

PetiteKnit

MONDAY SUIT



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- Sizes:** 0-1 (1-2) 2-4 (4-6) 6-9 (9-12) 12-18 months
- Measurements:** Body circumference, suit: 44 (47) 49 (52) 54 (56) 60 cm [17¼ (18½) 19¼ (20½) 21¼ (22) 23½ inches]
Length from neck to crotch: 32 (34) 35 (38) 41 (44) 47 cm [12½ (13½) 13¾ (15) 16¼ (17¼) 18½ inches]
Total length: 45 (48) 52 (59) 64 (69) 72 cm [17¾ (19) 20½ (23¼) 25¼ (27¼) 28¼ inches] measured from neck to foot
- Gauge:** 28 sts x 40 rows in stockinette stitch on 3 mm [US2½] needles = 10 x 10 cm [4 x 4 inches] after blocking
- Needles:** Circular needles: 2.5 mm [US1½] / 60 cm [24 inches] and 3 mm [US2½], 40 and 60 or 80 cm [16 and 24 or 32 inches]
Double-pointed needles: 2.5 mm [US1½] and 3 mm [US2½]
- Materials:** 100 (100) 150 (150) 150 (200) 200 g Sunday by Sandnes Garn (50 g = 235 m [257 yds]), 9 (10) 10 (11) 11 (12) 13 buttons (ø 12-13 mm)

PATTERN

The Monday Suit is worked from the top down with raglan increases on the yoke and a button placket along the left front raglan. The button placket continues down the body and slants in towards the crotch. The yoke and body are worked back and forth on a circular needle, while the sleeves and legs are worked in the round either on double-pointed needles or on a circular needle using the Magic Loop technique.

About raglan increases

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

M1R: Insert the left needle under the strand that runs between two stitches from back to front, then knit this strand.

M1L: Insert the left needle under the strand that runs between two stitches from front to back, then knit this strand through the back loop (twisted).

Yoke

The yoke is worked back and forth on circular needles. The button plackets are formed by working the first and last 7 sts in (k1, p1) rib. To ensure firm and neat edges, it is important to work the first and last stitch of every row extra tightly. The buttonholes are worked along the way down the right button placket.

Cast on 67 (69) 71 (73) 75 (77) 79 sts on 2.5 mm [US1½] / 60 cm [24 inches] circular needles with your preferred cast-on method.

The first 7 rows are described thoroughly below.

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

Row 2 (RS): K1, *p1, k1*, repeat from * to * to end of row.

Row 3 (WS): Work as Row 1.

Row 4 (RS): *K1, p1*, repeat from * to * to the last 6 sts, k2tog, yarn over, work sts as they appear (knit the knit sts and purl the purl sts) to end of row (the yarn over forms the buttonhole).

Row 5 (WS): Work as Row 1.

Row 6 (RS): Work as Row 2.

Change to 3 mm [US2½] / 60 cm [24 inches] circular needles.

Row 7 (WS): Work 7 sts in rib as established (left button placket), purl to the last 7 sts, work 7 sts in rib as established (right button placket).

Note: On the rest of the yoke and body a buttonhole is worked on every 14th (14th) 14th (14th) 14th (14th) 14th row (RS).

The next row is a RS row, where the raglan increases are started.

First the work is divided into sleeves, front and back by placing markers on either side of raglan sts and button plackets (a total of 8 markers) as follows:

7 sts (left button placket), place marker, 8 (9) 9 (10) 10 (10) 10 sts (left sleeve), place marker, 1 raglan stitch, place marker, 20 (20) 21 (21) 22 (23) 24 sts (back), place marker, 1 raglan stitch, place marker, 8 (9) 9 (10) 10 (10) 10 sts (right sleeve), place marker, 1 raglan stitch, place marker, 14 (14) 15 (15) 16 (17) 18 sts (front), place marker, 7 sts (right button placket).

Now work raglan increases every RS row as follows:

Row 1 (RS): Work 7 sts as they appear (left button placket), M1L, knit across left sleeve, M1R, k1 (raglan stitch), M1L, knit across back, M1R, k1 (raglan stitch), M1L, knit across right sleeve, M1R, k1 (raglan stitch), M1L, knit across front, M1R, work 7 sts as they appear (right button placket) (a total of 8 sts have been increased).

Row 2 (WS): Work the sts as they appear.

Work Row 1 and 2 a total of 18 (20) 21 (23) 24 (25) 27 times, while remembering to work buttonholes every 14th row. There are now 211 (229) 239 (257) 267 (277) 295 sts on the needles. The next row is a RS row.

Distribution of stitches: 7 sts (left button placket), 44 (49) 51 (56) 58 (60) 64 sts (left sleeve), 1 raglan stitch, 56 (60) 63 (67) 70 (73) 78 sts (back), 1 raglan stitch, 44 (49) 51 (56) 58 (60) 64 sts (right sleeve), 1 raglan stitch, 50 (54) 57 (61) 64 (67) 72 sts (front), 7 sts (right button placket).

Body

Place the sleeve sts on stitch holders and cast on new sts at each underarm, then continue working on the body back and forth on the circular needles, as follows:

Work 7 sts as they appear (left button placket), place the next 44 (49) 51 (56) 58 (60) 64 sts on a stitch holder (left sleeve), cast on 4 (4) 4 (4) 4 (4) 4 new sts at the underarm using the backward loop method, k1 (raglan stitch), knit 56 (60) 63 (67) 70 (73) 78 sts (back), k1 (raglan stitch), place the next 44 (49) 51 (56) 58 (60) 64 sts on a stitch holder (right sleeve), cast on 4 (4) 4 (4) 4 (4) 4 new sts at the underarm using the backward loop method, k1 (raglan stitch), knit 50 (54) 57 (61) 64 (67) 72 sts (front), work 7 sts as they appear (right button placket).

There are now 131 (139) 145 (153) 159 (165) 175 sts on the needles for the body.

Work back and forth as the sts appear until the work measures 18.5 (19.5) 19.5 (21.5) 24 (26) 28 cm [$7\frac{1}{4}$ ($7\frac{3}{4}$) $7\frac{3}{4}$ ($8\frac{1}{2}$) $9\frac{1}{2}$ ($10\frac{1}{4}$) 11 inches] from the cast-on edge (remembering to work a buttonhole every 14th row).

Now work decreases along the right button placket and increases along the left button placket to make it slant in towards the crotch (remembering to continue to work buttonholes) (note that the total number of sts on the needle remains constant). Work as follows:

Row 1 (RS): Work 7 sts as they appear (left button placket), M1L, knit to the last 9 sts, k2tog, work 7 sts as they appear (right button placket).

Row 2 (WS): Work the sts as they appear.

Work Row 1 and 2 a total of 25 (27) 29 (31) 32 (34) 36 times. The button plackets are now in the middle of the suit.

The suit now measures 31 (33) 34 (37) 40 (43) 46 cm [$12\frac{1}{4}$ (13) $13\frac{1}{4}$ ($14\frac{1}{2}$) $15\frac{3}{4}$ (17) 18 inches] from the cast-on edge. A total of 9 (10) 10 (11) 11 (12) 13 buttonholes have been worked along the right button placket.

On the next row (RS) the work is joined in the round, so the button plackets overlap. The last short section of the body is worked in the round in stockinette stitch on the circular needle. Work as follows:

Work 7 sts in rib (left button placket), knit to the last 7 sts, place these last 7 sts (right button placket) on a double-pointed needle. Join the circular needle in the round and place the double-pointed needle on top (in front) of the first 7 sts on the left needle (left button placket). Knit together the sts of the two button plackets one by one. Make sure that the button placket with the buttonholes (right button placket) is placed on top. There are now 124 (132) 138 (146) 152 (158) 168 sts on the needles.

The beginning of the round is after the 7 sts knitted together (i.e. to the left of the button placket).
Knit across 1 round.

Continue in the round in stockinette stitch, while working increases at the crotch on either side of the 7 mid front and mid back sts. Mark these 7 sts on front and back with stitch markers as follows: Place a marker at the beginning of the round (marker 1), 55 (59) 62 (66) 69 (72) 77 sts, place marker 2, 7 (7) 7 (7) 7 (7) 7 sts, place marker 3, 55 (59) 62 (66) 69 (72) 77 sts, place marker 4, 7 (7) 7 (7) 7 (7) 7 sts.

Now work increases on either side of the 7 sts mid front and mid back, as follows:

M1L, knit to marker 2, M1R, slip marker, knit to marker 3, slip marker, M1L, knit to marker 4, M1R, slip marker, knit to marker 1, slip marker (a total of 4 sts have been increased). Knit across 1 round.
Work from * to * a total of 3 (3) 3 (3) 3 (3) 3 times. There are now 136 (144) 150 (158) 164 (170) 180 sts on the needle.

Now bind off the 7 sts between the markers as follows:

Knit 61 (65) 68 (72) 75 (78) 83 sts, bind off 7 sts, knit 61 (65) 68 (72) 75 (78) 83 sts, bind off 7 sts.

Legs

The legs are worked in the round on double-pointed needles or on a circular needle using the Magic Loop technique.

Let the 61 (65) 68 (72) 75 (78) 83 sts for one leg rest, while the 61 (65) 68 (72) 75 (78) 83 sts for the other leg are placed on 3 mm [US2½] needles. Join to knit in the round and place a marker for the beginning of the round on the inside of the leg where the sts are joined.

Work in the round in stockinette stitch until the inseam measures 10 (11) 14 (18) 20 (21) 22 cm [4 (4¼) 5½ (7) 8 (8¼) 8¾ inches], while **at the same time** working a decrease round every 5th (6th) 8th (8th) 9th (8th) 7th round a total of 6 (7) 7 (8) 8 (10) 11 times, as follows: K1, k2tog, knit to the last 3 sts of the round, ssk, k1. There are now 49 (51) 54 (56) 59 (58) 61 sts on the needle.

Change to 2.5 mm [US1½] double-pointed needles.

Work decreases on the next round, as follows: *Knit 3 (3) 3 (3) 3 (5) 4 sts, k2tog*, repeat from * to * a total of 9 (9) 10 (10) 11 (8) 9 times, knit to end of round. There are now 40 (42) 44 (46) 48 (50) 52 sts on the needles.

Work 8 (8) 8 (10) 10 (12) 12 rounds of (k1, p1) rib. Bind off in established rib pattern.

Work the second leg the same way as the first.

Sleeves

The sleeves are worked in the round on double-pointed needles or on a circular needle using the Magic Loop technique.

Place the sts for one sleeve on 3 mm [US2½] needles. Pick up and knit 4 (4) 4 (4) 4 (4) 4 sts along the 4 (4) 4 (4) 4 (4) 4 sts that were cast on at the underarm for the body. There are now 48 (53) 55 (60) 62 (64) 68 sts on the needle. Mark the beginning of the round in the middle of these 4 (4) 4 (4) 4 (4) 4 underarm sts.

Work in the round in stockinette stitch until the sleeve measures 11 (13) 15 (16) 17 (18) 20 cm [4¼ (5) 6 (6¼) 6¾ (7) 7¾ inches] from the underarm, while **at the same time** working a decrease round every 8th (8th) 9th (9th) 8th (8th) 8th round a total of 5 (6) 6 (7) 8 (8) 9 times, as follows: K1, k2tog, knit to the last 3 sts of the round, ssk, k1. There are now 38 (41) 43 (46) 46 (48) 50 sts on the needles.

Change to 2.5 mm [US1½] double-pointed needles.

Work decreases on the next round, as follows: *Knit 4 (3) 6 (5) 5 (6) 6 sts, k2tog*, repeat from * to * a total of 6 (7) 5 (6) 6 (6) 6 times, knit to end of round. There are now 32 (34) 38 (40) 40 (42) 44 sts on the needles.

Work 8 (8) 8 (10) 10 (12) 12 rounds of (k1, p1) rib. Bind off in established rib pattern.

Work the second sleeve the same way as the first.

Finishing

Weave in all ends. Sew the seam at the crotch using Kitchener stitch. Sew on 9 (10) 10 (11) 11 (12) 13 buttons along the left button placket.

Abbreviations

k	knit
k2tog	decrease; knit two stitches together, right-slanting
M1L	increase; make one left; left-slanting, see “about raglan increases”
M1R	increase; make one right; right-slanting, see “about raglan increases”
p	purl
RS	right side of your work
ssk	decrease; slip, slip, knit; slip one stitch knit-wise, slip another stich knit-wise, return both stitches to the left needle and knit them together through the back loop; left-slanting
st(s)	stitch(es)
WS	wrong side of your work



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