog(buttonhole made), knit rem sts.

Row 11: knit.

Row 12: k27. Turn.

Leave rem unworked sts on needle while you complete Left Back:

Left Back:

Row 1: Bind off 2 sts. P3, (k1, p5) twice, k1, p3, k5. (25 sts)

Row 2: k5, k2, (p1, k1, p1, k3) three times.

Row 3: (k1, p1, k1, p3) 3 times, k1, p1, k5.

Row 4: k5, (p1, k5) 3 times, p1, k1.

Row 5: rep row 3.

Row 6: rep row 2.

Repeat rows 1-6 for pattern, making buttonholes every 10 rows. Work until Left Back measures 4 inches from bottom of diamond pattern. Bind off.

Attach yarn to rem sts on needle. Bind off 2 sts, knit 53. Turn. Leave rem sts unworked on needle while you complete bodice Front.

Front:

Row 1: Bind off 2 sts, (k1, p5) 8 times, end k1, p1. (51 sts)

Row 2: k2, (p1, k1, p1, k3) across, ending last repeat k2.

Row 3: p3, (k1, p1, k1, p3) across.

Row 4: k4, (p1, k5) across, ending last repeat k4.

Row 5: Repeat row 3.

Row 6: repeat row 2.

Row 7: p1, (k1, p5) across, ending last rep p1.

Repeat rows 2-7 until Front measures 2 ½ inches from bottom of diamond pattern.

Shape Front Neck:

Bind off center 9 sts.

Working each side separately and keeping in set pattern, dec 1 st at neck edge next 2 rows, then dec 1 st every rs row until 16 sts rem. Work even until Front measures same as Back.

Bind off.

Right Back:

Row 1: Attach yarn to rem sts and bind off 2 sts. Knit rem sts. (25 sts)

Row 1: k5, P3, (k1, p5) twice, k1, p3,.

Row 2: k2, (p1, k1, p1, k3), two times, p1, k1, p1, k2, k5.

Row 3: k5, p1, k1, (p3, k1, p1, k1) 3 times,.

Row 4: k1, (p1, k5) 3 times, p1, k5

Row 5: rep row 3.

Row 6: rep row 2.

Repeat rows 1-6 for pattern, making buttonholes every 10 rows. Work until Left Back measures 4 inches from bottom of diamond pattern. Bind off.

Sleeve: (make 2)

With smaller needles, cast on 29 sts.

Work in k1, p1 rib for 10 rows.

Knit next row, increasing 3 sts evenly across. (32 sts)

Knit next row (ws).

Change to larger needles. (As you work pattern from this point, make increases as follows: 1 st at each side of 3rd, and then following 6th row until 44 sts are on needle, working new sts as purl on rs rows, and k on ws rows)

Beginning with a knit row, work 5 rows st st.

Knit 2 rows.

Set up pattern :

Row 1: p5, k1, p1, k1, p5, k2, p4, k2, p5, k1, p1, k1, p5.

Row 2: (increase row) p1, M1, k3, p2, k1, p2, k4, p2, T2R, T2L, p2, k4, p2, k1, p2, k3, M1, p1.

Row 3: k1, p3, k3, p1, k3, p3, k2, p4, k2, p3, k3, p1, k3, p3, k1.

Row 4: p1, k2, p4, k1, p4, k2, p2, k4, p2, k2, p4, k1, p4, k2, p1.

Row 5: k1, p1, k5, p1, k5, p1, k2, p4, k2, p1, k5, p1, k5, p1, k1.

Rows 1-5 set up pattern. Repeat these 5 rows, twisting on every 4th row, same as for skirt. Continue increasing as you go, until 44 sts rem on needle. Work even till sleeve measures 6 ½ inches. Bind off.

Sew shoulder seams. Sew sleeve seams. Sew sleeves into armholes, centering cable at shoulder seam.

Neckband:

With smaller needles, pick up 51 sts evenly around neck.

Row 1:(p1, k1) across.

Row 2: (k1, p1) across.

Row 3: (p1, k1) across.

Rows 4-9: work st st, beginning with a knit row.

Bind off.

Tack bottom of button band underneath buttonhole band. Sew on buttons to match buttonholes.

