



Adaptation



Ottobre Design has a great wool soaker pattern that is knit from roving. I loved the way it looks, but wanted to knit with worsted weight rather than roving. So I re-worked the pattern and made a few changes. This soaker is made with worsted weight and easy enough for beginners.

PATTERN FEATURES

Knit flat
Garter stitch
Stretchy~ so it will fit for a long time

SIZE CHART~ all measurements should be taken over diaper

	NB	Small	Medium	Large	X-Large
hips	17"	19"	21"	23.5"	26"
rise	13"	14"	15"	18"	21"

MATERIALS

Worsted weight wool yarn
 US 5 knitting needles or 2 sizes smaller than meets gauge
 US 7 knitting needles or size to obtain gauge
 US 7 double point needles or size to obtain gauge
 Tapestry or darning needle

GAUGE

5 sts and 8 rows per inch in garter stitch

PATTERN NOTES

If you slip the first stitch of every row (purlwise) on the body, it makes seaming much less difficult. I also like to leave a long tail before my cast-on and after the bind-off for the main soaker. I then use these long ends to seam each side.

Video for mattress stitch and picking up stitches:

<http://www.knittinghelp.com/videos/knitting-tips>

Working on double point needles: <http://www.knittinghelp.com/videos/advanced-techniques>

If you like a higher rise, simply knit the front and back of body longer than the pattern calls for. The front and back should end up the same length.

A note about yardage: Just to give you a rough idea on yarn amounts for your chosen size, I used approximately 133 yards for size small and 210 yards for size large. I didn't keep track when I knitted the other sizes.

PATTERN

Waistband

Using US 5 needle, CO for your chosen size according to chart.

NB	Sm	Med	Lg	X-Lg
53	57	65	71	77

Work k1p1 ribbing for ___ inches.

NB	Sm	Med	Lg	X-Lg
2	2	2	2.5	3

Back of Body

Change to US 7 needle. Knit every row until soaker measures ___ inches from cast on edge. Mark first row as right side of work using a bit of waste yarn.

NB	Sm	Med	Lg	X-Lg
5	5.5	6	7	8

If you would like a longer or shorter rise, this is the place to make adjustments. Remember to make the same adjustment to the front of the body.

Crotch

Decrease Row: k2tog, k2tog, k to last 4 sts, k2tog, k2tog. (4 sts decreased)

Repeat this row until ___ sts remain.

NB	Sm	Med	Lg	X-Lg
17	17	17	19	21

Work even in garter stitch for ___ inches.

NB	Sm	Med	Lg	X-Lg
1.25	1.25	1.5	2	2.5

Begin increases:

Rows 1-3: kfb, k to last st, kfb. (increased 2 sts)

At the end of Row 3, you should have ___ sts.

NB	Sm	Med	Lg	X-Lg
23	23	23	25	27

For Newborn size, skip to "Final Increases."

Row 4: kfb, kfb, k to last 2 sts, kfb, kfb. (increased 4 sts)

Repeat Row 4 until you have ___ sts.

NB	Sm	Med	Lg	X-Lg
	27	27	33	39

Final Increases

For NB, Sm:

Row 1: kfb, kfb, k to last 2 sts, kfb, kfb, using backward loop, CO 3 sts. (30, **34**)

Row 2: k all sts, using backward loop, CO 3 sts at end of row. (33, **37**)

For Med, Lg, X-Lg:

Row 1: kfb, kfb, k to last 2 sts, kfb, kfb, using backward loop, CO 5 sts. (36, **42**, 48)

Row 2: k all sts, using backward loop, CO 5 sts at end of row. (41, **47**, 53)

Front of Body

Knit every row until front measures ___ inches from end of the increases. Front and back sections should be the same length.

Nb	Sm	Med	Lg	X-Lg
3	3.5	4	4.5	5

In order to make the top of the body on front and back look the same, you will want the last row of the body to be a right side row. If you're counting rows and the last row will not be a right side row, simply stop one row early. It will be better for the front of the body to be one row shorter than the back than to be one row longer than the back. The ribbing should begin with a wrong side row.

Waistband

Change to US 5 needle. Work k1p1 ribbing for ___ inches.

Nb	Sm	Med	Lg	X-Lg
2	2	2	2.5	3



BO in pattern. (Knit the knits, purl the purls while binding off.)

Seam the sides using mattress stitch.

(It should look something like this.)

Leg Cuffs

Using US 7 double point needles, pick up and knit ___ sts.

Nb	Sm	Med	Lg	X-Lg
34	40	46	54	60

Join and work k1p1 ribbing for about 1.5 to 2 inches.

BO loosely or use a sewn bind-off for a very stretchy leg opening.



FINISHING

You're done! You only have to weave in ends and block. If you're using them over cloth diapers, be sure that you wash and lanolize before use. I like to just block as I lanolize.

Enjoy!

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