

# PetiteKnit

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## MILLA'S SUMMER SUIT

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<b>Sizes:</b>	0-3 (3-6) 6-12 (12-18) months
<b>Measurements:</b>	Full length: 34 (38) 40 (42) cm. Width across the stomach: 20 (22) 23 (25) cm
<b>Gauge:</b>	28 sts and 40 rows = 10 x 10 cm (4 inches)
<b>Suggested needles:</b>	Size 2 mm and 2.5 mm circular needles, 40 or 60 cm (16 or 32 inches) for the body, size 2 mm and 2.5 mm double pointed needles, size 2.5 mm crochet hook
<b>Materials:</b>	100 grams of yarn for all sizes, 5-6 little buttons
<b>Suggested yarn:</b>	Pima Cotton 8/2 from CaMaRose (50 g = 200 m/219 yards), Merci from Filcolana (50 g = 200 m/219 yards), Anina fra Filcolana (50 g = 210 m/230 yards)

# INSTRUCTIONS

Milla's Summer Suit is inspired by the 1950's knits for kids, where the yoke was often worked in smocking st. The suit can easily be worn with leggings and a knit cardigan. Milla's Summer Suit is worked bottom up and the fit is snug.

**Smocking st:** The starting point is k 1, p 2 rib - the number of sts must be divisible by 6.

1st round: K 1, p 2, \* insert the right hand needle front to back between the 4th and 5th st on the left hand needle, pull the yarn through and place it on the left hand needle (before the first st), knit it together with the first st. The 2nd, 3rd, and 4th sts are worked in the established pattern, p 2 \*. Repeat from \* to \*. On the last repeat on the round, the first of the next round is included to "bind" the pattern together.

2nd-4th round: Work in the established pattern (k the knit sts and p the purl sts).

5th round: \* Insert the right hand needle front to back between the 4th and 5th st on the left hand needle, pull the yarn through and place it on the left hand needle (before the first st), knit it together with the first st. The 2nd, 3rd and 4th sts are worked in the established pattern, p 2 \*. Repeat from \* to \*.

6th-8th round: Work in the established pattern (k the knit sts and p the purl sts).

Repeat these 8 rounds.

Tip: There are videos showing the smocking st technique on Youtube or Garnstudio.com. It is not as complicated as it looks!

## Front

Cast on 15 (17) 18 (19) sts on the size 2 mm needles and work back and forth. Work 7 rows of rib (k 1, p 1) while at the same time on the 4th row place buttonhole(s) as follows:

Sizes 0-3 and 3-6 months: work 6 (7) sts in the established pattern, k2tog, yo, work 7 (8) sts in the established pattern.

Sizes 6-12 and 12-18 months: work 4 (4) sts in the established pattern, k2tog, yo, work 6 (7) sts in the established pattern, k2tog, yo, work 4 (4) sts in the established pattern.

Switch to the size 2.5 mm needles and continue working 3 (3) 4 (4) cm of stockinette st. Now cast on 2 new sts at the end of each row on both sides a total of 5 (6) 6 (6) times. Then cast on 11 (11) 12 (13) new sts on both sides = 57 (63) 66 (69) sts. Work one row of stockinette st across all sts – set piece aside to work back.

### **Back**

Cast on 15 (17) 18 (19) sts on the size 2 mm needles and work back and forth. Work 7 rows of rib (k 1, p 1). Switch to the size 2.5 mm needles and continue working in stockinette st while at the same time casting on 2 new sts at the end of each row on both sides a total of 10 (11) 12 (12) times. Now increase 1 st on each side 1 (1) 1 (1) time = 57 (63) 66 (69).

Work one row of stockinette st across all sts.

### **Body**

Place the front and the back on the same (circular) needle = 114 (126) 132 (138). Place a marker at both joins and work in stockinette st in the round. When the piece measures 9 (11) 13 (14) cm from the join, work short row shaping on the back (while continuing in stockinette st) as follows:

Work to 4 sts before the marker, turn, yo, work back to 4 sts before the other marker, turn. Repeat until you have worked 4 turns on both sides. Begin again working in the round while at the same time working the yo's together with the "neighbouring" st to avoid holes.

When the work measures 16 (17) 18 (19) cm from the join of front and back work 2.5 cm of rib (k 1, p 2) and then start working in smocking st.

*A less feminine look can be achieved by continuing in rib instead of working in smocking st.*

When the work measures 20 (22) 23 (24) cm from the join of front and back cast off 6 sts on each side - 3 sts on each side of the markers. Cast off on either the 2nd or 6th round in the smocking st (as described above) - this is important.

## **Sleeves**

Cast on 40 (46) (52) (58) sts on size 2 mm double pointed needles and join the work in the round, working 5 rounds of rib (k 1, p 1). Place a marker at the beginning of the round (under the sleeve) and change to size 2.5 mm double pointed needles and work in stockinette st. When the piece measures 2 cm from the rib work 1 increase on either side of the marker as follows: Pick up the horizontal strand between the 1st and 2nd sts from the marker and knit it twisted (through the back of the loop), work to 2 sts before the marker and pick up the strand between the second to last and last st before the marker and knit it twisted (through the back of the loop) (= 42 (48) 54 (60) sts).

Continue until the sleeve measures 5 (5) 6 (6) cm. Cast off 6 sts for the underarm - 3 sts on each side of the marker.

Make another sleeve in the same way.

## **Raglan**

Rearrange the body and the sleeve sts onto the same circular needle by placing a sleeve on each side where the 6 sts were cast off for the underarm. You now have 174 (198) 216 (234) sts on the needle. Place a marker in the first and last sts on the sleeves. These sts are now the marker sts = 4 marker sts. The raglan decreases are done on each side of these sts.

Start the round at the join between the back and the left sleeve.

Work in the round across all sts - in stockinette st across the sleeves and in smocking st across the front and back. Please note that if sts have been cast off on the body on 2nd and 6th round the smocking st pattern starts on the 3rd and 7th round respectively.

Work two rounds and then start the raglan decreases as follows: The last 2 sts before the marker sts are k2togtbl (k2tog through the back loop) and the 2 sts after the markers are k2tog. The number of sts have been decreased by a total of 8 sts. Repeat these decreases on every second round.

When 5 (7) 9 (9) rounds of decreases have been worked cut the yarn. The last round before cutting the yarn was either a 2nd or 6th round in the smocking st pattern. You now

have 134 (142) 144 (162) sts on the needle. The work is now divided and worked back and forth to create an opening in the back. The round now starts in the middle of the back. Work back and forth while at the same time still working decreases on every second row and working in smocking st across the back and front and stockinette st across the sleeves. When a total of 9 (11) 13 (14) rounds of decreases have been worked and 102 (110) 112 (122) sts remain on the needle work short rows to shape the neck opening (while at the same time still working raglan decreases) as follows: Place a marker in the middle of the front. Shape the left side of the neck opening first: Work to 4 (4) 4 (5) sts before the marker, turn, yo, work back in pattern. On the following 5 rows turn 4, 2, 2, 1, 0 (4, 2, 2, 1, 0) 5, 2, 2, 1,1 (5, 3, 2, 1,1) sts before the last turn in the same way. Now work across all sts again while at the same time working the yo's together with the "neighbouring" st to avoid holes. Now shape the right side of the neck in the same way but from the WS.

When the neck has been shaped on both sides switch to the size 2 mm needle and work 5 rows of rib (k 1, p 1) and then cast off loosely in rib from the RS.

### **Opening in the back**

Double crochet around the opening in the back. Turn and crochet a small loop (for a button) by crocheting 4 chain sts, skip 1 st, continue in double crochet while working another 4 chain-st loop half way down the opening.

### **Leg opening**

On size 2 mm needles pick up about 55 (69) 65 (79) sts and work in rib (k 1, p 1). On the third row place a buttonhole on the front as follows:

Right leg opening: work 3 sts in the established pattern, k2tog, yo, work the rest of the row in the established pattern.

Left leg opening: work in the established pattern until 5 sts remain, k2tog, yo, work the last 3 sts in the established pattern.

After 5 rows of rib cast off loosely in rib from the RS.

### **Assembly**

Sew together the small holes under the sleeves, weave in all ends, sew on buttons in the lower rib edge on the back and 2 small buttons at the neck opening opposite the loops.

Block the garment lightly to accentuate the smocking st.

### **Abbreviations:**

st/sts: stitch/stitches

k: knit

p: purl

k2tog: knit 2 together

k2togtbl: knit two together through the back of the loop

yo: yarn over

RS: right side

WS: wrong side

cm: centimeter

Stockinette st flat (in the open): RS, k across; WS, p across

Stockinette st in the round: k across all rounds

Garter st flat (in the open): k across all rounds

Garter st in the round: RS, k across, WS, p across

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