Flowers and lace matinee set 13-18" doll

Materials
200g DK yarn (16-17" doll) **OR** 125g 4-ply (13-15" doll)
4mm (UK8, US6) needles and 3 ¼ mm needles (UK10, US3) (16-17" inch doll)
OR 3 ¼ mm needles (UK10, US3) and 2 ¾ mm needles (UK12, US2) for 13-15" doll
7 buttons
Approx 2m ribbon (of widths desired) for bonnet, bootees and dress
Approx 2m eyelet/knitting-in lace (204 hole piece)
Rosebuds, pearls and bows as desired for decoration

Abbreviations
K: knit
P: purl
G-st: garter stitch
St-st: Stocking stitch
Dec: decrease
Inc: increase by knitting into front and back of stitch
Sl 1: slip next stitch
Psso: Pass slipped stitch(es) over

Yfwd: Yarn forward
K2 tog: knit next 2 stitches together
K3 tog: knit next 3 stitches together
P2 tog: purl next 2 stitches together
P3 tog: purl next 3 stitches together
Rs: right side
Ws: wrong side
Cont: continue
Sts: Stitches

The pattern is written using the terms 'larger' and 'smaller' needles. If you are knitting for an 16-18"doll use DK yarn and 4mm (larger) and 3¼ mm (smaller) needles as listed in materials. For the 13-15" doll use 4-ply yarn and 3 ¼ mm (larger)and 2 ¾ mm (smaller) needles.

Tension (in st-st)
4-ply: 28 stitches and 36 rows to 10 cm. (4 inches) on a 3 1/4 mm (US 3)needle.
Double knitting: 22 stitches and 30 rows to 10 cm. (4 inches) on a 4 mm (US 6) needle.

Dress
Front
Using larger needles cast on 79sts.
Work in patt as follows:

1st row: *P2, yon, Sl 1, K1, psso, K1, K2tog, yfrn, rep from * to last 2 sts, P2
2nd row: K2, *P5, K2, rep from * to end
Repeat these 2 rows twice more.
7th row: *P2, K5, rep from * to last 2 sts, P2
8th row: As 2nd row
9th row: *P2, K2 tog, yfwd, K1, yfwd, Sl 1, K1, psso, rep from * to last 2 sts, P2
10th row: As 2nd row
Repeat the last 2 rows twice more
15th row: As 7th
16th row: As 2nd row
Repeat these 16 pattern rows a further 2 times so a total of 48 rows worked.
Decrease

(K3tog) 3 times, (K2tog) 15 times, K3tog, (K2tog) 14 times, (K3 tog) 3 times. (36sts)
Next row: K
Next row: K1 *K2tog yfwd, repeat from * to last st, K1
Next row: K

Shape armhole
Working in st-st cast off 3 sts at beg of next 2 rows (30 sts)
Work 10 rows st-st starting K
Next row: K 11 sts, turn and P to end. Complete this side as follows
Decrease 1 st at neck edge on foll 3 rows (8 sts)
Work 3 more rows. Cast off rem 8 sts.
Slip next 8 sts onto holder and rejoin yarn to rem 11 sts and K to end. P 1 row.
Work 3 rows dec 1 st on neck edge on each row. Work 3 rows straight. Cast off rem 8 sts.

Back

Using larger needles cast on 79sts.
Work in patt as for back for 48 rows.
Decrease
(K3tog) 3 times, (K2tog) 15 times, K3tog, (K2tog) 14 times, (K3 tog) 3 times. (36sts)
Next row: K
Next row: K1 *K2tog yfwd, repeat from * to last st, K1
Next row: K
Shape armhole and divide for opening
Cast off 3 sts, K16 (17sts on rh needle)
Next row: K4, P to end
Buttonhole row: K to last 4 sts, K2tog, yfwd, K2

Keeping 4 st g-st border correct work a further 16 rows, working buttonholes as before on the 6th and 12th rows.
Shape shoulders

K4, P5, cast off rem 8sts. Leave 9sts on holder. Rejoin yarn to rem 16sts, cast on 4sts and K to end.
Shape armholes
Cast off 3, P to last 4sts, K4. (17sts)
Keeping 4sts g-st border correct work 18 rows.
Shape shoulders
K 9, cast off rem 8sts. Leave 9 sts on holder.

Sleeves
Using larger needles cast on 30sts and work 16 rows in patt as for front. Cast off.

Neckband
Join shoulders. Using smaller needles K across 9 stitches of left back from holder, pick up and K 10sts down left front, 8 across centre, K10sts up right front and 9 sts across right back from holder. (44sts) K 5 rows in g-st making button hole as for buttonhole border at end of 2nd row. Cast off.

Making up
Sew sleeves into place. Fasten down button band to inside of buttonhole band. Join sleeve and side seams. Add desired embellishments and buttons to buttonband. Thread ribbon through holes at waist.

Coat
Back
Using larger needles cast on 93sts. Work in patt as for back for 48 rows.
Decrease
(K2tog) 15times, (K3tog) 11 times, (K2tog) 15 times (41sts)
P 1 row.
Shape armholes
Cont in st-st cast off 3 sts at beg of next 2 rows (35sts)
Work straight for 20 rows.
Shape shoulders
Cast off 10sts, K14, cast off rem 10sts. Leave rem 15sts on holder.

Left front

Using larger needles cast on 44sts. Work in patt as for back for 48 rows.
Decrease
(K3tog) 6 times, (K2tog) 10 times, K6 (22sts)
P 1 row
Shape armholes
Cast off 3 sts at beg of next row (19sts)
Work 12 rows in st-st
Shape neck
Cast off 3sts at beg of next row. Dec 2 sts at neck edge of next 2 rows by working 3sts tog and 1 st at neck edge of foll 2 rows by working 2sts tog. Work 4 rows straight. Cast off rem 10 sts.

Right front
Using larger needles cast on 44sts. Work in patt as for back for 48 rows.
Decrease
K6, (K2tog) 10 times, (K3tog) 6 times (22sts)
Shape armholes
Cast off 3 sts at beg of next row (19sts)
Work 12 rows in st-st
Shape neck
Cast off 3sts at beg of next row. Dec 2 sts at neck edge of next 2 rows by working 3sts tog and 1 st at neck edge of foll 2 rows by working 2sts tog. Work 5 rows straight. Cast off rem 10 sts.

Sleeves
Using larger needles cast on 37sts and work 32 rows in patt as for back. Cast off.

Buttonband
Using smaller needles pick up and K 50sts up rh front. Work in g-st for 5 rows. Cast off

Button-hole band
Using smaller needles pick up and K 50 sts down lh front. Work 5 rows in g-st working button-holes on 2nd row as follows:

Buttonhole row: K2, yfwd, K2tog, K3, yfwd, K2tog, K3, yfwd, K2tog, K to end.

Collar
Join shoulder seams. Using smaller needles pick up and K 12sts round lh front neck from inside edge of buttonband, 15sts from back from holder and pick up and K 12 sts down rh front neck to inside edge of buttonhole band. Work 3 rows in st-st starting K.
Increase
K2, *inc in next st, K2, rep from * to last st, K1 (51sts)
Change to larger needles and work 8 rows in patt as for back. Cast off.

Making up
Sew in sleeves. Join sleeve and side seams. Add buttons and any desired embellishments. Put a couple of stitches in collar t hold nicely in place and add rosebuds to front points if desired

Bonnet
Using larger needles cast on 58 sts and work 8 rows in patt as for back.
Decrease
*K6, K2tog, rep from * to last 2 sts, K2 (51sts)
Next row: Insert lace by placing lace at back of work and knitting 1 st per hole to end.
Work in g-st for 5 rows. Insert lace as before.
Repeat last 6 rows twice more.
Work 5 rows in st-st
Next row: *K2tog, yfwd, rep from * to last st, K1
Starting K work 4 rows st-st.
Next row: Pick up corresponding stitch 9 rows below and slip on to left hand needle. Work this and the 1st stitch already on the needle together. Continue to do this with every stitch. This will form the picot border neatly and without having to join by sewing. However if you prefer, you can just knit the row and make the picot border by sewing together work 2 rows either

side of picot row before making up.

P 1 row.

Decrease

1st row: K2 *K2tog, K5 repeat from * to end (44sts)

2nd and alt 3 rows: P

3rd row: K2 *K2tog, K4, rep from * to end (37sts)

5th row: K2 *K2tog, K3, rep from * to end (30sts)

7th row: K2 *K2tog, K2, rep from * to end (23sts)

9th row: K2 *K2tog, K1, rep from * to end (16sts)

10th row: *P2tog, rep from * to end (8 sts)

Cut yarn, leaving a long enough thread to sew back seam. Thread wool through remaining sts and pull up tightly and fasten. Using this wool sew seam from centre back of bonnet to just the other side of the rear picot border.

Neck edging

Using smaller needles pick up and K 19 sts from front edge to back seam, 1 st in centre and 19 sts up other side from seam to picot edge. Work 3 rows in g-st. Cast off.

Making up

Add ribbon for tying. Add any desired embellishments.

Bootees

Using larger needles cast on 37 sts and work first 2 rows of patt as for back 5 times.

Decrease

K2 *K2 tog, rep from * to last st, K1 (20sts)

K 1 row.

Next row: K1, *K2tog, yfwd, rep from * to last st, K1

K 1 row.

Shape instep

K13, turn, P6, turn.

Working on these 6sts only work 6 rows. Break yarn.

Cont from 7sts on rh needle pick up and K 5 sts up rh instep edge, K across 6sts of instep, pick up and K 5 sts down lh edge and across 7sts from needle. (30sts)

Working in st-st (starting P) work 7 rows.

Shape foot

Working in g-st shape as follows:

Next row: K1, K2tog, (K3, K2tog) 5 times, K2 (24sts)

Next row: K2tog, K8, (K2tog) twice, K8, K2tog (20sts)

Next row: K

Next row: K2 tog, K6, (K2tog) twice, K6, K2tog.

Cast off

Making up

Join seam. Thread ribbon through holes above foot. Add any embellishments.