# 26-27-29 Baby Rompers

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## Finished measurements:

chest: 60cm/23.6in length: 42cm/16.5in cross back: 22cm/8.7in

## Materials

- Pierrot Yarns Angel [100% superwash wool; 107 yds/98m per 1.4 oz / 40g skein]
  - O MC: color #2 pink; 2 skeins [60g] **or** color #7 aqua blue; 2 skeins [60g]
  - o CC: color #1 white; 1 skein [30g]
- US 6 (4.0mm) straight and circular knitting needles (or DPNs)
- 2 stitch markers
- 2 stitch holders
- 4 buttons (15mm (5/8") diameter)
- darning needle

# Gauge

21 sts/26 rows = 4" (10cm) in stockinette stitch

# **Abbreviations**

Note: instructions use US/Japanese conventions.

beg beginning ssk slip 1 st knitwise, slip another st knitwise, k both slipped sts through k knit back loop k2tog knit 2 stitches together st st stockinette stitch

p purl st stitch rem remain(ing) yo yarn over

## **Directions**

Garment is worked flat in one piece. When finished, you will have a side seam on only the left side of the garment. After the body is complete, stitches are picked up from the bottom and the crotch panel is worked downward. Stitches are picked up along the armholes and neckline and worked in k1p1 ribbing.

## Body

Cast on 126 st with MC using provisional crochet chain cast on method (use waste yarn in a contrasting color for ease of picking up stitches later). Place stitch marker between stitches 63 and



64 to mark back and front of garment. Work in st st for 35 rows or 13.5cm/5.3in. Change to CC and work in st st for 5 rows. Change to MC and work in st st for 5 rows. Change to CC and work in st st for 4 rows. Change to MC and work in st st for 2 rows. Repeat this pattern of 4 rows CC, 2 rows MC in st st until (and including) row 66 (25cm/9.8in).

Row 67: BO 4 st at beg of row. Knit even until st marker, remove stitch marker, BO 4 st, attach new skein of yarn and knit even till end of row. (59 st rem on each side)

You will now be working the back and front sides separately. Place the front side stitches on a stitch holder while you are working on the back side.

#### Back

Maintaining stripe pattern, begin shaping armholes as follows:

*Row 68:* BO 4 st at beg of row, knit even till end of row.

Rows 69-72: dec 1 st on each end of row (after row 72, 47 st rem)

Starting with row 73, every 2 rows, dec 1 st on each end of row 3 times (after row 78, 41 st rem)

Starting with row 79, every 3 rows, dec 1 st on each end of row 2 times (after row 84, 37 st rem)

Maintaining stripe pattern, knit even until row 105.

Row 106: BO 8 st, place 21 st on stitch holder, BO 8 st.

#### Front

Work as for back through row 88 (33cm/13in). Begin shaping neck as follows:

*Row 89:* knit 14 st even, sl next 9 st to st holder. Join 2<sup>nd</sup> ball of yarn and knit rem 14 st even.

Starting with row 90, every 2 rows, dec 2 st on each edge of neckline 2 times. (after row 92, 10 st rem on each side of neck)

Starting with row 93, every 2 rows, dec 1 st on each edge of neckline 1 time. (after row 94, 9 st rem on each side of neck)

Starting with row 95, every 4 rows, dec 1 st on each edge of neckline 1 time. (after row 98, 8 st rem on each side of neck)

Maintaining stripe pattern, knit even through row 105.

Row 106: BO rem 8 st on each side.

#### Crotch

With MC and with right side facing, pick up 63 st from provisional cast-on edge of back half of garment *only*. Leave the front half sts until later. Working in st st, shape crotch panel as follows:

Rows 1 & 3 (WS): purl all st across row

Row 2 (RS): dec 5 st at beg of row, knit even, dec 5 st at end of row (53 st rem)

Row 4 (RS): dec 4 st at beg of row, knit even, dec 4 st at end of row

Repeat rows 3-4 three more times (21 st rem). BO all st loosely. To aid buttonhole placement later, place stitch marker on first and last stitches. Buttonholes will be evenly spaced between them.

With right side facing, pick up 63 st from the provisional cast-on edge of the front of the garment. Then pick up 21 st from the sloped edge of the crotch panel, pick up 21 st from the flat edge of crotch panel, and pick up 21 st from the second sloped edge of the crotch panel. Pick up row counts as row 1.

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Row 2: p2, k1, *p1, k1*, rep from * to * across.
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Row 3: \*k1, p1\* rep from \* to \* until first stitch marker. (yo, k2tog, (p1,k1) twice, yo, k2tog, (p1,k1) twice, ssk, yo, (k1,p1) twice, ssk, yo), continue k1p1 ribbing until 2 st rem, k2.

Row 4: repeat row 2

Row 5: \*k1, p1\* rep from \* to \* until 2 st rem, k2.

Row 6: repeat row 2

BO all st loosely in pattern.

# Finishing

Weave in all ends and block garment. Sew side and shoulder seams using mattress stitch. Sew buttons to crotch seam.

#### **Armholes**

Using circular needle and with right side facing, pick up 90 st around armhole opening. Work in k1p1 ribbing for 6 rows or until ribbing measures 2cm/0.8in. Bind off all st loosely. Repeat for second armhole.

#### Collar

Using circular needle and with right side facing, place 21 st from back stitch holder onto needle, pick up 20 st between last back st and front stitch holder, place 9 st from front stitch holder onto needle, and pick up 20 st between front stitches and back of neck. Total of 70 st now on needles. Work in k1p1 ribbing for 6 rows or until collar measures 2cm/0.8in. Bind off all st loosely.