FLUTTER BUTTSHORTS

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Flirty shorts so fun and frilly u will feel like u can fly! Pair it with the coordinating #FlutterButtshirt and make it a #FlutterButtset.

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SIZES: **XS (S, M, L, 1X){2X, 3X, 4X, 5X} to fit a waist measurement of:**

23-24 (25-26.5, 28-30, 32-34, 36-38){40-42, 44-45, 46-47, 49-50}"

58.5-61 (63.5-67.5, 71-76, 81.5-86.5, 91.5-96.5){101.5-106.5, 111.5-114, 116.5-119, 124-127}cm

Actual measurement of finished garment at waist:
23 (25, 28, 32, 36){40, 44, 46, 49}"
58.5 (63.5, 71, 81.5, 91.5){101.5, 112, 117, 124.5}cm

Actual measurement of finished garment at hip:
45 (47, 50, 54, 58){64, 66, 68, 73}"
114.5 (119.5, 127, 137, 147.5){162.5, 167.5, 172.5, 185.5}cm

Actual measurement of finished garment at thigh:
26 (27, 29, 31, 33.5){36.5, 38, 39, 40}"
66 (68.5, 73.5, 78.5, 85){92.5, 96.5, 99, 101.5}cm

I recommend choosing a size with -6-0"/-15-0cm at the waist. For a very loose and relaxed fit, choose a finished garment waist size that is 0-2" / 0-5cm smaller than your waist measurement at the point where you would like the waistband to hit. For a slightly more fitted style with less ease in the thigh, choose a finished garment waist size that is 3-6" / 8-15cm smaller than your waist measurement at the point where you would like the waistband to hit. If you are already knitting the smallest size and would like a more fitted pair of shorts, use a smaller needle and knit the shorts at a gauge of 20 st /4" for a 21"/53cm waist.

Suggested Needles: US 8 – 5.0 mm circular needles

If you are not using magic loop, you will also need a 16-24" circular needle for the legs.

Gauge: 18 sts & 25 rows per 4x4" square in stockinette in the round, blocked

Yardage: 475-570 (525-630, 550-660, 600-720, 650-780){700-840, 750-900, 850-1020, 900-1080} yds

434-521 (480-576, 503-603, 548-658, 594-713){640-768, 686-823, 777-932, 823-987}m

Suggested Yarn: Modus Operandi Silky Fingering (438yds/100g, 70/30
                            SW Merino & Silk, single ply)

Techniques: knitting in the round, provisional cast on, i-cord, increasing,
decreasing, holding stitches

Construction: The piece is worked from the top down, beginning with a
provisional cast on for a folded waistband. Shorts are worked top down. Legs
are separated, sts are cast on for the crotch for each leg. Sts are picked up
from the crotch of the first leg when knitting the second leg to join.

Materials: fingering weight yarn, circular needles, stitch markers, scrap yarn
or stitch holders, removable stitch markers, additional circular needle for
fold over waistband, (optional) crochet hook if using crocheted provisional
cast on, darning needle

Abbreviations
BOR – beginning of round
CO – cast on
Inc. - increased
K– knit
K2tog - knit 2 stitches together (right leaning decrease)
K3tog – knit 3 stitches together
LLI – Left Lifted Increase: Using the left needle, lift the left leg of the stitch two rows below the first stitch on the right needle onto the left needle from back to front. Knit through the back loop of that stitch.
M1l – make 1 left, a left leaning increase. Pick up the bar between the stitch you just knit and the next stitch from front to back. Knit through the back of the stitch.
P – purl
RS - right side
Ssk - slip one st knitwise, slip another st knitwise. Knit both slipped stitches together through the back loop.
St - stitch
Sts – stitches
YO – yarn over (1 st increased)

Pattern

I-cord Drawstring
Using a longtail cast-on, cast on 3st, *k3, slip the three sts you just knit back
onto the left needle.

Repeat from * until i-cord measures **41 (44, 47, 53, 56){59, 62, 65,
68}"/[104 (112, 119.5, 134.5, 142){150, 157.5, 165, 172.5}cm]** fully
stretched. K3togtbl and break yarn, leaving a tail. Weave in tail.

Waistband
Provisional Cast On
Using smooth waste yarn in a similar weight and contrasting color to your
main color, provisionally cast on **104 (114, 126, 144, 162){180, 198, 208,
222}** sts. Using your main working yarn, knit into all provisionally cast on sts.
Place marker for BOR and join to work in the round taking care not to twist
sts.

Back side of waistband
Knit in the round until your work is **.75"/2cm** from the cast on edge,
approximately 5 rounds. You may knit this section longer if you prefer a
thicker waistband.

Purl one round. *(This purl ridge will eventually form the top of the folded
waistband. The section you just knit will be the back of the waistband on the
finished shorts; the section you are about to knit will be the front of the
waistband.)*

Front side of waistband
Round 1: Knit.
Round 2: Knit.
Round 3: K2, yo, ssk, knit to 4 sts before BOR, k2tog, yo, k2.
Round 4: Knit.
Round 5: Knit.

We will now fold over and knit the waistband. For a video tutorial of the
next step, click here.

Place the provisionally CO sts from the first step onto a spare circular needle. Fold the waistband over such that the purl ridge is at the bottom of the work, the plain stockinette portion is at the back, and the portion with the waistband holes that you just knit is facing you. Encase the i-cord drawstring into the folded waistband, pulling the ends through the holes at the middle front.

Next Round: [Knit one live st from the front working needle together with one st from the spare back needle] until the BOR.

Shorts
Knit one round.

Size XS ONLY
Increase Round: [k2, LLI, (k1, LLI) 24x] 4x. *(100 sts inc.)*
Continue to "All Sizes Continue."

Size S ONLY
Increase Round: [k2, LLI, (k1,LLI) 6x] 2x, [k2, LLI, (k1, LLI) 5x] 14x. *(98 sts inc.)*
Continue to "All Sizes Continue."

Size M ONLY
Increase Round: [k2, LLI, (k1, LLI) 3x] 22x, [k2, LLI, (k1, LLI) 2x] 4x. *(100 sts inc.)*
Continue to "All Sizes Continue."

Size L ONLY
Increase Round: [k2, LLI, (k1, LLI) 2x] 12x, (k2, LLI, k1, LLI) 32x. *(100 sts inc.)*
Continue to "All Sizes Continue."

Size 1X ONLY
Increase Round: [k1, LLI, (k2, LLI) 2x] 24x, (k1, LLI, k2, LLI) 14x. *(100 sts inc.)*
Continue to "All Sizes Continue."

Size 2X ONLY
Increase Round: [k1, LLI, (k2, LLI) 2x] 36x. *(108 sts inc.)*
Continue to "All Sizes Continue."

Size 3X ONLY
Increase Round: [k1, LLI, (k2, LLI) 49x] 2x. *(100 sts inc.)*
Continue to "All Sizes Continue."

Size 4X ONLY
Increase Round: [k3, LLI, (k2, LLI) 8x] 2x, [k3, LLI, (k2, LLI) 7x] 10x. *(98 sts inc.)*
Continue to "All Sizes Continue."

Size 5X ONLY
Increase Round: [k3, LLI, (k2, LLI) 2x] 16x, (k3, LLI, k2, LLI) 22x. *(92 sts inc.)*
Continue to "All Sizes Continue."

All Sizes Continue
You should have **204 (212, 226, 244, 262){288, 298, 306, 314} sts** on your needles.

Continue knitting in the round until the desired length from the top of the waistband to the crotch is achieved, approximately **10.75 (11.25, 11.75, 12.25, 12.75){13.25, 13.75, 14.25, 14.75}"/[27.5 (28.5, 30, 31, 32.5){33.5, 35, 36, 37.5}cm]** for a high rise pair of shorts. I recommend trying the shorts on at this point to personalize the rise to your preference.

Separate Legs
Round 1: Remove BOR marker and slip the next **102 (106, 113, 122, 131){144, 149, 153, 157}** left leg sts onto a stitch holder. CO **16 (16, 17, 18, 19){20, 21, 23, 23}** sts using the backwards loop cast on. Place marker for new BOR of right leg.

Right Leg
You should have **118 (122, 130, 140, 150){164, 170, 176, 180}** sts on your needles. Join by continuing to knit, and knit until leg measures **1"/2.5cm**, or .75"/2cm shorter than total desired leg length.

Increase round: (k1, m1l) across all sts. *(Stitch count doubled.)*

Knit in the round for **2"/5cm** or until ruffle reaches desired length. Bind off loosely in knit**.**

<u>Left Leg</u>
Slip the **102 (106, 113, 122, 131){144, 149, 153, 157}** held sts back onto your working needles. Place marker for BOR and join new yarn by picking up **16 (16, 17, 18, 19){20, 21, 23, 23}** sts from the right crotch. Knit to BOR.

Continue working in same manner as right leg.

Finishing & Sharing
Weave in ends and wet block to desired measurements. Tag your projects #FlutterButtshorts and tag me, @jessssiemae, on Instagram to share! Knit a coordinating #FlutterButtshirt, too, if you really want to flutt!

Schematic

inches	XS	S	M	L	1XL	2XL	3XL	4XL	5XL
A - Waist	23	25	28	32	36	40	44	46	49
B - Hip	45	47	50	54	58	64	66	68	73
C - Thigh	26	27	29	31	33.5	36.5	38	39	40
D - Rise	12.5	13	13.5	14	14.5	15.5	16	16.5	17

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B - Hip	114.5	119.5	127	137	147.5	162.5	167.5	172.5	185.5
C - Thigh	66	68.5	73.5	78.5	85	92.5	96.5	99	101.5
D - Rise	32	33	34.5	35.5	37	39.5	40.5	42	43