



## Simple knit top dress

Great pattern for beginners, there is no shaping at all  
Some sewing skills is necessary

Sizes 1-8

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Level: Beginner

### Materials:

-light weight sport yarn #3 or soft

#4 (simply soft)

-size 7 knitting needles

-yarn needle

-1/2 yard fabric (more if a longer skirt is desired)40" wide or wider

-1.5 yards of lace (optional)

-1/2 yard double fold bias

binding or fold over elastic

-sewing machine

-thread to match fabric

Gauge 4.5sts=1"

Size changes are as follows

1(2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8)

Finished chest measurements 19"(20", 21", 22", 23", 24", 25", 26)

Note: before deciding which size to make measure child's chest and use the size that is 1" larger than actual measurement.

Stitches used; stocking st (knit 1 row, purl 1 row), garter st (knit all rows)

### Knit top

-Cast on 86(90, 95, 99, 104, 108, 113, 117)

-knit in garter st (knit every row) for 8 rows

-knit in stocking st (knit 1 row, purl one row) for 2(3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9) inches

-Knit again in garter st for 8 rows

-cast off leaving yarn long enough for sewing down side

-sew the 2 ends together with either a whip st or ladder st

### **Fabric skirt**

- Cut fabric to 11(12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18) inches or length desired
- Sew short ends together making a tube.
- Hem one end with a narrow hem or edge with lace
- Gather other end of fabric to match with width of top plus about 1 inch wider than top
- encase gathers with either bias binding or fold over elastic
- Securely hand sew fabric to under side of lower edge garter stitches (tip: it's more secure to sew both the top edge and bottom edge of bias/elastic to the knit piece.
- to the top of the knit piece, securely sew shoulder straps in even spacing to the top

### **Straps**

Halter straps-cut a piece of fabric 3" from selvage to selvage (usually 44"), fold in half, with right sides together, length wise. Sew short end, long side and short end, cut in half and turn both pieces right side out, press with an iron and sew to the front of the top

Shoulder straps- cut 2 pieces of fabric 3" X 8(8, 9, 9, 10, 10, 11, 11) inches, fold each in half length wise with right sided together. Sew along length, turn right side out, press then hand sew to top with even spacing

Crochet straps- join yarn in st ch 50, turn slst in each st across to end, finish off. Make 4 straps evenly spaced around, for crochet halter straps only make 2 and ch 100.

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