

# Maxi Top/Dress for babies

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*I started knitting again when my daughter turned one year old and, as a result, I have never had a chance to knit wee sized clothes. Now a friend is having a baby girl, and I am catching up with the missed opportunities.*

*The baby sizes for this design were a long time coming. I am very pleased that now I can offer this design for all your precious little girls, big or small.*

*This top/dress is completely seamless and is worked in the round from the top down.*

**About 1-1.5"/2.5-4 cm of positive ease is already incorporated into the pattern.**

**Garment length is measured from the underarm down to the end of the hemline.**

**Note:** yardage is listed as *contrast color/main color*

### SIZE/ YARDAGE/LENGTH INFO:

Size	Chest Measurement	Yardage (tunic)	Yardage (dress)	Tunic length	Dress Length	Yoke depth
NB	15"/38 cm	110/110	110/130	5.5"/14 cm	8"/20.5 cm	4"/10 cm
3m	16"/41 cm	120/120	120/140	6"/15.5 cm	9"/23 cm	4.25"/11 cm
6m	17"/43.5 cm	140/150	140/170	7"/18 cm	10"/25.5 cm	4.5"/11.5 cm
9m	18"/46 cm	150/165	150/190	8"/20.5 cm	11"/ 28 cm	4.75"/12 cm
12m	19"/48.5 cm	160/185	160/210	9"/23 cm	12"/ 30 cm	5"/ 12.5 cm
18m	20"/50.5 cm	170/205	170/250	10"/25.5 cm	13"/ 33 cm	5.5"/14 cm
24m	21"/ 53 cm	180/216	180/281	11"/28 cm	14"/36 cm	5.75"/15 cm

### RECOMMENDED YARN:

**Dia Sport by Colour Adventures**(100% merino; 274 yds/251m in 3.5 oz/100 g)

**Sporty by Colour Adventures** (100% merino; 328 yds/300m in 3.5 oz/100 g)

**Sweet Merino DK by Colour Adventures** (100% merino; 250 yds/229 m in 4.0 oz/115 g)

**Dia Merino DK by Colour Adventures** (100% merino; 211 m/231 yds in 100 g/3.53 oz)

**Girly Fun DK by Colour Adventures** (75% merino, 20% silk, 5% stellina; 211 m/231 yds in 100 g/3.5 oz)

**GAUGE:**

22 sts and 29 rows per 4x4 inches on 4 mm needles (or size to obtain gauge) over stockinette stitch with main color yarn.

**NOTIONS:**

US #4/3.5 mm 16"/40 cm circular needles;  
 US # 4/3.5 mm dpns (smallest sizes);  
 US #6/4.0 mm 16"/40 cm and 24"/60 cm circular needles;  
 1 stitch marker in color A (beginning of the rnd marker);  
 5 stitch markers in color B.

**ABBREVIATIONS:**

**dpns** = double pointed needles  
**yo** = yarn over needle; 1 stitch increased  
**rnd(s)** = round(s)  
**k** = knit  
**p** = purl  
**BOR** = beginning of the round;  
**dliL** = directional lifted increase to the left, i.e. pick up the loop 2 rows below the first stitch on the right needle and knit it (1st increased) (see reference chapter for video tutorial on page 5)  
**dliR** = directional lifted increase to the right, i.e. pick up the loop on the row below the first stitch on the left needle, knit it (1st increased) (see reference chapter for video tutorial on p 5)  
**pfab** = purl into the front and into the back of the same stitch (1 stitch increased)  
**1x1 rib** = \*k1, p1\*, repeat between \*\* till the end of the rnd.  
**CC** = contrast color  
**MC** = main color

**PATTERN INSTRUCTIONS:****Neckline:**

Using US#6/4 mm circular needles (16"/40 cm) or dpns (for smallest sizes) and CC yarn cast on 68 (70, 72, 74), (74, 76, 80) sts. Place marker A, join for knitting in the round. Be careful not to twist the sts.

Change to US #4/3.5 mm circular needles (16"/40 cm or dpns).

Work in 1x1 rib for 12 (12, 14, 14), (16, 16, 16) rnds.

**Bodice:**

**Increase Rnd:** change to MC yarn and \* knit 1, yo\*, repeat between \*\* to the end of the round.

Stitch count should be 136 (140, 144, 148), (148, 152, 160) sts.

Knit one rnd.

Change to US#6/4 mm circular needles and knit for 8 (8, 10, 10), (12, 14, 16) rnds.

Change to CC yarn and work as follows:

**Rnd 1:** knit.

**Rnd 2:** purl.

**Sizes NB to 6m only:** repeat Rnds 1 and 2 three (3) more times.

**Sizes 9m and up only:**

**Rnd 3:** knit and evenly increase by 6 (10, 14, 14) sts.

**Rnd 4:** purl.

Then repeat Rnds 1 and 2 three (3) more times.

**All Sizes:** stitch count should be 136 (140, 144, 154), (158, 166, 174) sts.

**Separate Sleeves:**

Bind off next 28 (28, 28, 30), (30, 32, 34) sts, knit 40 (42, 44, 47), (49, 51, 53) sts, bind off next 28 (28, 28, 30), (30, 32, 34) sts, knit 40 (42, 44, 47), (49, 51, 53) sts.

**Note:** after binding off the required number of sts, 1 stitch will be left on the needle. That left over stitch will be counted towards the following knit section. For example, if you need to knit 40 sts, then you have 1+39 sts = 40.

**Next rnd:** cast on 1 (2, 2, 2, 3, 3, 4) sts, place BOR marker (marker A), cast on 2 (2, 3, 3, 3, 4, 4) sts, purl next 40 (42, 44, 47, 49, 51, 53) sts, cast on 3 (4, 5, 5, 6, 7, 8) sts, purl 40 (42, 44, 47, 49, 51, 53) sts, knit to the BOR marker.

Stitch count should be 86 (92, 98, 104, 110, 116, 122) sts.

**Skirt:**

Change to MC and knit for 8 (8, 10, 10, 12, 12, 14) rnds.

**Optional Garter Stitch Band:**

Change to contrast color yarn and knit following rnds as follows:

**Rnd 1:** knit.

**Rnd 2:** purl.

**Sizes NB to 6m only:** repeat Rnds 1 and 2 four (4) more times. Change to MC.

**Sizes 9m and up only:** repeat Rnds 1 and 2 five (5) more times. Change to MC.

If you are not working Optional Garter Stitch band, knit for 4 more rnds.

**On the next rnd,** knit and evenly increase by 4 sts.



Stitch count should be 90 (96, 102, 108, 114, 120, 126) sts.

**Next round:** knit and place markers B after every 15 (16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21) sts.

Knit for 2 rnds.

**Increase rnd:** k1, dliL, \*knit to 1 stitch before stitch marker, dliR, k1, slip marker, k1, dliL, knit\*, repeat \* to one stitch before BOR marker, dliR, k1 (102, 108, 114, 120, 126, 132, 138 sts).

Knit for 9 rnds.

Repeat these 10 rnds till your work measures desired length minus 1-1.5 inches/2-4 cm (see page 2).

I would recommend doing 14 rnds between increase rnds for the last 2-3 sets of increases if you are making a dress.

**Hemline:**

Change to CC yarn. Remove markers B.

**Hemline Version 1 (see page 4 for picture)**

**Rnd 1:** knit.

**Rnd 2:** purl.

**Sizes NB to 6m only:**

Repeat Rnds 1-2 four (4) more times.

Bind off knitwise.

**Sizes 9m and up only:**

Repeat Rnds 1-2 six (6) more times.

Bind off knitwise.

**Hemline Version 2 (see page 1 for picture):**

**Rnd 1:** knit.

**Rnds 2-3:** \*k1, p1\*, repeat between \*\* till the end of the rnd.

**Rnd 4:** \*k1, pfab\*, repeat between \*\* till the end of the rnd.

**Rnds 5-7:** \*k1, p2\*, repeat between \*\* till the end of the rnd.

**Rnd 8:** \*k1, pbaf, p1\*, repeat between \*\* till the end of the rnd.

**Rnds 9-12:** \*k1, p3\*, repeat between \*\* till the end of the rnd.

Bind off in pattern.

**REFERENCES****Directional Lifted Increases:**

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CnrVOUf2cLk&NR=1>

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