

Sleeping bag for premature baby/reborn 10-18" length

Materials

10-11" doll

Approx 100g of 3 ply yarn (US: fingering), scrap of contrast yarn in same ply for bodice

Needles: One pair of 2 ¼ mm(UK 13)(US 1)

12-14" doll (approx 8" chest)

Approx 100g of 4 ply yarn (US: fingering/sport), scrap of contrast yarn in same ply for bodice

Needles: One pair of 3 ¼ mm(UK 10)(US 3) and one pair of 2 ¾ mm(UK 12)(US 2)

15-16" doll (approx 10" chest)

Approx 150g DK yarn (US: sport/worsted), scrap of contrast yarn in same ply for bodice

Needles: One pair of 3 ¾ mm (UK9) (US5) and one pair of 3mm (UK 11) (no US equiv, use US 3)

17-18" doll (approx 12" chest)

Approx 200g DK yarn (US: sport/worsted), scrap of contrast yarn in same ply for bodice

Needles: One pair of 3 ¼ mm(UK10) (US 3) and one pair of 4 mm(UK 8) (US 6)

All sizes

Ribbon: Approx 1.5m **OR** 10 buttons for bottom 9 buttons for front opening (8 for hooded version)

IF using: approx 5.5m eyelet/knitting in lace
Any desired embellishments - satin roses etc

Abbreviations

K: knit

P: purl

G-st: garter stitch

St-st: Stocking stitch

1x1 rib: K1, P1 rib

Dec: decrease

Inc: increase by knitting into front and back of stitch

Sl 1: slip next stitch

Psso: Pass slipped stitch(es) over

Yfwd: Yarn forward

K2 tog: knit next 2 stitches together

Y2on: yarn twice over needle

MS: make star – P3tog into next 3sts, leave them on lh needle, yrn and P3tog into them again, then slip off needle

Rs: right side

Ws: wrong side

Tension (in st-st): please note that US equivalent yarns above are comparisons with UK yarns – if in doubt always check your tension!

3-ply: 32 stitches and 40 rows to 10 cm. (4 inches) on a 3 ¼ mm (US 3) needle.

4-ply: 28 stitches and 36 rows to 10 cm. (4 inches) on a 3 ¼ mm (US 3) needle.

Double knitting: 22 stitches and 30 rows to 10 cm. (4 inches) on a 4 mm (US 6) needle.

***The pattern is written using the terms 'larger' and 'smaller' needles. For each size given (except the smallest size) there are 2 sizes of needle given. Use the larger where stated in patt and smaller of these where stated in patt. For the smallest size use the same needles throughout.*

Sleeping Bag

Back (choose drawstring OR button version)

Drawstring bottom

Using larger needles cast on 84sts and K 2 rows.

Eyelet row: K2, *K2tog, y2on, K2tog; rep from * to last 2sts, K2

K 1 row.

Button bottom

Using larger needles cast on 85sts and K 2 rows.

Buttonhole row: K1, K2tog, yfwd, K7, *yfwd, K2tog, K7; rep from * to last 3sts, yfwd, K2tog, K1

Cont in g-st for a further 7 rows, decreasing one st in centre of last row (84sts)

Main body; same for both bottoms

If you want to insert lace this can be done on the 24th row of first three pattern sets of front and back by knitting one hole

per st on that row. When doing so for front do not knit into g-st border.

Cont in patt as follows for a total of 95 rows.

Row 1&2: *K6, P6; rep from * to end

Row 3&4: *P1, K5, P5, K1; rep from * to end

Row 5&6: K1, P1, K4, P4, *(K1, P1) twice, K4, P4; rep from * to last 2sts, K1, P1

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Row 7&8: P1, K1, P1, K3, P3, *(K1, P1) 3 times, K3, P3; rep from * to last 3sts, K1, P1, K1

Row 9&10: (K1, P1) twice, K2, P2, *(K1, P1) 4 times, K2, P2; rep from * to last 4sts, (K1, P1) twice

Row 11&12: *P1, K1; rep from * to end

Row 13&14: *K1, P1; rep from * to end

Row 15&16: (P1, K1) twice, P2, K2, *(P1, K1) 4 times, P2, K2; rep from * to last 4sts, (P1, K1) twice

Row 17&18: K1, P1, K1, P3, K3, *(P1, K1) 3 times, P3, K3; rep from * to last 3sts, P1, K1, P1

Row 19&20: P1, K1, P4, K4, *(P1, K1) twice, P4, K4; rep from * to last 2sts, P1, K1

Row 21&22: *K1, P5, K5, P1; rep from * to end

Row 23&24: *P6, K6; rep from * to end

Decrease

*P2tog; rep from * to end (42sts)

Cont in patt as below for 22 rows, decreasing one stitch in centre of first row (41sts)

Row 1: Using colour A, K

Row 2: Using colour A, P1, *MS, P1; rep from * to end

Row 3: Using colour B, K

Row 4: Using colour B, P3, MS, *P1, MS; rep from * to last 3sts, P3

Shape shoulders

Cast off 14, K12 (13sts on needle), cast off 14. Leave rem 13sts on spare needle or holder

Front (choose drawstring OR button version)

Drawstring bottom

Using larger needles cast on 84sts and K 2 rows.

Eyelet row: K2, *K2tog, y2on, K2tog; rep from * to last 2sts, K2 K 1 row.

Button bottom

Using larger needles cast on 84sts and K 4 rows.

Main body; same for both bottoms

Cont in patt as for back for 48 rows, inserting lace if used.

Divide for front opening

(K6, P6) 3 times, K9, turn. Work on these 45sts only.

Next row: K6, P3, *K6, P6; rep from * to end

Buttonhole row: *P1, K5, P5, K1; rep from * to last 9sts, P1, K4, yfwd, K2tog, K2

Next row: K6, P2, K1, *P1, K5, P5, K1; rep from * to end.

Cont with patt as set and 6 st g-st border for 43 more rows working buttonholes as before on the 7th, 15th, 23rd, 31st and 39th rows.

Decrease

K6, P3tog, *P2tog; rep from * to last 6sts, P3tog twice (24sts)

Keeping g-st border correct cont in patt as for bodice of back in colours A&B for 13 rows, decreasing one stitch in centre of 1st row (23sts) and working further buttonholes on rows 3 and 11.

N.B. Garter stitch border is in colour A only, so use a separate length of wool for the border and cross yarn at back of work to prevent holes.

Shape neck (keep colours correct)

K6, slip these 6sts onto safety pin and patt to end (17sts)

Row 1: K to last 2sts, K2tog

Row 2: P2tog, *MS, P1; rep from * to last 2sts, P2

Row 3: K to last 2sts, K2tog (14sts)

Row 4: P2, *MS, P1; rep from * to end

Row 5: K

Row 6: *MS, P1; rep from * to last 2sts, P2. Break B.

Row 7: K

Row 8: P2, *MS, P1; rep from * to end

Cast off rem sts.

Rejoin yarn to rem 39sts and cast on 6sts (45sts) Set pattern as follows:

Row 1: K6 (border), P3, *K6, P6; rep from * to end

Row 2: *K6, P6; rep from * to last 9sts, K9

Cont in patt as set with 6st g-st border for a further 45 rows.

Decrease

P3tog twice, *P2tog; rep from * to last 9sts, P3tog, K6 (24sts)

Keeping g-st border correct work 12 rows in bodice pattern decreasing one stitch in centre of 1st row (23sts)

Shape neck

K6, leave these sts on safety pin, K to end

Row 1: P1, (MS, P1) 3 times, P2, P2tog

Row 2: K2tog, K to end

Row 3: P3, MS, P1, MS, P3, P2tog (14sts)

Row 4: K

Row 5: *P1, MS; rep from * to last 2sts, P2

Row 6: K

Row 7: P3, *MS, P1; rep from * to last 3sts, MS. Break B.

Row 8: K

Row 9: *P1, MS; rep from * to last 2sts, P2

Cast off.

Sleeves

Using smaller needles cast on 24sts and work 7 rows in 1x1 rib

Increase

*P1, inc in next st; rep from * to end (36sts)

Cont in main pattern as for bag for 36 rows or to desired length. Cast off.

Neckband (omit if adding hood rather than hat)

Join shoulder seams. Using smaller needles pick up and K 6sts from pin of right front, pick up and K 12sts up neck, 13 from holder, 12sts down neck and 6sts from pin of left front. (49sts)
Work 3 rows in g-st.

Buttonhole row: K to last 4sts, yfwd, K2tog, K2
K 1 row. Cast off.

Hood

Join shoulder seams. Using larger needles pick up and K 6sts from pin of right front, pick up and K 12sts up neck, 13 from holder, 12sts down neck and 6sts from pin of left front. (49sts)

Increase

K6, P13, inc in next 11sts, P13, K6 (60sts)

Cont in main pattern as for bag for 48 rows.

Next row: K30, fold work in half, with right sides facing inwards. Take a spare needle and K together one st from each needle, then a second. Cast off first stitch over second. Carry on across the row, thus forming a neat seam.

Making up

Join sleeve and side seams. Either thread ribbon through drawstring or sew buttons on bottom. Sew button border behind buttonhole border. Add buttons to front.

Hat

Using smaller needles cast on 60sts and K 2 rows. Change to

larger needles and cont in main patt as for bag for 20 rows.

Decrease

Row 1: *K1, P3, P2tog, K2tog, K3, P1; rep from * to end

Row 2: *K1, P4, K4, P1; rep from * to end

Row 3: *P3, P2tog, K2tog, K3; rep from * to end

Row 4: *P4, K4; rep from * to end

Row 5: *P2, P2tog, K2tog, K2; rep from * to end

Row 6: *P3, K3; rep from * to end

Row 7: *P1, P2tog, K2tog, K1; rep from * to end

Row 8: *P2, K2; rep from * to end

Row 9: *P2tog, K2tog; rep from * to end

Break yarn, fasten off firmly and sew seam to edge.