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FRUITY SLIPOVER KIDS

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ABOUT THE PATTERN

A sweet slipover/vest with fruits all over. You'll work top-down, starting with the two front pieces which you will join under the neckline and then work together back and forth until the armholes.

You will then pick up stitches for the back piece on the front pieces and cast on stitches in between for the back of the neckline. When you've reached the same length as the front piece, you'll place them both on the same needle and join to work in the round to the specified length. You will finish the body with ribs.

At the end you will pick up stitches for the neckline and the armholes. The fit is wide and short.

You can choose many fun combinations! Work different colors for different fruit: Orange oranges, green apples, blue blueberries, red apples, etc. The vest in the cover picture is a size 2-3 yrs on a 2-year-old boy, worked in POP "Milk and Cookies" for the main color, "Olive garden" for the stem, and "On Fire Orange" for the orange. In the bottom picture, the second vest is worked in POP "Marshmallow" for the main color, "TeddyBear brown" for the stem and "Juicy red" for the apple.

SIZES AND MEASURES

0-1 (2-3) 4-6 (8) 10 (12-13) yrs

Length: approx. 29 (31) 35 (42) 44 (46) cm

Width: 58 (72) 72 (87) 87 (100) cm

Since the chart needs to be worked in its entirety, some of the sizes are similar in size. This vest should worn wide in shape and somewhat short. Choose the size to work by adding 10 to 15 cm of positive ease to the bust circumference of the child. You can adjust the length as needed: would you like your vest to be wider, or perhaps narrower or longer? See tips on how you can easily adapt measurements if necessary.

YARN AND NEEDLES

POP merino

Main color: 2 (2) 3 (4) 4 (4) skeins

Fruit color: 1 (1) 1 (1) 1 (2) skeins

Stem color: 1 (1) 1 (1) 1 (1) skein

Circular needles, 4 mm and 3.5 mm / 60 cm long, for body and ribs. Use double pointed needles and short circular needles for the neck band and sleeve ribs if you don't use the Magic Loop method.

Knitting gauge: 25 sts x 30 rows = 10 x 10 cm (after blocking). If you work a sample, you'll find the gauge is tighter in colorwork than it is in only 1 color.

TIPS AND ABBREVIATIONS

st(s) = stitch(es), k = knit, p = purl, RS = right side of the work, WS = wrong side of the work

Stocking St = Stocking Stitch: knit on the right side, purl on the wrong side

Colorwork - For a neater result, it's important that you twist the threads together/catch the floats at the back, every 5 sts at the most. Don't tighten the threads when twisting. If your gauge is tighter when knitting colorwork, use a larger needle (1/2 or 1 size larger).

When you are working back and forth, and working the front and back pieces separately, you can either cut the yarn for each color change or bring the contrast color further out to the sides, and twist before you turn to get a neat, even result.

Edge stitches - Edge stitches are worked on the first and last stitches on a row. Work as follows, on RS as well as WS: always slip the first stitch on the row purl wise, with the yarn held in front, and always knit the last stitch of the row.

We recommend the **Italian bind-off** for the ribs. You'll find a video on our website or you can easily find one online. Tighten well when turning, to get the neatest possible finish. Alternatively, you can also cast off in ribs. Both techniques will give you an elastic finish.

Do you want to customize the size?

If you'd like the vest to be wider than the stated measurements, you can cast on extra stitches between the front and the back pieces (under the arm) when joining to work in the round, as such: cast on stitches for 1 new fruit and 7 for the main color at the side of the fruit (=18 extra sts under each arm). This will increase the ease in approximately 14 cm. This sounds like a lot, but remember that the ribs tighten the hem, and that the vest looks cool in worn wide. If you knit it wide, we recommend a short fit. If you want a narrower model, you can cast on fewer stitches under the arms in the same way. For example, in the largest size you can cast on 26 sts under each arm, not 44 sts as stated (= a total of 216 sts, and the same ease as for sizes 8 and 10 yrs). Remember that if you modify the armhole width you will need to adjust the number of stitches to pick up for the armhole ribs. As a rule of thumb, remember to pick up a stitch in every stitch.

PATTERNED CHART

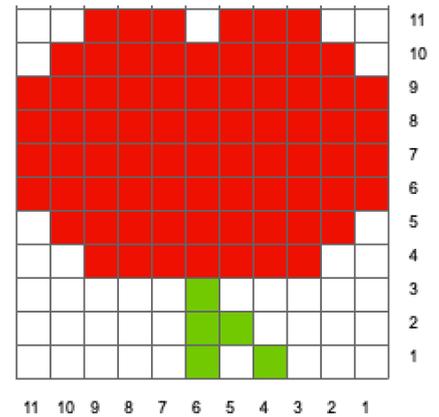
You'll repeat a simple fruit pattern throughout. The chart is worked over 11 stitches and 11 rows/rounds. You'll start on the right side and work to the left (on the WS, the chart is read from left to right). There are 7 sts of main color between each chart repeat both in length and height.

The stem has only a few stitches, and we recommend you work it as follows: when you change to the stem color, make sure you have a long thread before you knit the first stitch with it. When you have finished working the first row with the stem, cut the yarn and leave enough length to finish working the stem.

Work a few stitches in main colour, then twist the stem thread with the main colour.

On the next RS row with stem stitches, twist the stem thread with the main colour again, 2 sts before the stem. This way you don't have to carry the thread with you throughout the work, but still manage to have a nice transition between the stem pattern and the main colour, by twisting/catching the thread before and after the pattern.

On the fruit, we have twisted the thread/caught the floats with us all the way throughout rows/rounds (see tips).



PATTERN

Read through the entire paragraph first. You'll start with the chart and increase for the neckline slightly differently than usual. Sizes 8, 10 and 12-13 years have 2 fruits on the front pieces. Work 7 rows of main color between each chart/fruit.

Left front piece

Start with the left front piece (when worn). Cast on 13 (16) 16 (18) 18 (20) sts on a 4 mm needle. The first row is a WS row. Knit back and forth in Stocking St, working edge stitches at beginning and end (see tips).

Start the chart on row 13 (17) 4 (4) 6 (7), centering the fruit so that you have 1 (3) 3 (5) 5 (7) sts on the outside/towards the armhole, and 1 (2) 2 (2) 2 (2) sts left towards the inside/neckline.

You'll start increasing stitches towards the neckline on row 14 (18) 22 (22) 24 (26) (a RS row).

Work increases as follows: Knit 1 st. Pick up the right leg of the stitch on the row below with the right needle. Place it on the left needle and knit through the back loop. Make an increase on every RS row until you've increase 5 times towards the neckline.

You'll also start increasing towards the armhole on row 8 (10) 10 (10) 10 (10) of the chart (i.e. on fruit 2 in the largest sizes).

Increase in the same way as for the neckline, but on second outermost stitch armhole-side.

Work a full fruit chart, work 1 row in main color.

Leave all sts on hold while you work the left front piece.

Right front piece

Cast on 13 (16) 16 (18) 18 (20) sts on a 4 mm needle. The first row is a WS row. Knit back and forth in Stocking St, working edge stitches at beginning and end.

Start the chart on row 13 (17) 4 (4) 6 (7), centering the fruit so that you have 1 (3) 3 (5) 5 (7) sts on the outside/towards the armhole, and 1 (2) 2 (2) 2 (2) sts left towards the inside/neckline. (+ 1 st after the neckline increase for the 2 smallest sizes, as their chart starts at the same time as the increases towards the neckline).

You'll start increasing stitches towards the neckline on row 14 (18) 22 (22) 24 (26) (a RS row). Work increases as follows: Work until you have 1 st left. Pick up the right leg of the stitch on the row below with the right needle. Place it on the left needle and knit through the back loop, knit 1 st. Make an increase on every RS row until you've increase 5 times towards the neckline. You'll also start increasing towards the armhole on row 8 (10) 10 (10) 10 (10) of the chart. Increase in the same way as for the neckline, but on second outermost stitch armhole-side.
Work a full fruit chart, work 1 row in main color.

On the next RS row, you will join both front pieces together. Continue working increases towards the armhole. Knit over the right front piece, cast on 13 (11) 11 (11) 11 (11) new stitches, then knit over the left front piece.

Continue increasing towards the armholes until you have increased a total of 5 (6) 7 (7) 8 (8) times on each side. Knit 7 rows in main color before starting on a new chart repeat, and leave 7 sts in main color between each chart repeat. It should work out just right for a new fruit chart to be centered right in the middle of the body, under the stitches you cast on between the front pieces.

When you've finished increasing for the armholes, leave the stitches on hold on an auxiliary needle or scrap yarn while you work the back piece. You'll now have a total of 59 (65) 67 (71) 73 (77) sts for the front piece.

BACK PIECE

Pick up a stitch in every stitch on each of the front pieces, and cast on 23 (25) 27 (29) 31 (31) sts in between, for a total of 49 (57) 59 (65) 67 (71) sts. Mark the middle stitch at the back.

Start with diagram on needle 13 (17) 4 (4) 6 (7). Center chart by counting from the marked center stitch. This is the middle of a fruit (the stem). Count from this stitch to start. First count 5 sts (half the fruit), then 7 sts (between the fruits), 11 sts (the fruit), 7 sts (between) etc. to start.

Start increasing towards sleeve on row 8 (10) 10 (10) 10 (10) in the chart (fruit 2 on size 8, 10 and 12-13 years). Increase in the same way as for the front pieces. A total of 5 (6) 7 (7) 8 (8) times in each side.

After the chart, work 7 rows in main color before starting on the next chart again. Complete the sleeve increases as for the front piece. You'll now have a total of 59 (69) 73 (79) 83 (87) sts on the back piece.

You will now work the front and back pieces together.

BODY

You will now work the front and back pieces together, while casting on new stitches under the sleeve, so that all the fruits match. Cast on 13 (23) 20 (33) 30 (44) new stitches under each sleeve. Note: see 'tips' for adjusting size at this point, if you'd like.

Cast on only with the main color (on the next round you will start with the "fruit colour" in the chart under the sleeves as well).

You now have a total of 144 (180) 180 (216) 216 (216) 252 sts. Work in the round and alternate following the chart with 7 rounds in main color, until you've worked a total of 4 (4) 5 (5-6) 6 (6-7) fruits in length. Work 1 (4) 2 (5) 4 (4) rounds in the main color, and feel free to adjust according to your desired length.

Change to 3.5 mm needles and work 5 (7) 7 (8) (8) 10 (10) rounds in ribs.

Cast off all stitches with an Italian bind off.

NECK BAND

Pick up stitches along the neckline with a 3.5 mm needle. Pick up from the second outermost stitch/row, so as to hide the increases on the body. Pick up **a stitch in each stitch**, approx. 86 (88) 96 (112) 116 (118) sts.

Work in 1 x 1 ribs (k1, p1) for 5 rounds (including pick-up round).

Cast off all stitches with an Italian bind off.

ARMHOLE BANDS

Pick up stitches along the armholes with a 3.5 mm needle. Pick up from the second outermost stitch/row, so as to hide the increases on the body. Pick up a stitch in each stitch, approx. 80-84 (82-86) 90-98 (100-112) 112-118 (122-130) sts.

Work in 1 x 1 ribs (k1, p1) for 5 rounds (including pick-up round).

Cast off all stitches with an Italian bind off.

Weave in all loose ends and steam block.

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