

Baby Sailor Suit



SIZE

3mos [6mos, 12mos, 18mos, 24mos] (shown in size 6mos)

FINISHED MEASUREMENTS

Chest: 16 [17, 18, 19, 20] inches

Length: 12.5 [14.5, 15.5, 16.5, 17.5] inches

MATERIALS

[MC] Katia Mississippi 3 [60% cotton, 40% acrylic; 230 yds/210m per 50g skein]; navy blue (318); 2 [2, 3, 3] skeins

[CC] Katia Mississippi 3 [60% cotton, 40% acrylic; 230 yds/210m per 50g skein]; white (301); 1 [1, 1, 1] skein

1 set(s) US #3/3.25mm straight needles

1 set(s) US #2/2.75mm straight needles

1 US #3/3.25mm circular needle

1 US #3/3.25mm double pointed needle

1 US#2/2.75mm double pointed needles

Notions required:

2 stitch markers (different sizes or styles to mark the beginning of the round and the middle of the round)

1 Tapestry needle

4 size 2/0 sew-on snaps

4 white buttons size ½" (12mm)

Sewing thread to match yarns

Sewing needle

GAUGE

25 sts/34 rows = 4" in stockinette stitch

With MC and size 2 (2.75mm) needles work the following:

Right leg:

With smaller needles, cast on 56 (60, 60, 64, 68) stitches.

Work in garter stitch for 6 rows.

Change to larger needles and work 1 ½ inches in stockinette stitch.

Bind off 2 stitches, knit to end.

Bind off 2 stitches, purl to end.

Slide the stitches for the right leg onto a stitch holder.

Left leg:

With smaller needles, cast on 58 (60, 60, 64, 68) stitches.

Work in garter stitch for 6 rows.

Change to larger needles and work 1 ½ inches in stockinette stitch.

Bind off 2 stitches, knit to end.

Bind off 2 stitches, purl to end.

Join legs to body:

With circular needles and the right leg from the stitch holder, knit half the stitches, place marker to mark side seam, knit the rest of the stitches, cast on 4 stitches, knit half the stitches from the left leg, place marker, knit the rest of the stitches, cast on 4 stitches, join the round, knit to marker. [112 (120, 120, 128, 136 stitches)]

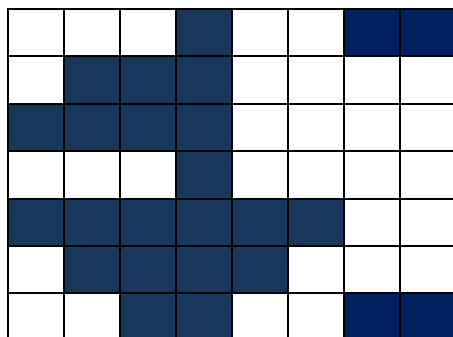
Marker becomes beginning of round. Using different size or marked stitch markers will help keep track of the beginning of the round.

Knit until piece measures 3 (4, 4.5, 5, 5.5) inches from the beginning.

Change to CC and knit 2 rounds.

Change to MC and knit 2 rounds.

Work chart, repeating design around.



With MC, knit 2 rounds.

Change to CC and knit 2 rounds.

Change to MC and work in stockinette stitch until piece measures 9 (10, 10.5, 11, 11.5) from leg bottom.

Back:

Next row: Knit to marker. From this point, you will be knitting the front and back sections flat to accommodate armhole shaping. Either move the remaining stitches to a stitch holder and work the back section back and forth on the circular needles or leave the remaining stitches on the circular needle and use straight needles to work flat section.

Begin armhole shaping for back section.

Bind off 3 (3, 3, 3, 4) st at beginning of next 2 rows.
[K1, k2tog, knit to last 3 stitches, SSK, K1
Purl next row] 3 times

Knit stockinette stitch until armhole measures 2.5 (2.5, 2.75, 2.75, 3) inches.

Shoulder

Change to US size 2 (2.75mm) needles

Work K2, P2 ribbing over 16 (16, 16, 18, 18) stitches. Bind off the next 14 (16, 16, 16, 18) stitches loosely. Work K2, P2 ribbing over the remaining 16 (16, 16, 18, 18) stitches.

Continue working the K2, P2 ribbing on the left shoulder for 8 rows. Bind off loosely. Cut the yarn.

Join the yarn to the right shoulder and work the K2, P2 ribbing for 7 more rows. Bind off loosely. Cut the yarn.
Work in all the ends of yarn.

Front:

Join MC and pick up stitches from the stitch holder or circulars and work as follows:

Row 1 – Knit halfway across, place marker, knit to the end

Row 2 – Purl across

Row 3 – Bind off 3 (3,3,3,4) stitches, knit to 1 stitch before marker, join CC and knit 1 stitch before marker, slip marker, knit 1 stitch after marker, with MC knit to end.

Row 4 – Bind off 3 (3,3,3,4) stitches, purl across working MC stitches with MC and CC stitches in CC.

Row 5 – K1, K2tog, knit across in MC to last 3 stitches, SSK, K1

Row 6 – Purl across

Row 7 – K1, K2tog, knit to 3 stitches before marker, with CC knit 6 stitches slipping marker, with MC knit to last 3 stitches, SSK, K1

Row 8 - Purl across working MC stitches with MC and CC stitches in CC.

Row 9 - K1, K2tog, knit across in MC to last 3 stitches, SSK, K1

Row 10 – Purl across

Row 11 - Knit to 5 stitches before marker, with CC knit 10 stitches, with MC knit to end.

Row 12 - Purl across working MC stitches with MC and CC stitches in CC.

Cut CC, leaving a tail of about 12 inches so the end can be worked in.

Shoulder Shaping

Knit 16 (16,16,18,18) stitches. Bind off the next 16 (16,16,16,18) stitches loosely. Knit the remaining 16 (16,16,18,18) stitches.

Knit shoulder in stockinette stitch until armhole measures 2.5 (2.5, 2.75, 2.75, 3) inches.

Change to US size 2 (2.75mm) needles.

For 3 smallest sizes:

Work in K2/P2 ribbing for 3 rows.

Next row, P2, K2, YO, P2tog, K2, P2tog, YO, K2, P2, K2

Work in K2/P2 ribbing for 4 more rows.

Bind off in pattern loosely.

For 2 larger sizes:

Work in K2/P2 ribbing for 3 rows.

Next row, P2, K2, YO, P2tog, K2, P2, K2tog, YO, P2, K2, P2

Work in K2/P2 ribbing for 4 more rows.

Bind off in pattern loosely.

Join the yarn to the other shoulder and work as above.

Inseam

Front

With US size 2 needles:

Starting at the bottom inside corner of the right leg, pick up 10 stitches up the inside of the right leg, 2 across the middle and 10 down the inside of the left leg. Work P2, K2 ribbing for 6 rows. Bind off loosely.

Cut the yarn, work in the ends of the yarn and sew the 4 'innie' sides of the sew-on snaps on evenly spaced.

Back

With US size 2 needles:

Starting at the bottom inside corner of the right leg, pick up 10 stitches up the inside of the right leg, 2 across the middle and 10 down the inside of the left leg. Work P2, K2 ribbing for 6 rows. Bind off loosely.

Cut the yarn, work in the ends of the yarn and sew the 4 'outie' sides of the sew-on snaps, evenly spaced and matching the front.

Sleeves:

With US#3/3.25mm double pointed needles

The front and back will overlap at the ribbed shoulder with the buttonholed front section on top of the back section. When stitches are picked up, they will be picked up through both layers where they overlap.

With the right sides facing, you may want to pin the overlapped section together. Start on the back section where the shaping stops and pick up 36 (36, 38, 38, 40) stitches, stopping on the front section before the shaping starts.

Next row: S1, purl to end, pick up 1 stitch (in the 1st decrease row). Turn. [37 (37, 39, 39, 41) stitches]
Next row: S1, knit to end, pick up 1 stitch (in the 1st decrease row). Turn. [38 (38, 40, 40, 42) stitches]
Next row: S1, purl to end, pick up 1 stitch (in the 2nd decrease row). Turn. [39 (39, 41, 41, 43) stitches]
Next row: S1, knit to end, pick up 1 stitch (in the 2nd decrease row). Turn. [40 (40, 42, 42, 44) stitches]
Next row: S1, purl to end, pick up 1 stitch (in the 3rd decrease row). Turn. [41 (41, 43, 43, 45) stitches]
Next row: S1, knit to end, pick up 1 stitch (in the 3rd decrease row). Turn. [42 (42, 44, 44, 46) stitches]
Next row: S1, purl to end, pick up 3 stitches (in the 3 stitches bound off to start the row). Turn. [45 (45, 47, 47, 48) stitches]
Next row: S1, knit to end, pick up 1 stitch (in the 3 stitches bound off to start the row). Turn. [48 (48, 50, 50, 52) stitches]

Add a stitch marker and join the round, dividing the stitches evenly over 4 double pointed needles. Knit until sleeve measures 1 inch from the underarm join.

With CC, knit 2 rounds.
With MC, knit 1 round.

Change to US#2/2.75mm double pointed needles and work K2, P2 ribbing for 5 rounds. Use a stretchy bind off.

A good stretchy bind off for this is to K2, slip stitches back to left hand needle and knit through the back loop of both stitches. Then K1, slip both stitches (1 from 1st bind off stitch and the stitch you've just knitted) onto the left hand needle and knit through the back loop of both stitches. Continue like this all the way around.

Cut yarn and weave in the ends.

Do the same for the other sleeve, making sure the shoulder with the buttonholes is layered on top of the other.

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