

Cuddles Sleepsuit with Optional Collar (based on Cuddles gown), by Karen B



Use 4-ply wool and 3.25mm needles / 3-ply and 2.75mm needles / 2-ply and 2.25mm needles

4 buttons.

Cast on 34 sts loosely.

Row 1 - Knit.

Row 2 – Knit, placing markers as follows: k7, place marker, knit 5, place marker, knit 10, place marker, knit 5, place marker, knit 7.

Row 3 – Begin increases (and add buttonhole): k2, yarn forward, k2tog, k2, (inc. in next stitch) twice, k3, (inc. in next stitch) twice, k8, (inc. in next stitch) twice, k3, (inc. in next stitch) twice, k6.

Row 4 – k4, p to last 4 sts, k4.

Keeping the 4 sts at each end of the row knit, continue in stocking stitch, increasing into the stitches either side of the marker, as set, until there are 90 stitches. The last increase row will be:

K12, (inc. in next stitch) twice, k15, (inc. in next stitch) twice, k20, (inc. in next stitch) twice, k15, (inc. in next stitch) twice, k12.

Next row – k4, p82, k4.

Next row – knit

Next row – knit

Next row – k14, cast off 19, k23, cast of 19, k13

Next row - K4, p44, k4

Next row - Increase as follows: k4, inc. in next stitch, (k3, inc in next stitch) to last 7 sts, k2, inc. in next stitch, k4.

Next row – k4, p to last 4 sts, k4

Buttonhole row – k2, yarn forward, k2tog, knit to end.

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Begin decreases for shaped bottom of sleepsack as follows:

K4, (k5, k2tog) until last 4 sts, k4.

K4, p to last 4 sts, k4

K4, (k4, k2tog), until last 4 sts, k4.

K4, p to last 4 sts, k4

K4, (k3, k2tog), until last 4 sts, k4.

K4, p to last 4 sts, k4

K4, (k2, k2tog), until last 4 sts, k4.

K4, p to last 4 sts, k4

K4, (k1, k2tog), until last 4 sts, k4.

K4, p to last 4 sts, k4

(k2tog), repeat across whole row.

(p2tog), repeat across whole row.

Cut yarn and thread through remaining stitches. Gather up bottom of sleepsack then use end of yarn to sew garter stitch border with button holes over the top of the other garter stitch border for the first 1 inch from the bottom of the sleepsack.

Add 4 buttons to correspond with the button holes.

Optional Collar:

Pick up 27 sts with the wrong side facing (Not from the 1st and last 3 sts of the neckline).

Row 1 – K3, purl to last 3 sts, K3.

Row 2 – K9, (inc in next sts, K1) 4 times, inc in next st, K9.

Continue in stocking stitch, keeping borders of 3sts in garter stitch, to the depth you fancy and then finish off with 2 rows of garter stitch.

Cast off.