

Little Bumblebee Romper

Little French Knits



LITTLE BUMBLEBEE ROMPER

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The Little Bumblebee Romper is worked top down, seamless. Legs opening bands are picked up in finishing.

SIZES

Newborn - 3 months / 6 months / 9 months / 12 - 18 months / 24 months

FINISHED MEASUREMENTS

Chest: 44 / 47 / 50 / 53 / 56 cm

Width: 54 / 60 / 64 / 70 / 75 cm

Length: 31 / 35 / 38 / 41 / 43 cm

Shown in size Newborn - 3 months.

YARN

Woolfolk Tynd (100% Ovis 21 Ultimate Merino®; 204 m per 50 g skein)

4 / 4 / 4 / 5 / 5 Skeins in color no. 31

NEEDLES AND NOTIONS

2,5 mm needles or 2,5 mm circular needle and set of double pointed needles

3 mm needles or 3 mm circular needle and set of double pointed needles

11 / 11 / 12 / 12 / 13 Little buttons / Markers

GAUGE

28 sts and 38 rows to obtain 10 cm in St st on 3 mm needles.

STITCHES

g. st: garter Stitch

1st Row (Right side): Knit. Repeat 1st Row.

1 and 1 Rib Stitch: (Over an even number of stitches)

1st Row (Right side): *K1, p1*, repeat to end.

2nd Row: *K1, p1*, repeat to end. Repeat these 2 rows.

Pattern: Flight of the Bumblebee (See diagram Page 4)

Knitted in a multiple of 4 sts + 3 and 8 rows repeat.

Row 1 (Right side): Purl all sts.

Row 2: Knit all sts.

Row 3: Purl 3, * knit 1 long, purl 3, rep from * to end.

Row 4: Knit all sts.

Row 5: Purl all sts.

Row 6: Knit all sts.

Row 7: Purl 1, *knit 1 long, purl 3, rep from * to last 2 sts, knit 1 long, purl 1.

Row 8: Knit all sts. Repeat these 8 rows.

GSR: German Short Rows Method

After each turning always slip 1st st purlwise (as if to purl) with yarn in front of work, lead yarn over right needle, pull yarn firmly at the back until 2 loops on needle.

The 2 loops count as 1 stitch (TS: turning stitch). When working rows with loops work loops together as 1 stitch (k TS or p TS).

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DIRECTIONS

The Little Bumblebee Romper is worked top down.

Neckline

With 2,5 mm circular needle, CO 61 / 61 / 65 / 69 / 69 sts.

Do not join work and work back and forth in rows as follows:

Work 4 rows in g. st. (1st row is WS).

Row 5 (with buttonhole): K2, yo, SKP, k to end of row.

Work 1 row in g. st.

Change to 3 mm circular needle and place markers as follows:

Row 7 (WS): K 5 / 5 / 5 / 5 / 5 (edge sts), place a marker, k 21 / 21 / 21 / 23 / 23 sts (front), place a marker, k 1 (raglan st.), place a marker, k 6 / 6 / 8 / 8 / 8 sts (right sleeve), place a marker, k 1 (raglan st.), place a marker, k 15 / 15 / 15 / 17 / 17 sts (back), place a marker, k 1 (raglan st.), place a marker, k 6 / 6 / 8 / 8 / 8 sts (left sleeve), place a marker, k 5 / 5 / 5 / 5 / 5 (edge sts).
61 / 61 / 65 / 69 / 69 sts.

Shaping the neck opening

For shaping the neck opening, work GSR (German Short Rows) for all sizes as follows:

Row 1 (RS): K 5 (edge sts), slip m, M1L, k to next m (left sleeve), M1R, slip m, k 1 (raglan st.), slip m, M1L, k to next m (back), M1R, slip m, k 1 (raglan st.), slip m, M1L, k 3 (right sleeve), turn.

Row 2: TS, p to next m, (right sleeve), slip m, p 1 (raglan st.), slip m, p to next m, (back), slip m, p 1 (raglan st.), slip m, p 3, turn.

Row 3: TS, k to next m (left sleeve), M1R, slip m, k 1 (raglan st.), slip m, M1L, k to next m (back), M1R, slip m, k 1 (raglan st.), slip m, M1L, k to TS, k TS, k 2 (right sleeve), turn.

Row 4: TS, p to next m, (right sleeve), slip m, p 1 (raglan st.), slip m, p to next m, (back), slip m, p 1 (raglan st.), slip m, p to TS, p TS, p 2 (left sleeve), turn.

Row 5: TS, k to next m (left sleeve), M1R, slip m, k 1 (raglan st.), slip m, M1L, k to next m (back), M1R, slip m, k 1 (raglan st.), slip m, M1L, k to TS, k TS, k 1 (right sleeve), turn.

Row 6: TS, p to next m, (right sleeve), slip m, p 1 (raglan st.), slip m, p to next m, (back), slip m, p 1 (raglan st.), slip m, p to TS, p TS, p 2 (left sleeve), turn.

Row 7: TS, k to next m (left sleeve), M1R, slip m, k 1 (raglan st.), slip m, M1L, k to next m (back), M1R, slip m, k 1 (raglan st.), slip m, M1L, k to TS, k TS, k to next m (right sleeve), M1R, slip m, k 1 (raglan st.), slip m, M1LP, p 5 (front), turn.

Row 8: TS, k to next m (front), slip m, p 1 (raglan st.), slip m, p to next m, (right sleeve), slip m, p 1 (raglan st.), slip m, p to next m, (back), slip m, p 1 (raglan st.), slip m, p to TS, p TS, p to next m, (left sleeve), slip m, k 5 (edge sts).

Row 9: K 5 (edge sts), slip m, M1L, k to next m (left sleeve), M1R, slip m, k 1 (raglan st.), slip m, M1L, k to next m (back), M1R, slip m, k 1 (raglan st.), slip m, M1L, k to next m (right sleeve), M1R, slip m, k 1 (raglan st.), slip m, M1LP, p to TS, p TS, p to next m, (front), M1RP, slip m, K 5 (edge sts).

Row 10: K 5 (edge sts), slip m, k 2 (front), turn.

Row 11: TS, p to next m, (front), M1RP, slip m, K 5 (edge sts).

Row 12: K 5 (edge sts), slip m, k to TS, k TS, k to next m (front), slip m, p 1 (raglan st.), slip m, p to next m (right sleeve), slip m, p 1 (raglan st.), slip m, p to next m (back), slip m, p 1 (raglan st.), slip m, p to next m (left sleeve), slip m, K 5 (edge sts).

The neck opening shaping with GSR is finished (a total of 28 sts inc'd for all sizes).

Now, you have 5 / 5 / 5 / 5 / 5 sts (edge sts), marker, 25 / 25 / 25 / 27 / 27 sts (front), marker, 1 st (raglan st.), marker, 13 / 13 / 15 / 15 / 15 sts (right sleeve), marker, 1 st (raglan st.), marker, 25 / 25 / 25 / 27 / 27 sts (back), marker, 1 st (raglan st.), marker, 13 / 13 / 15 / 15 / 15 sts (left sleeve), marker, 5 / 5 / 5 / 5 / 5 sts (edge sts) on needle. 89 / 89 / 93 / 97 / 97 sts.

Work the 5 edge sts in each side in garter st on all rows (front edgings) and continue working buttonholes above the 1st buttonhole for every 16 / 16 / 18 / 18 / 20 rows.

Continue working back and forth in St st and Little Bumblebee pattern on front sts (start with the 2nd / 2nd / 2nd / 3rd / 3rd st of 3rd row) and shaping raglan., as follows:

Row 1: K 5 (edge sts), slip m, M1L, k to next m (left sleeve), M1R, slip m, k 1 (raglan st.), slip m, M1L, k to next m (back), M1R, slip m, k 1 (raglan st.), slip m, M1L, k to next m (right sleeve), M1R, slip m, k 1 (raglan st.), slip m, M1LP, work sts to next m in pattern (front), M1RP, slip m, K 5 (edge sts) 8 sts inc'd. 97 / 97 / 101 / 105 / 105 sts.

Row 2: K 5 (edge sts), slip m, work sts to next m in pattern (front), slip m, p 1 (raglan st.), slip m, p to next m, (right sleeve), slip m, p 1 (raglan st.), slip m, p to next m, (back), slip m, p 1 (raglan st.), slip m, p to next m, (left sleeve), slip m, k 5 (edge sts).

Continue in St st and Little Bumblebee pattern on front sts, shaping raglan and remembering to work buttonholes until you have increased total of 15 / 17 / 18 / 20 / 22 times (120 / 136 / 144 / 160 / 176 sts inc'd.) Now, you have 5 / 5 / 5 / 5 / 5 sts (edge sts), marker, 55 / 59 / 61 / 67 / 71 sts (front), marker, 1 st (raglan st.), marker, 43 / 47 / 51 / 55 / 59 sts (right sleeve), marker, 1 st (raglan st.), marker, 55 / 59 / 61 / 67 / 71 sts (back), marker, 1 st (raglan st.), marker, 43 / 47 / 51 / 55 / 59 sts (left sleeve), marker, 5 / 5 / 5 / 5 / 5 sts (edge sts) on needle for a total of 209 / 225 / 237 / 257 / 273 sts.

Armholes

Next row (RS): Remove markers as you go along the row and k 5, place 43 / 47 / 51 / 55 / 59 sleeve sts on stitch holder and leave to rest, CO 5 / 6 / 9 / 7 / 9 new sts, k 57 / 61 / 63 / 69 / 73 sts (back), place 43 / 47 / 51 / 55 / 59 sleeve sts on stitch holder and leave to rest, CO 5 / 6 / 9 / 7 / 9 new sts, work Little Bumblebee pattern on front sts to last 5 sts, k 5. 133 / 143 / 153 / 161 / 173 sts for front and back, which are to be worked together until end.

Next row (WS): K 5 (edge sts), place m, work 59 / 64 / 69 / 73 / 79 sts in Little Bumblebee pattern (front), place m, p 64 / 69 / 74 / 78 / 84 sts (back), place m, K 5 (edge sts).

Body

Row 1 (RS): K 5, slip m, k to next m (back), slip m, work sts in Little Bumblebee pattern to next m (front), slip m, K 5.

Row 2: K 5, slip m, work sts in Little Bumblebee pattern to next m (front), slip m, p to next m (back), slip m, K 5.

Rep the last 2 rows 3 more times.

Next row (Inc. row on RS): K 5, slip m, M1L, k to 1 st before next m (back), M1R, k 1, slip m, M1LP, work sts in Little Bumblebee pattern to next m (front), M1RP, slip m, K 5. 4 sts inc'd. 137 / 147 / 157 / 165 / 177 sts.

Continue in St st, pattern with buttonholes whilst working an inc row for every 2 cm a total of 4 / 6 / 6 / 8 / 8 times. 16 / 24 / 20 / 32 / 32 sts inc'd. 149 / 167 / 177 / 193 / 205 sts.

Now, you have 5 sts (edge sts), m, 67 / 76 / 81 / 89 / 95 sts in Little Bumblebee pattern (front), m, 72 / 81 / 86 / 94 / 100 sts (back), m, 5 sts (edge sts) on needle.

Continue without further shaping until the work measures 16 / 18 / 19 / 20 / 22 cm from the new sts beneath the arms ending on a RS row.

Next Row (WS): K 5, slip m, work sts in Little Bumblebee pattern to next m (front), slip m, p to next m (back), remove m, BO 5 sts.

Now you should have:

72 / 81 / 86 / 94 / 100 sts. for front and 72 / 81 / 86 / 94 / 100 sts. for back.

Work front and back separately.

Front

Work on the 72 / 81 / 86 / 94 / 100 front sts as follows:

Row 1 (RS): BO 3 / 3 / 2 / 2 / 2 sts, work sts in Little Bumblebee pattern to end of row.

Row 2: BO 3 / 3 / 3 / 3 / 3 sts, work sts in Little Bumblebee pattern to end of row.

Rep from * to * a total of 9 / 10 / 11 / 12 / 13 times.

18 / 21 / 21 / 23 / 23 sts.

Change to smaller needles.

Next row (RS): K all sts increasing 3 / 2 / 2 / 2 / 2 sts distributed all over the row. 21 / 23 / 23 / 25 / 25 sts.

Row 1 (WS): *p1, k1, rep from * to last st, p1.

Row 2: *k1, p1, rep from * to last st, k1.*

Row 3: *p1, k1, rep from * to last st, p1.

Row 4 (Buttonholes): Rib 5 / 6 / 6 / 7 / 7, yo, rib 2 tog., Rib 7, ssk, yo, rib 5 / 6 / 6 / 7 / 7.

Row 5: *p1, k1, rep from * to last st, p1.

BO all sts in rib.

Back

Work on the 72 / 81 / 86 / 94 / 100 back sts as follows:

Row 1 (RS): BO 3 / 3 / 2 / 2 / 2 sts, work sts in St st to end of row.

Row 2: BO 3 / 3 / 3 / 3 / 3 sts, work sts in St st to end of row.

Rep from * to * a total of 9 / 10 / 11 / 12 / 13 times.

18 / 21 / 21 / 23 / 23 sts.

Change to smaller needles.

Next row (RS): K all sts increasing 3 / 2 / 2 / 2 / 2 sts. distributed all over the row. 21 / 23 / 23 / 25 / 25 sts.

Row 1 (WS): *p1, k1, rep from * to last st, p1.

Row 2: *k1, p1, rep from * to last st, k1.*

Row 3: *p1, k1, rep from * to last st, p1.

Row 4: *k1, p1, rep from * to last st, k1.*

Row 5: *p1, k1, rep from * to last st, p1.

BO all sts in rib.

Sleeves

Place 43 / 47 / 51 / 55 / 59 sleeve sts on larger dpns.

Beg at centre new st beneath armhole, PUK 4 / 4 / 5 / 4 / 4 sts,

k 43 / 47 / 51 / 55 / 59, PUK 3 / 3 / 4 / 3 / 3 sts in remaining new sts beneath armhole. 7 / 7 / 9 / 7 / 7 sts inc'd. 50 / 54 / 60 / 62 / 66 sts.

Place a marker in 1st st (BOR) join and continue working St st in the round.

Work 1 / 1 / 3 / 3 / 3 cm.

Begin decreasing:

Dec rnd: k1, k2tog, k until 2 sts remain, SSK.

Work 2 / 2 / 1,5 / 1,5 / 1,5 cm in St st and rep the dec rnd.

Rep from * to * a total of 6 / 7 / 9 / 10 / 11 times.

12 / 14 / 18 / 20 / 22 sts dec'd. 38 / 40 / 42 / 42 / 44 sts.

Continue in St st until sleeve measures 12 / 14 / 16 / 18 / 20 cm measured from picked up sts beneath armhole.

Change to smaller dpns and work a rib edging as follows:

Round 1: *k1, p1, rep from * to end of round.

Work 5 more rounds in Rib.

BO all sts in rib.

Knit the second sleeve in the same manner.

Left leg opening band

With smaller needles and right side facing, rejoin yarn and pick up and knit approx 75 / 77 / 79 / 83 / 85 sts evenly along the leg edge.

Work 2 rows in Rib. (First row is WS).

Next row (Buttonhole row): Rib to last 5 sts, P2tog, yo, rib to end.

Work 2 rows in Rib.

BO all sts in rib.

Right leg opening band

With smaller needles and right side facing, rejoin yarn and pick up and knit approx 75 / 77 / 79 / 83 / 85 sts evenly along the leg edge.

Work 2 rows in Rib. (First row is WS).

Next row (Buttonhole row): Rib 3, yo, P2tog tbl, rib to end.

Work 2 rows in Rib.

BO all sts in rib.

Slip sts on 2,5 mm dpns and work as follows:

*Without turning needle, slide stitches to the opposite end of the needle and k4 pulling the working yarn across the back of the sts.

Rep from * until I-cord measures approx. 20 cm.

Last row: SK2P, k1, pass first st over last st.

Cut yarn and pull through last stitch.

FINISHING

With a slightly damp cloth and warm iron, press lightly on wrong side, taking care not to flatten.

Sew on buttons to correspond with buttonholes.

Weave in all ends.

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ABBREVIATIONS

beg beginning

BO bind off

BOR beginning of round

CO cast on

dec(s/'d) decrease(s)/decreased

dpns double pointed needles

g st garter stitch

GSR German Short Rows (See Stitches)

inc(s/'d) increase(s)/increased

k knit

k TS knit turnig stitch

knit 1 long: knit 1 st. 2 rows below: Bring yarn to back, insert right needle into stitch 2 rows below next stitch on left needle and knit 1, drop unworked stitch above.

k2tog knit 2 together: Insert the right needle from front to back into the next two stitches on the left needle and knit them together (1 decrease)

m marker

M1L make 1 left: with right needle, pick up running thread between needles from back to front and place it on left needle, then knit it through the back loop (1 increase).

M1LP make 1 left: with right needle, pick up running thread between needles from back to front and place it on left needle, then purl it through the back loop (1 increase).

M1RP make 1 right: with right needle, pick up running thread between needles from front to back, place on left needle, purl it through the front loop (1 increase).

M1R make 1 right: with right needle, pick up running thread between needles from front to back, place on left needle, knit it through the front loop (1 increase).

p purl

p2tog purl 2 together (1 decrease)

psso pass slipped stitch over

p TS purl turnig stitch

PUK pick up and knit

rep repeat

rnd round(s)

RS right side

SKP Slip one stitch knitwise, then knit the next stitch, pass the slipped stitch over the k1 and off the right needle (1 decrease).

sl slip

SSK slip slip knit: Insert your right needle into the first stitch on your left needle as if to knit, slip that stitch onto your right needle without knitting, insert your right needle into the next stitch as if to knit, and then slip it. Insert your left needle into those 2 stitches and knit them together through back loop (1 decrease).

St st stockinette stitch

st(s) stitch(es)

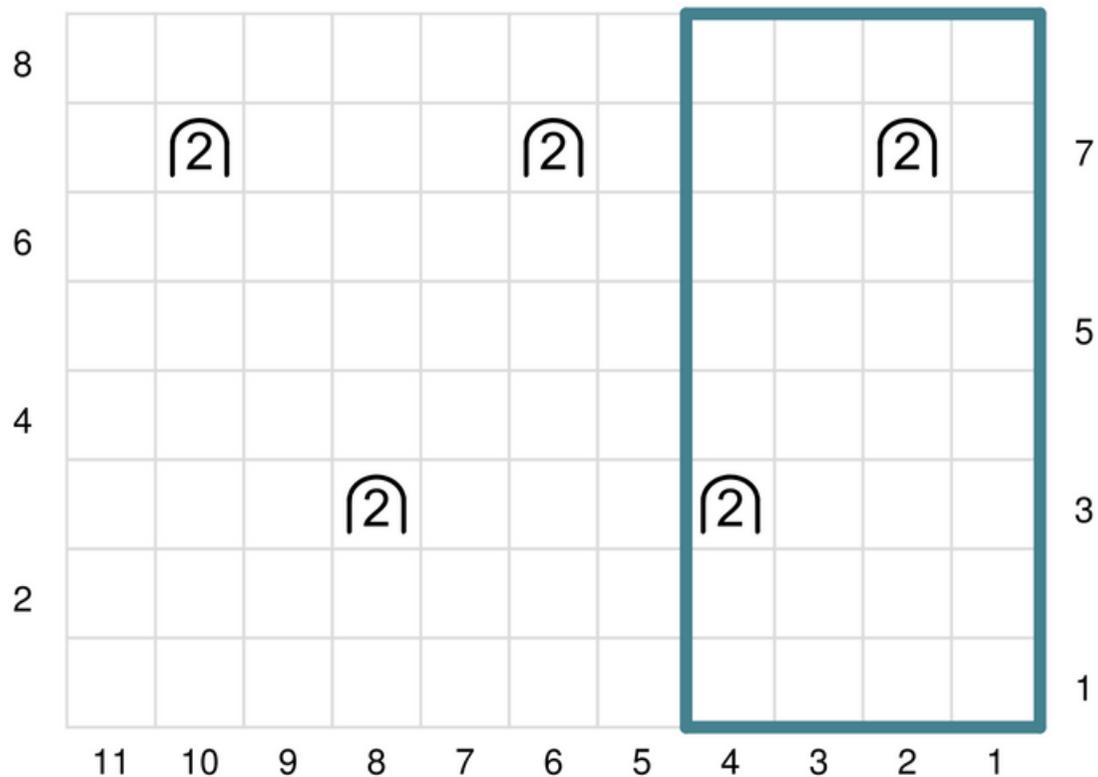
tog together

TS turning stitch

WS wrong side

yo yarn over: Bring the knitting yarn (the "over" strand) over the needle between the two stitches (1 increase).

Pattern: Flight of the Bumblebee



 Purl on RS, knit on WS

 Knit 2 below: Knit long stitch

 Pattern repeat