

PetiteKnit

ANKER'S SUIT



Sizes:	1-3 (3-6) 6-9 (9-12) 12-18 (18-24) months
Bust circumference:	51 (53) 56 (58) 60 (64) cm [20 (20¾) 22 (22¾) 23½ (25¼) inches]
Length:	Total length: 33 (35) 37 (38) 40 (43) cm [13 (13¾) 14½ (15) 15¾ (17) inches] Sleeve length: 16 (18) 19 (20) 22 (26) cm [6¼ (7) 7½ (8) 8¾ (10¼) inches]
Gauge:	28 sts x 38 rows = 10 x 10 cm [4 x 4 inches] in stockinette stitch on 3 mm [US2½] needles after blocking
Needles:	Circular needles: 3 mm [US2½] / 40 and 60 cm [16 and 24 inches] Double-pointed needles: 3 mm [US2½]
Materials:	100 (100) 100-150 (150) 150 (200) g Sunday by Sandnes Garn (50 g = 235 m [257 yds]), 4 (4) 5 (5) 5 (5) buttons (ø = 10 mm [approx. ½ inch]), 3 mm [US2½] crochet hook

PATTERN

Anker's Suit is worked from the top down. The yoke is worked in sections of rib followed by classic raglan increases. The romper is closed with buttons between the legs and with one button at the neck.

About raglan increases

The raglan increases are worked from the RS on either side of a central raglan stitch (which is worked like a normal stockinette stitch, i.e. knitted on the RS and purled on the WS). The raglan increases to the right of the central raglan stitch slant right (M1R), while the raglan increases to the left of the central raglan stitch slant left (M1L). These increases are worked as follows:

M1R: Insert left needle under the strand between the stitch that was just knit and the raglan stitch from back to front, then knit this strand as you would normally.

M1L: Insert left needle under the strand between the raglan stitch that was just knit and the next stitch from front to back, then knit this strand through the back loop (twisted).

Yoke

The first part of the yoke is worked back and forth on circular needles, to form the slit at the back of the neck. For the second part of the yoke, the stitches are joined to be worked in the round on the circular needles. Increases are worked throughout, first shaping a circular yoke then in classic raglan style. To create neat edges for the slit, the first and last stitch of every row should be worked extra tightly.

Cast on 61 (65) 65 (69) 73 (73) sts (not too tightly) on 3 mm [US2½] / 40 cm [16 inches] circular needles, with your preferred cast-on method. Change to a longer circular needle (60 cm [24 inches]) when necessary to accommodate the increasing number of sts.

The first row is a WS row and establishes the rib pattern. Work as follows:

Rib (WS): *P1, k1*, repeat from * to * until 1 stitch remains, p1.

Work 6 more rows back and forth in rib as established. End on a WS row, so the next row is a RS row.

Work 2 rows of stockinette stitch with increases as follows:

Row 1 (RS): *K2, yarn over*, repeat from * to * until 1 stitch remains, k1. There are now 91 (97) 97 (103) 109 (109) sts on the needles.

Row 2 (WS): Purl across 1 row, purling the yarn overs through the back loop.

You have now worked 1 rib segment.

Work 6 rows back and forth in (k1, p1) rib. Next row is a RS row.

Join to work in the round from the RS, while knitting together the first and last stitch of the row, and placing a marker for the beginning of the round. There are now 90 (96) 96 (102) 108 (108) sts on the needle. The beginning of the round is at the center of the back.

Work 2 rounds of stockinette stitch with increases as follows:

Round 1: *K3, yarn over*, repeat from * to * to end of round. There are now 120 (128) 128 (136) 144 (144) sts on the needles.

Round 2: Knit across 1 round, knitting the yarn overs through the back loop.

You have now worked 2 rib segments.

Work 6 rounds of (k1, p1) rib.

Work 2 rounds of stockinette stitch with increases as follows:

Round 1: *K4, yarn over*, repeat from * to * to end of round. There are now 150 (160) 160 (170) 180 (180) sts on the needles.

Round 2: Knit across 1 round, knitting the yarn overs through the back loop.

You have now worked 3 rib segments.

Work 6 rounds of (k1, p1) rib.

Work 2 rounds of stockinette stitch with increases as follows:

Round 1: *K5, yarn over*, repeat from * to * to end of round. There are now 180 (192) 192 (204) 216 (216) sts on the needles.

Round 2: Knit across 1 round, knitting the yarn overs through the back loop.

You have now worked 4 rib segments.

Size (9-12 months) 12-18 months (18-24 months) only:

Work 6 rounds of (k1, p1) rib.

Work 2 rounds of stockinette stitch with increases as follows:

Round 1: *K6, yarn over*, repeat from * to * to end of round. There are now (238) 252 (252) sts on the needles.

Round 2: Knit across 1 round, knitting the yarn overs through the back loop.

You have now worked 5 rib segments.

All sizes:

Work 6 rounds of (k1, p1) rib.

Knit across 1 round.

A total of 5 (5) 5 (6) 6 (6) rib segments have been worked and there are 180 (192) 192 (238) 252 (252) sts on the needles.

Raglan increases

The rest of the yoke is worked in stockinette stitch and shaped with raglan increases. Divide the work into sleeves, front and back by placing the following markers on either side of each of the 4 raglan sts (optionally, use markers of a different colour than the beginning of round marker), as follows:

27 (28) 28 (33) 35 (36) sts (right back), place marker, raglan st, place marker, 34 (38) 38 (50) 54 (52) sts (right sleeve), place marker, raglan st, place marker, 54 (56) 56 (67) 70 (72) sts (front), place marker, raglan st, place marker, 34 (38) 38 (50) 54 (52) sts (left sleeve), place marker, raglan st, place marker, 27 (28) 28 (34) 35 (36) sts (left back).

Work raglan increases every other round as follows:

*Knit across right back, M1R, knit the raglan stitch, M1L, knit across right sleeve, M1R, knit the raglan stitch, M1L, knit across front, M1R, knit the raglan stitch, M1L, knit across left sleeve, M1R, knit the raglan stitch, M1L, knit across left back. (8 sts have been increased). Knit across 1 round. *

Work from * to * a total of 5 (5) 7 (3) 3 (5) times. There are now 220 (232) 248 (262) 276 (292) sts on the needles.

Body

Now divide the sts into sleeves and body, while at the same time casting on new sts at each armhole as follows:

Knit 32 (33) 35 (36) 38 (41) sts (right back), knit the raglan stitch, place the next 44 (48) 52 (56) 60 (62) sts on a stitch holder or length of leftover yarn (right sleeve), cast on 6 (6) 6 (6) 6 (6) new sts at the underarm using the backward loop method, knit the raglan stitch, knit 64 (66) 70 (73) 76 (82) sts (front), knit the raglan stitch, place the next 44 (48) 52 (56) 60 (62) sts on a stitch holder or length of leftover yarn (left sleeve), cast on 6 (6) 6 (6) 6 (6) new sts at the underarm using the backward loop method, knit the raglan stitch, knit 32 (33) 35 (37) 38 (41) sts (left back).

There are now 144 (148) 156 (162) 168 (180) sts on the needles for the body. Place markers in the middle of the 6 (6) 6 (6) 6 (6) new sts cast on at the underarms. The beginning of the round is now at the marker in the middle of the right underarm.

Work 9 (10) 11 (12) 13 (14) cm [$3\frac{1}{2}$ (4) $4\frac{1}{4}$ ($4\frac{3}{4}$) 5 ($5\frac{1}{2}$) inches] in stockinette stitch in the round, measured from the underarm.

Now work short rows to create extra room in the back of the suit. I recommend the *German Short Rows* technique (see video of the technique on www.petiteknit.com). Beginning at the right side marker, work as follows:

*Knit to 20 (25) 25 (25) 30 (30) sts before the right side marker, turn, purl to 20 (25) 25 (25) 30 (30) sts before the left side marker, turn. *

Work from * to * a total of 4 (5) 5 (5) 6 (6) times, **but each time** turn 5 sts after the last turn (i.e. 5 sts closer to the marker).

Continue in the round in stockinette stitch until the work measures 19 (20) 21 (22) 23 (24) cm [7 (7½) 7¾ (8¼) 8¾ (9½) inches] measured from the underarm.

Leg openings

Now divide the work into front and back and finish each section separately. Beginning at the right side marker, work as follows: Bind off 8 sts, knit 56 (58) 62 (65) 68 (74) sts (front), bind off 8 sts, knit 72 (74) 78 (81) 84 (90) sts (back).

Now finish the back, working back and forth in stockinette stitch. Start by purling across a WS row. Now bind off sts as follows:

Bind off 2 sts, work stockinette stitch to end of row, repeat from * to * a total of 28 (28) 28 (30) 30 (32) times. There are now 16 (18) 22 (21) 24 (26) sts on the needles.

Work 2 rows in stockinette stitch. The next row is a RS row.

Work 6 rows back and forth in (k1, p1) rib. Bind off in established rib pattern.

Now finish the front, working back and forth in stockinette stitch. Join a new thread and prepare to work from the WS. Start by purling across a WS row. Now bind off sts as follows:

Bind off 2 sts, work stockinette stitch to end of row, repeat from * to * a total of 20 (20) 20 (22) 22 (24) times. There are now 16 (18) 22 (21) 24 (26) sts on the needles.

Work 2 rows in stockinette stitch. The next row is a RS row.

Work 6 rows back and forth in (k1, p1) rib. Bind off in established rib pattern.

RS facing, pick up and knit approx. 67 (69) 69 (73) 73 (77) sts along one leg opening, including the ends of the rib edges on front and back (the number of sts indicated corresponds to picking up and knitting 1 stitch for every stitch along the edge). Work 5 rows back and forth in (k1, p1) rib. Bind off in established rib pattern. Work the other leg opening identically.

Sleeves

The sleeves are worked in the round on 3 mm [US2½] double-pointed needles (or using the Magic Loop technique).

Place the sts on hold for one sleeve back on the needles. Pick up and knit 6 (6) 6 (6) 6 (6) sts in the 6 (6) 6 (6) 6 (6) sts that were cast on at the underarm on the body. There are a total of 50 (54) 58 (62) 66 (68) sts on the needles. Place a marker for the beginning of the round in the middle of the sts that were picked up at the underarm.

Work in the round in stockinette stitch until the sleeve measures 13 (15) 16 (17) 19 (23) cm [5 (6) 6¼ (6¾) 7½ (9) inches] from the underarm, while **at the same time** decreasing 2 sts every 9th (9th) 8th (7th) 7th (7th) round a total of 5 (6) 7 (9) 10 (11) times, as follows: K1, k2tog, knit until 3 sts remain, k2tog tbl, k1.

There are now 40 (42) 44 (44) 46 (46) sts on the needles. Work 6 rounds of (k1, p1) rib. Bind off in established rib pattern. Work the other sleeve identically.

Finishing and buttonholes

Crochet a little button loop at the top of the slit on the back and sew a little button on the opposite edge.

Create 3 (3) 4 (4) 4 (4) buttonholes in the front rib edge between the legs, as follows:

Mark the placement of the buttonholes evenly across the rib. The first and last buttonholes are placed approx. 0.5 cm [¼ inch] from the edges. Using a large knitting needle, expand a stitch where you want to place a buttonhole, then sew buttonhole stitches around the edge of the hole with a bit of leftover yarn. This creates a buttonhole that will not expand with use.

Sew buttons on across from the buttonholes on the back rib edge between the legs.

Weave in all ends.

Abbreviations

k	knit
k2tog	decrease; knit two stitches together
p	purl
RS	right side of your work
st(s)	stitch(es)
tbl	through the back loop
WS	wrong side of your work

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