

Sleepsuit with Variations (Collar, Hat & Beading)

Designed by Karen B as a boys version of the gown, but is used for both boys and girls. Collar design by Therese.

Need

2ply with 2.25mm needles (13's)

3ply with 2.75mm needles (12's)

4ply with 3.25mm needles (10's)

White cream or lemon shades for the tiny sizes please.

4 buttons.

Crochet hook 0.6mm for beading and size 8 beads (optional).

Abbreviations

PM - place marker on the needle, move them up as you work each row.

st.st - Stocking Stitch (Knit one row, Purl one row)

g/st - Garter Stitch (Knit every row)

yo - yarn over needle to create a hole when worked on the next row.

inc - increase in next st by working into the front and back of next stitch.

K2tog - knit 2 stitches together through the front.



Tips

Slip the first stitch of every row purl-wise, makes a neat edge with a bit of give.

Leave a long length of cast-on yarn to sew buttons on later.

For boys, put buttonholes on the beginning of knit rows, girls at the end.

Sleep suit (knitted upside-down)

Cast on **34 sts** loosely for neck edge.

Row 1: Knit

Row 2: Knit, placing markers: K7, PM, K5, PM, K10, PM, K5, PM, K7.

Row 3 - First buttonhole and increases: Knit, increasing into the stitches both side of the markers to last 4 sts, K2 tog, yo, K2 - **42 sts.**

Row 4 and alt rows: K4, Purl to last 4 sts, K4.

Continue to increase on both sides of markers to **90 sts** (K12, inc, K15, inc, K20, inc....)

Row 16: K4, Purl to last 4 sts, K4.

Sleeves:

Next row: K14, (K2tog, yo) 9 times, K26, (yo, K2tog) 9 times, K14 (removing markers).

Next row: K4, Purl to last 4 sts, K4.

Next row and 2nd b/hole: K14, cast off 19, K23, cast off 19 (or save sts), K9, K2 tog, yo, K2 - **52 sts on needle** (14+24+14)

Next row: K4, Purl to last 4 sts, K4.

Body:

Increase Row: K4, inc, (K3, inc) to last 3 sts, K3 - **64 sts.** Continue in st st without shaping and keeping g/st borders while working buttonholes 7 g/st ridges apart until you've worked 4 buttonholes altogether.

Then work another 6 rows.

Shape the Bottom:

1st decrease row: K4, (K5, K2tog) until last 4 sts, K4 - **56 sts.**

2nd row (and alt rows): K4, P to last 4 sts, K4.

3rd row: K4, (K4, K2tog) until last 4 sts, K2tog, yfwd, K2 - **48 sts.**

5th row: K4, (K3, K2tog) until last 4 sts, K4 - **40 sts.**

7th row: K4, (K2, K2tog) until last 4 sts, K4 - **32 sts.**

9th row: K4, (K1, K2tog) until last 4 sts, K4 - **24 sts.**

11th row: K2tog across entire row - **12 sts.**

12th row: P2tog across entire row - **6 sts.**

To Finish:

Thread yarn through sts and overlap buttonhole border over button border for 1cm (1/2").

Sew on buttons to correspond with buttonholes.

Option - add collar

With W/S facing you, pick up and knit 27 sts around the neck edge, omitting button bands.

1st row: K3, Purl to the last 3 sts, K3.

2nd row: K9, (inc in next st, K1) 5 times, K8 - **32sts**

3rd row: K3, Purl to the last 3 sts, K3.

Knit next 3 rows.

Cast off loosely.



Option - add beading

Beads can be added with a tiny crochet hook. The stitch is slipped and bead put over it, so the working yarn goes around the back, which stops the bead going through the work and keeps the back soft. Technique can be seen on YouTube.

Make the bodice up to increases, i.e: to **90 sts** (K12, inc, K15, inc, K20, inc....)

Row 16: (WS facing) Knit.

Row 17 add beads: K5, (apply bead to next st, K2,) repeat to last 4 sts, K2 tog, yo, K2 - **90 sts.**

Row 18: Knit.

Sleeves:

Next row: K14, cast off 19, K23, cast off 19, K13.

You now have **52 sts** (14+24+14).

Next row: K4, Purl to last 4 sts, K4.

Now continue to work body at the end of pg 1.



Shaped Hat

Tip: You could divide sts between 3 dp needles and swap the first and last stitches to create the round. Then continue working on 4 needles. This way, there's no seam to sew. Alternatively, work in rows and sew up seam.

Using the same yarn and needles as your sleep suit, cast on **52 sts** loosely.

Work 14 rows (rounds) in rib. (Photo shows K2, P2 rib).

Work stocking Stitch, rib or pattern of choice for 18 rnds.

Shape Crown:

Next Round: **K4**, K2tog to end of round.

Next Round: Knit.

Next Round: **K3**, K2tog to end of round.

Next Round: Knit.

Next Round: **K2**, K2tog to end of round.

Next Round: Knit.

Next Round: **K1**, K2tog to end of round.

Next Round: Knit.

Next Round: K2tog as you go round twice.

Continue to K2tog in this way to 4 sts and work icord to the length you like.

Then K2tog 3 times and darn in the end.

To Finish:

Sew-up seam.

Decorate top with ribbon, twisted yarn, pompom or anything you like. A knot looks cute!

