



'Strawberries and Cream'
Pattern for 16-20" doll
and for prem/newborn
and 0-3m babies

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Strawberries & cream set for 18-20" doll or 0-3m (approx 16" chest) baby or 16-17" doll or premature baby (approx 14" chest)

Materials

250g DK (US: light worsted) (larger size) OR 150g 4-ply (US: sport) (smaller size)
4mm (US 6) and 3 ¼ mm (US 3) needles (larger size) OR 3 ¼ mm (US 3) needles and 2 ¾ mm (US 2) needles (smaller size)

4 strawberry buttons for cardigan, 5 plain buttons for dress
Shirring elastic
1m 7mm satin ribbon
1.5m wide satin ribbon for hat band and dress sash
Rosebuds and further strawberry buttons as desired for decorating (I used 23 rosebuds and 4 buttons)

Abbreviations

Abbreviations and stitches

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

Pssso: Pass slipped stitch(es) over

Yfwd: Yarn forward

K2 tog: knit next 2 stitches together

P2 tog: purl next 2 stitches together

Rs: right side

Ws: wrong side

Cont: continue

Sts: Stitches

Tension (in st-st)

3-ply: 32 stitches and 40 rows to 10 cm. (4 inches) on a 3 ¼ mm (US 3) needle.

4-ply: 28 stitches and 36 rows to 10 cm. (4 inches) on a 3 ¼ mm (US 3) needle.

Double knitting: 22 stitches and 30 rows to 10 cm. (4 inches) on a 4 mm (US 6) needle.

The pattern is written using the terms 'larger' and 'smaller' needles. If you are knitting for an 18- 20" doll/0-3m baby use DK yarn and 4mm (larger) and 3¼ mm (smaller) needles as listed in materials. For the 16-17" doll/premature baby use 4-ply yarn and 3 ¼ mm (larger) and 2 ¾ mm (smaller) needles.

Dress

Front

Using larger needles cast on 123 sts and K 2 rows. Cont in patt as follows:

1st row: K2, *yfwd, K4, Sl 1, K2tog, pssso, K4, yfwd, K1, rep from * to last st, K1

2nd and every alt row: P to end

3rd row: K3, *yfwd, K3, Sl 1, K2tog, pssso, K3, yfwd, K3, rep from * to end

5th row: K1, K2tog, *yfwd, K1, yfwd, K2, Sl 1, K2tog, pssso, K2, yfwd, K1, yfwd, Sl 1, K2tog, pssso, rep from * to last 12 sts, yfwd, K1, yfwd, K2, Sl 1, K2tog, pssso, K2, yfwd, K1, yfwd, Sl 1, K1, pssso, K1

7th row: K1, yfwd, Sl 1, K1, pssso, K2, yfwd, K1, Sl 1, K2tog, pssso, K1, yfwd, K2, * yfwd, Sl

1, K2tog, pssso, yfwd, K2, yfwd, K1, Sl 1, K2tog, pssso, K1, yfwd, K2 rep from * to last 3 sts, yfwd, Sl 1, K1, pssso, K 1

9th row: K2, *yfwd, Sl 1, K2tog, pssso, yfwd, K1, rep from * to last st, K1

10th row (alt): P

These 10 rows form main pattern. When instructions state 'cont in main patt' it is referring to these 10 rows.

Cont in patt for a total of 59 rows.

Decrease

(P2 tog) 6 times, (P3 tog) 33 times, (P2tog) 6 times (45sts)

Work 8 rows in st-st

Shape armholes

Cont in st-st and cast off 2 sts at beg of next 2 rows (41sts)

Work yoke pattern as follows:

1st row: K1, * K the 2nd st from the lh needle and lift it over the 1st st and off the needle, then K the first st (called Cr2R), K2, rep from * to end.

2nd row: P

3rd row: K3, *place rh needle through front of 1st st on lh needle and pull the 2nd st through it, K this 2nd st and slip it off the needle, then K the 1st st (called Cr2L), K2, rep from * to last 2 sts, K2.

4th row: P

These 4 rows form yoke pattern. Work a further 10 rows in patt.

Shape neck

Keeping patt correct work 17, turn and P to end.

Working on these 17 sts and keeping patt correct complete this side first. Dec 1 st at neck edge of next 4 rows. Work 4 rows straight. Cast off.

Slip next 7 sts onto safety pin for centre front neck and rejoin to rem 17 sts and patt to end. P 1 row. Keeping patt correct dec 1 st at neck edge on next 4 rows. Work 4 rows straight. Cast off.

Back

Using larger needles cast on 123 sts and K 2 rows. Cont in patt as for back for 59 rows.

Decrease

(P2 tog) 6 times, (P3 tog) 33 times, (P2tog) 6 times (45sts)

Divide for back opening

K 23, turn

Next row: K4, P to end.

Working on these 23 sts first work 6 rows in st-st, keeping 4 st g-st border correct, and working a buttonhole on the third of these rows as follows:

Buttonhole row: K to last 4 sts, K2tog, yfwd, K2.

Shape armholes

Cast off 2 sts, K 20sts (22 on lh needle, 21 on rh needle).

Turn, K4, P to end. Work bodice pattern as follows:

1st row: K1, * K the 2nd st from the lh needle and lift it over the 1st st and off the needle, then K the first st (called Cr2R), K2, rep from * to last 4 sts, K4.

2nd row: K4, P to end

3rd row: K3, *place rh needle through front of 1st st on lh needle and pull the 2nd st through it, K this 2nd st and slip it off the needle, then K the 1st st (called Cr2L), K2, rep from * to last 6sts, Cr2L, K4

4th row: K4, P to end.

Buttonhole row: Patt to last 4sts, K2 tog, yfwd, K2

Keeping 4st g-st border correct work 7 rows in patt

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Keeping 4st g-st border correct work 4 rows in patt

Next row: Patt 8, cast off 13 sts. Break yarn. Leave these 8sts on holder

Rejoin yarn to rem 22 sts, cast on 3sts and K to end. (25sts)

Next row: P to last 4 sts, K4. Work 5 more rows in st-st keeping 4 st g-st border correct.

Next row: Cast off 2 sts, P to last 4sts, K4 (23sts) Work bodice pattern as follows:

1st row: K5, * K the 2nd st from the lh needle and lift it over the 1st st and off the needle, then K the first st (called Cr2R), K2, rep from * to last 2 sts, K2

2nd row: P

3rd row: K7, *place rh needle through front of 1st st on lh needle and pull the 2nd st through it, K this 2nd st and slip it off the needle, then K the 1st st (called Cr2L), K2, rep from * to end.

4th row: P

Repeat 1st -4th rows 5 times more and 1st row once.

Cast off 13 sts, P to last 4, K4. Break yarn. Leave these 10 sts on holder

Sleeves

Using larger needles cast on 25 sts and work 6 rows in g-st

Increase

*Inc in next st, rep from * to end (50sts)

P 1 row inc 1 st in centre of row.

Work 10 rows in patt as for back.

Decrease

K15, (K2tog) 10 times, K16.

P 1 row.

Cast off.

Neckband

Join shoulder seams. Using smaller needles K across 10sts from left back from holder. Pick up and K 12 sts down left front neck, K across 7 sts from front neck holder, pick up and K 12 sts up right front neck and K across 8 sts on holder of right back. K 1 row.

Buttonhole row: K to last 4sts, K2 tog, yfwd, K2.

K 3 rows. Cast off.

Making up

Pin sleeves into place and join seam. Join sleeve and side seams. Sew on buttons and any embellishments desired. I used rosebuds and a strawberry button at centre front of ribbon sash to hold into place and rosebuds and strawberry buttons across alternate sets of pattern on lower frill edge.

Jacket

The jacket and sleeves look wide – this is so that it can fit comfortably over the dress without crushing it

Back

Cast on 63sts and K 2 rows. Work 9 rows in main patt as for dress.

Decrease

*P3, P2tog, rep from * to last 3 sts, P3 (51sts)

Starting K work 20 rows in st-st

Shape armholes

Cast off 3 sts at beg of next 2 rows. (45sts) Work a further 24 rows in st-st.

Shape shoulders

Cast off 15sts, K14, cast off rem 15 sts. Leave centre 15 sts on holder.

Left front

Cast on 39sts and K 2 rows.
Work 9 rows in main patt as for back.

Decrease

*P1, P2tog, rep from * to end (26sts)

Starting K work 20 rows in st-st

Shape armholes

Cast off 3 sts at beg of next row. (23sts) Work 14 rows in st-st.

Shape neck

Cast off 3 sts at beg of next row. Dec 1 st at neck edge on next and foll 4 rows. Work 6 rows in st-st. Cast off rem 15sts.

Right front

Cast on 39sts and K 2 rows.
Work 9 rows in main patt as for back.

Decrease

*P1, P2tog, rep from * to end (26sts)

Starting K work 21 rows in st-st

Shape armholes

Cast off 3 sts at beg of next row. (23sts) Work 14 rows in st-st.

Shape neck

Cast off 3 sts at beg of next row. Dec 1 st at neck edge on next and foll 4 rows. Work 6 rows in st-st. Cast off rem 15 sts.

Sleeves

Cast on 51sts and K 2 rows.
Work 40 rows in main patt as for dress back. Cast off.

Neckband

Join shoulder seams. Pick up and K 15sts up rh front neck. K across 15 sts from holder for back neck. Pick up and K 15 sts down lh front neck. Work 5 rows in g-st. cast off.

Button band

Starting at top of frill pick up and K 35sts up rh front to top of neckband . Work 5 rows g-st. Cast off.

Buttonhole band

Starting at top of neckband pick up and K 35 sts to top of frill of lh front. Work 3 rows in g-st
Next row: K2 *yfwd, K2tog, K8, rep from * to last 3sts, yfwd, K2tog, K1.
K 1 row. Cast off.

Making up

Sew sleeves into place. Sew sleeve and side seams. Add any desired embellishments. I used strawberry buttons and rosebuds across bottom pattern frill of fronts and sleeves.

Hat

Using larger needles cast on 159 sts and K 2 rows. Work 9 rows in main patt as for dress.

Decrease

*P2tog, rep from * to last st, P1. (80sts)

Work 10 rows in st-st.

Decrease for top

1st row: K3, *K2tog, K6, rep from * to last 5sts, K2tog, K3

2nd and alt 4 rows: P

3rd row: K3, *K2tog, K5, rep from * to last 4sts, K2tog, K2

5th row: K3, *K2tog, K4, rep from * to last 3sts, K2tog, K1

7th row: K3, *K2tog, K3, rep from * to last 2sts, K2tog

9th row: K3, *K2tog, K2, rep from * to last 5sts, K2tog, K3

11th row: K3, *K2tog, K1, rep from * to last 4sts, K2tog, K2

12th row: *P2tog, rep from * to end

Break yarn. Draw thread through rem sts and pull up tightly. Fasten off and sew seam through to brim edge.

Finishing

Sew shirring elastic above pattern on decrease row line to gather hat in as desired so stays easily on doll's head. Using wide ribbon cut length that fits above brim of hat and either sew into place or tie in bow – whichever you prefer. Add any rosebuds or embellishments you desire. I used rosebuds around the ribbon to keep it in place. I also added a small ribbon bow at the back with rosebud in centre and strawberry button to centre front.

Bootees

Note that when knitting the bootees it looks as though work is 'back to front' after you have done the frill edge and 11 rows of st-st and then start on ribbon hole rows and instep. This is not wrong – it is to ensure that the frilled edge turns over neatly.
Using larger needles cast on 39sts and K 2 rows. Work 10 rows in main patt as for dress.

Decrease

*K1, K2tog, rep from * to end. K 1 row dec 1 further st in centre. (25sts) Starting K work 11 rows in st-st.

K 2 rows.

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

K 1 row.

Shape instep

Next row: K 16, turn

Next row: P 7 turn

Work 8 rows on these sts. Break yarn.

Cont from 9sts on rh needle and pick up and K 6sts along side of instep, across 7 sts of instep, pick up and K 6sts down other side of instep and across rem 9 sts. (37sts)

Next row: P15, inc in next st, P5, inc in next st, P to end. (39sts)

Work 10 rows in st-st starting K.

Next row: *K first st on needle together with corresponding st 4 rows below, cont from * to end. This tuck effect creates a 'sole' edge.

Shape sole

1st row: K 4, *K2tog, K3 rep from * to end (32sts)

2nd row: K2tog, K12, K2tog twice, K12, K2tog (28sts)

3rd row: K

4th row: K2tog, K10, K2tog twice, K10, K2tog (24sts)

Cast off.

Making up

Sew seam of sole and rear, reversing on frill to ensure neatness. Thread ribbon through holes and add rosebud to front if desired.

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