

STRIPED OUTFIT FOR A STRIPEKNIGHT

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This is a top-down baby sweater, knitted entirely in the round. It has a wide neck opening to make dressing easier.

Finished measurements: length 33cm/ 13"; chest 56cm/ 22"; the length of the sleeve, measured from the armpit to the cuff 20cm/ 8"

Yarn: Sandnesgarn Mandarin Fiesta (55% cotton and 45% acrylic, 87yds/80m=50g) green, light blue, navy blue; a little over one ball of each color.

The stripes are 10 rows wide.

Needles: 4,5mm/ US 7 circular needles

Gauge: 18st/ 26 rows in Stockinette stitch= 10cm/ 4"

Cast on 46 stitches

Row 1 (WS): work in seed stitch and at the same time, divide stitches with stitch markers into four sections: 4 stitches for the right front, 9 stitches for the right sleeve, 20 stitches for the back, 9 stitches for the left sleeve and 4 stitches for the left front.

Row 2 (RS): work in seed stitch. At the end of the row, add 4 stitches (added stitches will be worked in seed st also)

Rows 3-5: as row 2

You now have 62 stitches (12 + 9 + 20 + 9 + 12)

Row 6 (RS): Begin knitting in Stockinette stitch, keeping the first and last 4 stitches of each row in seed stitch for the placket. Start the raglan increases: *knit to within 1 stitch of the marker, M1, k1, slip marker, k1, M1. Repeat from * to the end. The raglan increases are made every other row.

The placket: When you have knitted 23 rows (counted from cast-on edge), it's time to join the two halves of the placket and start knitting in the round.

Row 24 (RS): Place the first four stitches of the right hand needle to a spare needle, a double pointed needle works fine. Place the spare needle behind the left hand needle, so the spare needle and the left hand needle are parallel to each other and they both point in the same direction. Knit the edge stitches together in pairs as you would do in "three needle bind off" (without binding off, of course). Now you have only four placket stitches in the middle of the front and you can begin working in the round.

Continue knitting in stockinette stitch. If you are making the striped version, it's good idea to move the beginning of the round from the middle of the sweater to the side.

Continue making the raglan increases every other row total 15 times, until you have 178 stitches (50 st for the front, 39 stitches for one sleeve, 50 stitches for the back and 39 stitches for the other sleeve). Place the sleeve stitches to a piece of scrap yarn or a stitch holder and join the back and front stitches for knitting in the round. You now have 100 stitches.

When the work measures 31 cm/ 12", work 5 rounds in seed stitch for the bottom edge and BO.

The sleeves: I knitted the sleeves using magic loop method, but double pointed needles will work fine too. Take up sleeve stitches from the scrap yarn or a stitch holder and pick two more stitches from the armpit to prevent a hole. Knit the picked stitches through their back loops. You have now 41 stitches. Continue knitting in the round and decrease at underarm "seam" 2 stitches every 11 round. When the sleeve measures 18 cm/ 7" (measured from the armpit), work 5 rows in seed stitch and BO.

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