

Kim's Tiny Knitted Gown with 4 Alternative Skirt Patterns and Matching Hat or Bonnet

(Adapted from "Jenny's Tiny Burial Gown")

Knitted in 3ply yarn using 2.25 or 2.75 needles, which fits approx 12-16 or 15-22 weeks.
Use any pastel shade of yarn (however, not pink or blue as it is difficult to determine the gender of the baby at these young ages).
Need 28" (70cm) of 4mm ribbon to thread through holes.

Abbreviations

yfwd - yarn over needle to create a new stitch
K2tog - knit 2 stitches together, decreasing by 1
Sl1 - slip next stitch onto needle without knitting it
psso - pass the slipped stitch over the stitch just knitted
x x - increase in front and back of next two stitches
(the next 2 sts become 4)
(K1, yfwd, K1) into next stitch - into your next stitch, K1, make 1
and K1, all into the one stitch... 1 becomes 3.

Bodice

Begin at the neck edge, using 2.25 (2.75) needles,
Cast on 24 sts. loosely
Knit 1 row.

Guide Holes for Ribbon

Next Row: (K1, yfwd, K2tog) 8 times. Makes 8 'holes'.
Next Row: Knit

Next Row: Knit

Raglan Sleeve Increases (bodice shaping)

Row 5: K3 x x K2 x x K6 x x K2 x x K3 (see 'Abbreviations') = 32 sts

Row 6 (and every alt row): K2, Purl to last 2 sts, K2

Row 7: K4 x x K4 x x K8 x x K4 x x K4 = 40 sts

Row 9: K5 x x K6 x x K10 x x K6 x x K5 = 48 sts

Row 11: K6 x x K8 x x K12 x x K8 x x K6 = 56 sts

Row 13: K7 x x K10 x x K14 x x K10 x x K7 = 64 sts

Row 15: K8 x x K12 x x K16 x x K12 x x K8 = 72 sts

Row 16: K2, P68, K2

Pattern Over Sleeves

Row 17: K10, (yfwd, K2tog) 8 times, K20, (K2tog, yfwd) 8 times, K10

Row 18: K2, P68, K2

Row 19: K10, cast-off 16 (rib-wise), K19, cast-off 16 (rib-wise), K10 = 40 sts.

(You now have blocks of 10, 20, 10 sts, on your needle)

Skirt

Continue with skirt by working straight across these stitches.

Row 20 (WS facing): Knit

Guide Holes for Ribbon

Row 21: K2, (K1, yfwd, K2tog) to last 2 sts, K2 (12 'holes')

Row 22: Knit

Row 23: increase into every stitch = 80 sts.

Skirt

Continue on these sts with any pattern of your choice until skirt measures 5 1/2" (6") ending with RS row.

Knit 2 rows

Cast off rib-wise or use a needle a size larger.

It's nice to have a hat or bonnet in the same yarn, examples of these follow the skirt patterns...



Choice of Patterns for the Skirt...

1: Mock Embroidery Stitch

Knit bodice to Row 23 = 80 sts

Next Row, (WS facing): K2, P76, K2

Next Row: K1, inc in next st, *yfwd, K3, yfwd, K1, repeat from * to last 2 sts, K2.

Row 1 and alt rows: K2, P to last 2 sts, K2.

Row 2: K3, *K1, Sl1, K2tog, psso, K2, repeat from* to last 2 sts, K2.

Row 3: as row 1.

Row 4: K3, *yfwd, K3, yfwd, K1, repeat from* to last 2 sts, K2.

Repeat these 4 rows until skirt measures 5 1/2" (6") or 14cm (16cm), ending with Row 2.

Pretty Hem-line

Knit 1 row.

Next Row: K2, *yfwd, K2tog, repeat to last st, K1.

Cast-off rib-wise using the 'yfwd' as a stitch (or use a needle a size larger, for more 'give').



2: Wavy-line Stitch

Knit bodice to Row 22 (40 sts).

Next Row: K2, inc in every st to last 2 sts, K2 = 76 sts.

First Pattern Row: K2, P72, K2.

Row 2: K2 * (K2tog) 3 times, (yfwd, K1) 6 times, (K2tog) 3 times, repeat from * to last 2 sts, K2.

Row 3: Knit.

Row 4: Knit.

Repeat these 4 rows until skirt measures 5 1/2" (6") or 14cm (16cm), ending with Row 4.

Knit 1 row.

Cast-off rib-wise (or use a needle a size larger).

3: Nut Stitch (a pattern of purl rows with 'nuts' protruding as knit stitches)

Knit bodice to Row 23 (80sts).

Next Row (WS facing): Knit

First Pattern Row (RS): K2, P76, K2.

Row 2: Knit

Row 3: K2, *P3, (K1,yfwd, K1) into next st, repeat from * to last 2 sts, K2.

Row 4 & 5: K2, *P3, K3, repeat from * to last 2 sts, K2.

Row 6: K2, *P3tog, K3, repeat from * to last 2 sts, K2.

Row 7: K2, P76, K2.

Row 8: Knit.

Row 9: K2, *P1, (K1, yfwd, K1) into next st, P2, repeat from * to last 2 sts, K2.

Row 10: K4, *P3, K3, repeat from * to last 6 sts, P3, K3.

Row 11: K2, P1, *K3, P3, repeat from * to last 7 sts, K3, P2, K2.

Row 12: K4, *P3tog, K3, repeat from * to last 6 sts, P3tog K3.

Repeat these 12 rows until skirt measures 5 1/2" (6") or 14cm (16cm), ending with Row 2 or Row 8.

Cast-off rib-wise (or use a needle a size larger).



4: Chevron Stitch

Knit bodice to Row 23 (80sts).

Next Row: K1, inc in next st, P76, inc in next st, K1 = 82 sts.

First Pattern Row (RS facing): K2, *yfwd, K2, K2tog, K2, repeat from * to last 2 sts, K2.

Row 2 & 4: K2, P78, K2.

Row 3: K2, *K2, K2tog, K2, yfwd, repeat from * to last 2 sts, K2.

Repeat these 4 rows until skirt measures 5 1/2" (6") or 14cm (16cm), ending with Row 1 or 3.

Knit 2 rows. Cast-off rib-wise (or use a needle a size larger).

Tiny Hat

Use 3ply yarn and 2.25 or (2.75) needles as gown.

Cast on 40 (44) sts loosely (I use a size larger needle to cast on these hats).

Work in K1, P1 rib, for 3/4".

Tip: by knitting into the back of every knit st, on every row, the rib has a nice twist.

With WS facing, K1 row (this can be turned back, becoming RS).

Continue in Stocking Stitch (K1row, P1row) until work measures 3" (3 1/2") or 7.5cm (9cm) although this isn't crucial.

Next Row: K2tog across entire row.

Next Row: P2tog across entire row.

Break-off yarn, thread through remaining sts and fasten securely.

Sew up seam.

Add pom-pom or ribbon bow to top.

Tiny Bonnet

Use 3ply yarn and 2.25 or (2.75) needles as gown.

Need 12" (30cm) of 4mm ribbon, cut in half.

Cast on 66 sts loosely.

Knit 2 rows.

Next Row: K1, *yfwd, K2tog, repeat to last st, yfwd, K1.

Next Row: K1, Purl to last st, K1.

Next Row: K1, *P2tog, repeat to last 2sts, K2tog = 34sts.

Next Row: K1, Purl to last st, K1.

Continue in Stocking Stitch (K1row, P1row) for 15 rows, ending with a Purl row.

Work measures approx 1 3/4" (2") or 4.5cm (5cm).

Shape Crown

Next Row: K2tog across entire row, K1 = 17 sts.

Next Row: P2tog across entire row = 9sts.

Break-off yarn, thread through remaining sts and fasten securely.

Sew up back seam for about 1/2" (1cm).

Sew ribbon to each side of bonnet.