



# Lille Dahlia

The Lille Dahlia pattern includes instructions for a cardigan, a top, a sweater, a dress and a romper suit to fit ages 3 month to 4 years

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## Cardigan

Chest: 19 $\frac{1}{4}$  (21 $\frac{1}{2}$ , 23 $\frac{1}{4}$ , 26, 27 $\frac{1}{2}$ ) in / 48 (54, 58, 65, 69) cm

Total length: 9 $\frac{1}{2}$  (10 $\frac{3}{4}$ , 12, 13 $\frac{1}{2}$ , 14 $\frac{3}{4}$ ) in / 24 (27, 30, 34, 37) cm

## Top

Chest: 18 (20 $\frac{1}{2}$ , 21 $\frac{1}{2}$ , 23 $\frac{1}{4}$ , 24 $\frac{1}{2}$ ) in / 45 (51, 54, 58, 61) cm

Total length: 9 $\frac{1}{4}$  (10 $\frac{1}{2}$ , 12, 13 $\frac{1}{2}$ , 14 $\frac{3}{4}$ ) in / 23 (26, 30, 34, 37) cm

## Sweater

Chest: 18 $\frac{3}{4}$  (21 $\frac{1}{2}$ , 23 $\frac{1}{4}$ , 25 $\frac{1}{2}$ , 26 $\frac{3}{4}$ ) in / 47 (54, 58, 64, 67) cm

Total length: 9 $\frac{1}{2}$  (10 $\frac{3}{4}$ , 12, 13 $\frac{1}{2}$ , 14 $\frac{3}{4}$ ) in / 24 (27, 30, 34, 37) cm

## Dress

Chest: 17 $\frac{1}{2}$  (19 $\frac{1}{2}$ , 21 $\frac{1}{4}$ , 23 $\frac{1}{4}$ , 24 $\frac{1}{2}$ ) in / 44 (49, 53, 58, 61) cm

Total length: 12 (13 $\frac{1}{2}$ , 15 $\frac{1}{2}$ , 17 $\frac{1}{4}$ , 18 $\frac{3}{4}$ ) in / 30 (34, 39, 43, 47) cm

## Romper suit

Chest: 18 (20 $\frac{1}{2}$ , 21 $\frac{1}{2}$ , 23 $\frac{1}{4}$ , 24 $\frac{1}{2}$ ) in / 45 (51, 54, 58, 61) cm

Total length: 12 (13 $\frac{1}{2}$ , 15 $\frac{1}{4}$ , 17 $\frac{1}{4}$ , 18 $\frac{3}{4}$ ) in / 30 (34, 38, 43, 47) cm

## Yarn

These patterns are all worked with yarn knitted at a gauge of 27 sts = 4 in/10 cm.

The yarn amounts listed below are based on yarn with approximately 215 yds/ 200 m per 50 g for the cardigan, top, sweater and dress and approximately 190 yds/ 175 m per 50 g for the romper suit.

If your chosen yarn has a lesser yardage, you will need to purchase more balls of yarn.

Cardigan: Approx 2 (2, 2, 3, 3) balls

Top: Approx 2 (2, 2, 2, 2) balls

Sweater: Approx 2 (2, 2, 3, 3) balls

Dress: Approx 3 (3, 3, 4, 5) balls

Romper suit: Approx 2 (2, 3, 3, 4) balls

## Buttons

Cardigan: 7 buttons.

Top, sweater and dress: 1 button.

Romper suit: 4 buttons.

## Recommended needles

Double pointed needles U.S. size 1-2 and 2-3 / 2½ and 3 mm.

Circular needles U.S size 1-2 and 2-3, 24 in / 2½ and 3 mm, 60 cm.

Adjust needle sizes to obtain gauge if necessary.

## Gauge/tension

27 sts in St st on larger needles = 4 in / 10 cm

## Abbreviations

beg	beginning
BO	bind off (= British cast off)
cm	centimeter(s)
CO	cast on
dpns	double pointed needles
g	gram(s)
in	inch(es)
k	knit
k2tog	knit 2 together (right-slanting decrease)
m	meter(s)
M	marker or marked stitch
M1	make 1 = lift strand between 2 sts and knit into back loop
M1-L	make 1 (see above) – work the new st slanting to the left (see page 19)
M1-R	make 1 (see above) – work the new st slanting to the right (see page 19)
mm	millimeter(s)
p	purl
p2tog	purl 2 together
PM	place marker
psso	pass slipped stitch(es) over
rep	repeat
rnd	round(s)
RS	right side
sl	slip
SM	slip marker
ssk	slip, slip, knit (left-slanting decrease)= sl 1 knitwise, sl 1 knitwise, knit together tbl
st(s)	stitch(es)
St st	stockinette (= British stocking) stitch = knit on RS and purl on WS
tbl	through back loop(s)
WS	wrong side
Yd(s)	yard(s)
yo	yarn over

## Basic information

### Measurements

The chest sizes mentioned above concern the finished work NOT the person wearing it.

All Lille Dahlia garments are made with yarn that knits to a gauge of 27 sts in stockinette = 4 in / 10 cm on needles U.S. sizes 2-3 / 3 mm. That means you can knit with exactly the fibers you like best – wool, cotton, silk, alpaca, or a blend.

The models shown were made using the following yarns:

### Cardigan

2 (2, 2, 3, 3) balls of Sandnes Garn Alpakka Silke, color: 4244, dark rose/pink. 70% baby alpaca, 30% mulberrysilk. 50 g = 215 yds / 200 m.

### Top

1 (2, 2, 2, 2) balls of Sandnes Garn Alpakka Silke, color: 7521, light grey/blue. 70% baby alpaca, 30% mulberrysilk. 50 g = 215 yds / 200 m.

### Sweater

2 (2, 2, 3, 3) balls of Sandnes Garn Alpakka Silke, color: 3511, powder/pink. 70% baby alpaca, 30% mulberrysilk. 50 g = 215 yds / 200 m.

### Dress

3 (3, 3, 4, 5) balls of Sandnes Garn Alpakka Silke, color: 3511, powder/pink. 70% baby alpaca, 30% mulberrysilk. 50 g = 215 yds / 200 m.

### Romper suit

2 (2, 3, 3, 4) balls of Sandnes Garn Tynn Merinoull, color: 1042, grey. 100% merinowool. 50 g = 190 yds / 175 m.

## Needles and Gauge

My suggestions for needle size are, just that, suggestions. Your choice of yarn and whether you knit tightly or loosely are factors that will determine if you need U.S. size 4 / 3.5 mm needles or U.S. size 1-2 / 2.5 mm needles instead of U.S. size 2-3 / 3 mm. If you want to be sure you obtain the same measurements as given in the patterns, you should first knit a gauge swatch to make certain that your gauge is the same as given in the instructions. If the precise size of the garment isn't very important – always a possibility with baby garments – you might want to just start knitting and make adjustments as you work. If your knitting makes the garment a bit wider than the finished measurements given in the pattern, you can simply knit the piece a bit longer so that the relation between the width and length are proportionate.



## Lille Dahlia cardigan

### Yoke

Work from top down. Using smaller circular needle CO 83 (91, 91, 99, 99) sts.

**Row 1 (WS):** K1 (= edge st), \*p1, k1, rep from \* to end (last st = edge st).

**Row 2:** K1, \*k1, p1, rep from \* to last 2 sts, k2.

**Row 3, 5 and 7:** Work as for row 1.

**Row 4 and 6:** Work as for row 2.

Change to larger circular needle.

**Next (8th) row (RS):** K1 (edge st), work first st on chart, work pattern repeat (= next 8 sts inside the brackets) 9 (10, 10, 11, 11) times, work last 8 sts on chart, k1 (edge st). Edge sts are NOT shown on the chart, they are worked in garter st on all following rows.

Continue working from chart ending with RS row 31 = 193 (212, 212, 231, 231) sts. The yoke now measures approx 3¼ in / 8 cm.

Continue in St st and place markers as follows: Count the first 27 (30, 30, 34, 34) sts (= front), PM; the next 42 (46, 46, 47, 47) sts (= sleeve), PM; the next 55 (60, 60, 69, 69) sts (= back), PM; the next 42 (46, 46, 47, 47) sts (= sleeve), PM; the next 27 (30, 30, 34, 34) sts (= front). Purl 1 row.

**Next (increase) row (RS):** \*K to 1 st before M, M1-R, k1, SM, k1, M1-L, rep from \* 3 times, k to end (see how to work M1-R and M1-L on last page).

Rep the increase row on the following 1 (2, 3, 4, 5) RS rows = 209 (236, 244, 271, 279) sts.

Place the sleeve sts on a thread for later. Continue working the fronts and back in one piece.

### Fronts and back

K left front sts, CO 6 (6, 8, 8, 11) sts, k back sts, CO 6 (6, 8, 8, 11) sts, k right front sts = 129 (144, 152, 173, 183) sts in total.

Work in St st approx 3¼ (4½, 5¼, 6½, 7½) in / 8 (11, 13, 16, 19) cm, measured from beneath the sleeve (the cardigan measures approx 8¾ (10, 11¼, 12¾, 14) in / 22 (25, 28, 32, 35) cm in total), ending with a WS row. Change to smaller circular needle and work an increase row:

**Next (increase) row:** \*K12 (12, 10, 11, 10), M1, rep from \* 10 (11, 15, 14, 18) times, k9 (12, 2, 19, 3) = 139 (155, 167, 187, 201) sts.

Rib row 1 (WS): K1 (= edge st), \*p1, k1, rep from \* to end (last st = edge st).

Rib row 2: K1, \*k1, p1, rep from \* to last 2 sts, k2.

Repeat row 1 and 2 until rib measures ¾ in / 2 cm. BO in rib.

## Sleeves

Place sleeve sts from thread on larger dpns. Pick up and knit 7 (6, 8, 8, 10) sts along the CO sts between the front and back = 53 (58, 62, 65, 69) sts in total. \*\*\* Join in the round and PM around the centre st / at the centre of the new sts (= M) to mark the beginning of the rnd.

Work  $\frac{1}{2}$  ( $\frac{1}{2}$ , 1,  $\frac{1}{2}$ ,  $1\frac{1}{4}$ ) in / 1 (1,  $2\frac{1}{2}$ , 1, 3) cm in St st.

**Next (decrease) round:** k1, k2tog, k to last 2 sts, ssk.

Rep the decrease rnd every 1 (1, 1,  $1\frac{1}{4}$ ,  $1\frac{1}{4}$ ) in /  $2\frac{1}{2}$  ( $2\frac{1}{2}$ ,  $2\frac{1}{2}$ , 3, 3) cm another 4 (5, 5, 6, 6) times = 43 (46, 50, 51, 55) sts.

Continue in St st without further shaping until the sleeve measures  $4\frac{3}{4}$  ( $5\frac{1}{2}$ ,  $6\frac{3}{4}$ , 8,  $9\frac{3}{4}$ ) in / 12 (14, 17, 20, 24) cm working a decrease rnd on the last round as follows:

**Decrease round:** K3 (3, 0, 3, 0), \*k2, k2tog, rep from \* 8 (9, 11, 10, 12) times, k4 (3, 2, 4, 3) = 34 (36, 38, 40, 42) sts. Change to smaller dpns and work a rib edging:

**Rib round:** \*k1, p1, rep from \* to end.

Rep the rib rnd until the rib edging measures approx  $\frac{3}{4}$  in / 2 cm. BO in rib.

## Finishing

Left front edging: With RS facing using smaller circular needle pick up and knit approx 3 sts per 4 rows along the left front edge. The total number of sts must be an odd number.

**Row 1 (WS):** P1, \*k1, p1, rep from \* to end of row.

**Row 2:** K1, \*p1, k1 rep from \* to end of row.

Work rows 1 and 2 a total of 4 times – BO in rib on the final row.

Place markers for 7 buttons evenly spaced, with the lower button placed next to the centre of the bottom rib edging, and the top button next to the centre of the neck rib edging.

Right front edging: Work the right front edging as for the left, but work 7 buttonholes to match the markers evenly spaced on the 3rd row.

Buttonhole: BO 2 sts. On the following row CO 2 new sts over each gap.

Block the cardigan by washing it gently and laying it out flat according to size; leave until completely dry.

Sew on buttons.



## Lille Dahlia top

### Yoke

Work from top down. Using smaller circular needle CO 81 (89, 89, 97, 97) sts.

**Rib row 1 (WS):** \*P1, k1, rep from \* to last st, p1.

**Rib row 2:** \*K1, p1, rep from \* to last st, k1.

Rib rows 3, 5 and 7: As for rib row 1.

Rib rows 4 and 6: As for rib row 2.

Change to larger circular needle. Pattern the 81 (89, 89, 97, 97) sts according to the first 20 rows on the chart = 181 (199, 199, 217, 217) sts.

Now join in the round knitting the first and the last st together (= this stitch is now the 1<sup>st</sup> st of the round and the centre of the back) = 180 (198, 198, 216, 216) sts.

Continue working from the chart but now in the round (= 10 (11, 11, 12, 12) pattern repeats) until all 31 rows on the chart have been worked = 190 (209, 209, 228, 228) sts\*\*.

Work 2 rnds in St st. Now work a rib edging over the sleeve sts, and continue working the front and back sts in St st:

**Next (rib) round:** K27 (31, 31, 34, 34), \*p1, [k1, p1] 20 (21, 21, 23, 23) times\*, k54 (61, 61, 66, 66), rep from \* to \* across the other 41 (43, 43, 47, 47) sleeve sts, k27 (31, 31, 34, 34).

Rep the rib rnd another 3 times.

**Next round:** K27 (31, 31, 34, 34), BO 41 (43, 43, 47, 47) sts in rib, k54 (61, 61, 66, 66), BO 41 (43, 43, 47, 47) sts in rib, k27 (31, 31, 34, 34).

Now continue working the front and back in one piece:

### Front and back

K27 (31, 31, 34, 34), CO 7 (7, 11, 11, 15) sts, k54 (61, 61, 66, 66), CO 7 (7, 11, 11, 15) sts, k27 (31, 31, 34, 34) = 122 (137, 145, 156, 164) sts in total.

**Next (rib) round:** K27 (31, 31, 34, 34), \*p1, [k1, p1] 3 (3, 5, 5, 7) times\*, k54 (61, 61, 66, 66), rep from \* to \* across the other 7 (7, 11, 11, 15) new sts, k27 (31, 31, 34, 34).

Rep the rib rnd another 4 times.

Now work all sts in St st until the top measures 8½ (9¾, 11¼, 12¾, 14) in / 21 (24, 28, 32, 35) cm in total whilst increasing on the last rnd:

**Increase round:** \*K10 (10, 11, 11, 10), M1, rep from \* 11 (12, 12, 13, 15) times, k2 (7, 2, 2, 4) = 134 (150, 158, 170, 180) sts. Change to smaller circular needle.

**Next (rib) round:** \*k1, p1, rep from \* to end.

Rep the rib rnd until the rib edging measures ¾ in / 2 cm. BO in rib.

### Finishing

Crochet a button loop on one side of the neck opening using chain sts. Block the top by washing it gently and laying it out flat according to size; leave until completely dry. Sew a button to the opposite side.



## Lille Dahlia sweater

Work as for the top until \*\*.

Place markers as follows: Count 27 (30, 30, 33, 33) sts (= back), PM; 42 (45, 45, 48, 48) sts (= sleeve), PM; 53 (60, 60, 66, 66) sts (= front), PM; 42 (45, 45, 48, 48) sts (= sleeve), PM; 26 (29, 29, 33, 33) sts (= back).

Continue in St st whilst increasing at each mark as follows:

**Increase round:** \*K to 1 st before M, M1-R, k1, SM, k1, M1-L, rep from \* 3 times, k to end = 8 new sts.

Work the increase rnd on alternate rnds a total of 2 (3, 4, 5, 6) times = 206 (233, 241, 268, 276) sts. Remove the 4 markers while placing the sleeve sts on a thread for later. Continue working the back and front in one piece.

### Back and front

K29 (33, 34, 38, 39) (= back), CO 7 (7, 11, 9, 11) sts, k 57 (66, 68, 76, 78) sts, CO 7 (7, 11, 9, 11) sts, k28 (32, 33, 38, 39) = 128 (145, 157, 170, 178) sts in total.

Work St st in the round until the side of the sweater measures approx 3¼ (4½, 5¼, 6½, 7½) in / 8 (11, 13, 16, 19) cm (the sweater measures approx 8¾ (10, 11¼, 12¾, 14) in / 22 (25, 28, 32, 35) cm in total). Change to smaller circular needle.

**Next (increase) round:** \*K10 (11, 10, 8, 8), M1, rep from \* 11 (12, 14, 19, 21) times, k8 (3, 7, 10, 2) = 140 (158, 172, 190, 200) sts.

**Next (rib) round:** \*k1, p1, rep from \* to end.

Rep the rib rnd until the rib measures ¾ in / 2 cm. BO in rib.

### Sleeves

Place sleeve sts from thread on larger dpns and pick up and knit 7 (7, 9, 7, 9) sts along the CO sts between the front and back = 53 (58, 62, 65, 69) sts in total. Work the rest of the sleeve as for the cardigan sleeve from \*\*\*

### Finishing

Crochet a button loop on one side of the neck opening using chain sts. Block the sweater by washing it gently and laying it out flat according to size; leave until completely dry. Sew a button to the opposite side.



## Lille Dahlia dress

Work as for the top until \*\*.

K 1 round.

Place markers as follows: Count 25 (29, 29, 32, 32) sts (= back), PM; 44 (48, 47, 50, 50) sts (= sleeve), PM; 52 (56, 58, 64, 64) sts (= front), PM; 44 (48, 47, 50, 50) sts (= sleeve), PM; 25 (28, 28, 32, 32) sts (= back).

Work in St st whilst increasing at each mark (M) as follows:

**Increase round:** \*K to 1 st before M, M1-R, k1, SM, k1, M1-L, rep from \* 3 times, k to end = 8 new sts.

Rep the increase rnd on alternate rnds another 0 (1, 3, 4, 5) time(s) = 198 (225, 241, 268, 276) sts.

Place sleeve sts on a thread for later. Continue working the skirt.

## Skirt

K26 (31, 33, 37, 38), CO 6 (6, 6, 4, 6) sts, k54 (60, 66, 74, 76), CO 6 (6, 6, 4, 6) sts, k26 (30, 32, 37, 38) = 118 (133, 143, 156, 164) sts.

Place a marker at the centre of the new sts at each side (= side-M) and place a marker (M) at each side of the 34 (38, 44, 48, 50) centre front sts and each side of the 34 (37, 43, 48, 50) centre back sts. There are now 2 side-M's (marking the sides) and 4 M's (framing the centre sts of both front and back).

Join for working in the round, the first side-M marks the beg of the rnd.

Work in St st whilst increasing at all marks as follows:

**Increase round:** \*K1, M1-L, k to M, M1-R, SM, k to next M, SM, M1-L, k to 1 st before side-M, M1-R, k1, slip side-M, rep from \* once more (= 8 new sts).

Work the increase rnd every approx  $\frac{3}{4}$  ( $\frac{3}{4}$ , 1, 1,  $1\frac{1}{4}$ ) in / 2 (2,  $2\frac{1}{2}$ ,  $2\frac{1}{2}$ , 3) cm a total of 7 (8, 9, 10, 11) times = 174 (195, 215, 236, 252) sts.

Continue in St st without further shaping until the skirt measures approx  $7\frac{1}{4}$  ( $8\frac{1}{2}$ , 10,  $11\frac{1}{4}$ ,  $12\frac{1}{2}$ ) in / 18 (21, 25, 28, 31) cm = total length. Change to smaller circular needle.

P 1 round to make a ridge.

Work  $1\frac{1}{4}$  in / 3 cm in St st. BO all sts.

## Sleeves

Place sleeve sts from thread on larger dpns then pick up and knit 7 (6, 7, 5, 7) sts along the CO sts between the front and back = 53 (58, 62, 65, 69) sts. Work the rest of the sleeve as for the cardigan sleeve from \*\*\*

## Finishing

Fold the  $1\frac{1}{4}$  in / 3 cm at the bottom (below the ridge) to the WS and seam the edging into place. Crochet a button loop on one side of the neck opening using chain sts. Block the dress by washing it gently and laying it out flat according to size; leave until completely dry. Sew a button to the opposite side.





## Lille Dahlia romper suit

Work as for the top until \*\*.

Work 2 rnds in St st.

Now work a rib edging over the sleeve sts, and continue in St st over the sts for the front and back: **Rib round:** K27 (31, 31, 34, 34), \*p1, [k1, p1] 20 (21, 21, 23, 23) times\*, k54 (61, 61, 67, 67), rep from \* to \* across the other 41 (43, 43, 47, 47) sleeve sts, k27 (31, 31, 33, 33).

Rep the rib rnd another 4 times.

**Next round:** K27 (31, 31, 34, 34), BO 41 (43, 43, 47, 47) sts, k54 (61, 61, 67, 67), BO 41 (43, 43, 47, 47) sts, k27 (31, 31, 33, 33).

**Next round:** K27 (31, 31, 34, 34), CO 7 (7, 11, 11, 15) sts, k54 (61, 61, 67, 67), CO 7 (7, 11, 11, 15) sts, k27 (31, 31, 33, 33) = 122 (137, 145, 156, 164) sts.

**Next (rib) round:** K27 (31, 31, 34, 34), \*p1, [k1, p1] 3 (3, 5, 5, 7) times\*, k54 (61, 61, 67, 67), rep from \* to \* across the other 7 (7, 11, 11, 15) new sts, k27 (31, 31, 33, 33).

Rep the rib rnd another 3 times.

Place a marker (M) around the centre new st at each side. The M in one side marks the beginning of the round.

Work ½ in / 1 cm in St st.

**Next (increase) round:** K1 (= M), M1-L, k to M, M1-R, k1 (= M), M1-L, k to end, M1-R = 4 new sts.

Work the increase rnd every approx ¾ in / 2 cm a total of 6 (7, 8, 9, 10) times = 146 (165, 177, 192, 204) sts.

Continue in St st without further shaping until the work measures 6½ (6¾, 7¼, 8, 9½) in / 16 (17, 18, 20, 24) cm from the new sts beneath the arms. BO the 2 Ms (RMs at both sides) and continue working the front and back separately.

### Front

= 72 (81, 87, 95, 101) sts. BO 3 sts at beg of following 18 (20, 22, 24, 26) rows = 18 (21, 21, 23, 23) sts. Change to smaller needles.

**Next (increase) row (RS):** \*k6 (10, 10, 10, 10), M1, rep from \* 2 (1, 1, 1, 1) time(s), ko (1, 1, 3, 3) = 21 (23, 23, 25, 25) sts.

**Rib row 1 (WS):** \*p1, k1, rep from \* to last st, p1.

**Rib row 2:** \*k1, p1, rep from \* to last st, k1.

Rep rib rows 1 and 2 until rib edging measures 1 in / 2½ cm. BO in rib.

### Back

= 72 (82, 88, 95, 101) sts. BO 3 sts at beg of following 18 (20, 22, 24, 26) rows = 18 (22, 22, 23, 23) sts.

Work 1¼ (1½, 1½, 2, 2) in / 3 (4, 4, 5, 5) cm in St st – ending with a WS row. Change to smaller needles.

**Next (increase) row (RS):** \*k6 (11, 11, 10, 10), M1, rep from \* 2 (0, 0, 1, 1) time(s), ko (11, 11, 3, 3) = 21 (23, 23, 25, 25) sts.

**Rib row 1 (WS):** \*p1, k1, rep from \* to last st, p1.

**Rib row 2:** \*k1, p1, rep from \* to last st, k1.

Rep rib rows 1 and 2 until rib edging measures 1 in / 2½ cm – but work a buttonhole at the centre of the row when the rib edging measures approx ½ in / 1 cm. Buttonhole: BO 1 st. On the following row make a yarn over at the gap.  
BO in rib.

### Leg rib edging

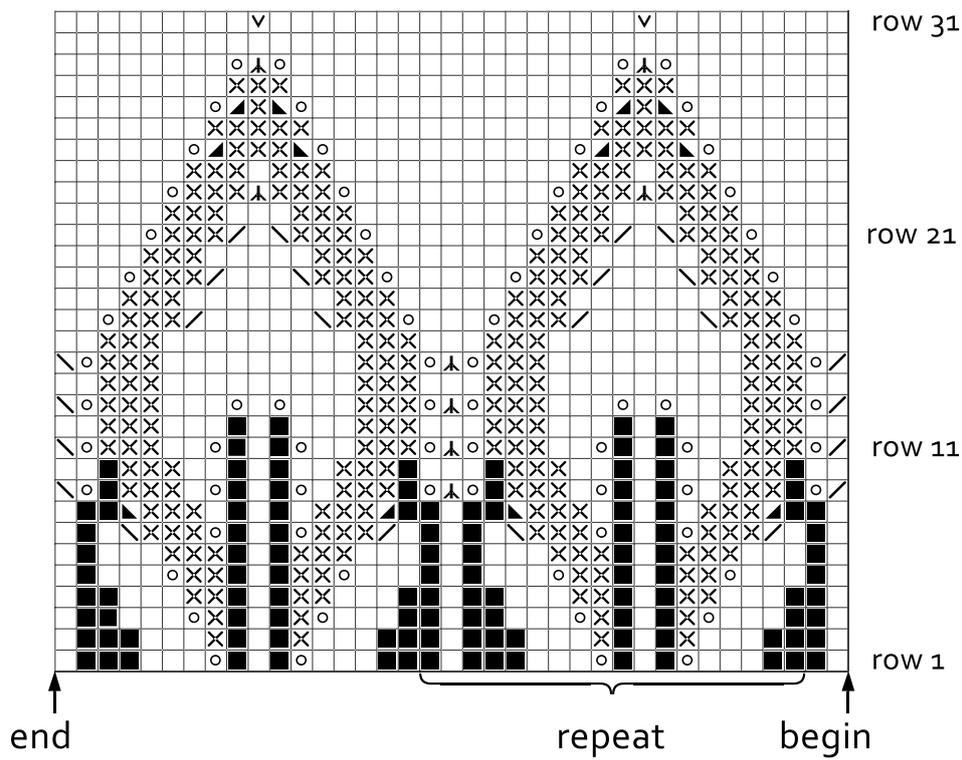
With RS facing, using smaller needles pick up and knit approx 75 (77, 79, 83, 85) sts along the leg edge.

Work rib rows 1 and 2 (see above) until the rib edging measures 1 in / 2½ cm – but work a buttonhole (as described above) at the back corner of the rib when the edging measures approx ½ in / 1 cm. BO in rib.

Work the other leg rib edging to match.

### Finishing

Crochet a button loop on one side of the neck opening using chain sts. Block the romper suit by washing it gently and laying it out flat according to size; leave until completely dry. Sew a button to the opposite side.



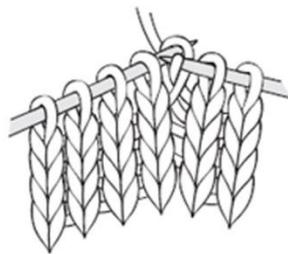
- Knit on RS, purl on WS.
- Purl on RS, knit on WS.
- Yarn over.
- K2tog.
- SSK.
- Sl 1 knitwise, k2tog, pssso.
- P2tog.
- P2tog tbl.
- Knit into the front and back loop of the stitch (making 1 new stitch).
- No stitch, skip and work the next symbol on the chart.

## Increasing symmetrically

When increase shaping needs to look symmetrical, different types of increase stitches can be worked on the right side and on the left side of piece. To make the new stitch lean towards the right or the left, you pick up and twist the strand of yarn accordingly - see the following drawings.

**M1-R:** Use the left hand needle to pick up the strand between the last stitch worked and the next stitch on the left needle *from the back*, knit this strand, left to right, through the *the front loop*.

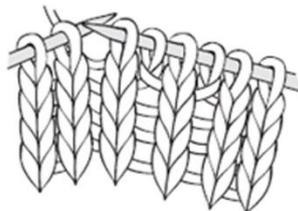
**M1-L:** Use the left hand needle to pick up the strand between the between the last stitch worked and the first stitch on the left needle *from the front*, knit this strand, right to left, through the a back loop.



M1-R = Right slanting increase



M1-L = Left slanting increase



M1-R and M1-L with  
a marked stitch in between