

Petite Shorts

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Sizes: 0-1 month (1-3 months) // 3-6 months (6-9 months) /// 9-12 months (12-18 months) 1.5-2 years.

Yarn: cotton, merino wool or mixed yarn, 160-165 m/50 g [174-180 yds/1.7 oz].

Totals used: 50 (50) // 50 (50) /// 100 (100) 100 g, [1.7 (1.7) // 1.7 (1.7) /// 3.5 (3.5) 3.5 ounces].

Recommended yarn: Lana Gatto Merinocot, Rico Fashion Cottony, Drops Baby Merino, Drops Safran, Infinity Baby Merino.

Needles: 3.5 mm [US4] and 4 mm [US6] circular needles with a cable length of 40 cm [16 in]; 3.5 mm [US4] and 4 mm [US6] double pointed needles.

Notions: 2 – 2.5 mm [US0 – US1.5] circular needles for the waistband, 3.5 mm [US4] crochet hook, safety pin, stitch markers, about 50 cm [20 in] of waste yarn in a contrasting color.

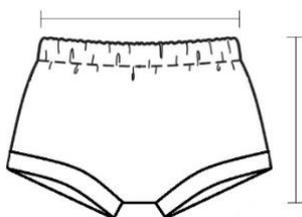
Before starting, be sure to make and wash the sample. Adjust the size of the needles if it's needed to achieve the correct gauge.

Gauge of the stockinette stitch after washing and blocking – 23 stitches × 32 rows = 10 cm × 10 cm [4 in × 4 in] on 4 mm [US6] needles.

The shorts are worked from the top down in stockinette stitch. First, work the waistband, then, shape the back part with short rows for a better fit. Next, work the main part, then, the back and the front parts. The leg opening edges are worked last.

Size table. When choosing the size, refer to the waist circumference.

Age	0-1 mos	1-3 mos	3-6 mos	6-9 mos	9-12 mos	12-18 mos	1.5-2 yrs
Height, cm [in]	50-56 [19.6-22]	56-62 [22-24.4]	62-68 [24.4-26.7]	68-74 [26.7-29.1]	74-80 [29.1-31.4]	80-86 [31.4-33.8]	86-92 [33.8-36.2]
Waist circumference, cm [in]	38-40 [14.9-15.7]	40-42 [15.7-16.5]	42-44 [16.5-17.3]	44-46 [17.3-18.1]	46-48 [18.1-18.8]	48-50 [18.8-19.6]	50-52 [19.6-20.4]



Width (waist): 40 (42) // 44 (46) /// 48 (50) 52 cm;
[15.7 (16.5) // 17.3 (18.1) /// 18.8 (19.6) 20.4 in].

Length from waistband to crotch (measure at the center of the front, excluding the waistband): 12 (12.5) // 13.5 (14.5) /// 15 (15.5) 16 cm;
[4.7 (4.9) // 5.3 (5.7) /// 5.9 (6.1) 6.2 in].

Abbreviations:

st(s) – stitch(es)

p – purl

k – knit

ds – double stitch

yo – yarn over

m – marker

pm – place the marker

sl m – slip the marker to the right needle

beg m – beginning of the row/round marker

RS – right side row

WS – wrong side row

sRS – short right side row

sWS – short wrong side row

rnd – round

Stitch glossary:

Stockinette stitch (st st): RS rows – knit, WS rows – purl, in the round – knit all stitches.

1 x 1 ribbing: k1, p1 alternately.

M1r/m1l: <https://youtu.be/ClqDY2RSoOM>

K2tog:



Skp:



Shorts.

1. Waistband.

Option 1.

With 3.5 mm [US4] circular needles, cast on 98 (102) // 106 (108) /// 112 (116) 124 stitches + 1 additional stitch. Join in the round. Place the beginning marker. Work in the round: at first, in stockinette stitch, then, in 1 × 1 ribbing.

Join in the round: https://youtu.be/_2M_jTcdsSU

Rnds 1-5: work in st st.

Rnds 6-14 (a total of 9): work in 1 × 1 ribbing. Work the last round with 4 mm [US6] needles.

Option 2.

With 3.5 mm [US4] circular needles, cast on 98 (102) // 106 (108) /// 112 (116) 124 stitches + 1 additional stitch. Join in the round. Place the beginning marker. Work in the round in 1 × 1 ribbing.

Rnds 1-15: work in 1 × 1 ribbing. Start with the knitted stitch.

Rnd 16 (drawstring hole): 44 (46) // 48 (50) /// 52 (54) 58 sts in 1 × 1 ribbing, skp, yo, 5 sts in 1 × 1 ribbing, yo, k2tog, 1 × 1 ribbing to end. Purl the yarn overs in the next round.

Rnds 17-20 (a total of 4): work in 1 × 1 ribbing. Work the last round with 4 mm [US6] needles.

Place the stitches of the cast on row of the waistband to a 2 – 2.5 mm [US0 – US1.5] circular needle. Fold the waistband in half and work with 4 mm [US6] needles: * knit together the stitch from a 4 mm [US6] needle and the stitch from a 2 – 2.5 mm [US0 – US1.5] needle * – repeat from * to * until the end of the round.

The width of the waistband when folded is approximately 3 cm [1.1 in].

Waistband: https://youtu.be/B_3nIUpy-U

2. Short rows.

4 mm [US6] needles. Work in short rows. Start counting anew from the next row on.

Short rows, double stitch: <https://youtu.be/6SjAGpax8OE>

Row 1, sRS: k16 (16) // 18 (18) /// 20 (20) 20, turn the work.

Row 2, sWS: ds, p to m, sl m, p16 (16) // 18 (18) /// 20 (20) 20, turn the work.

Row 3, sRS: ds, k to m, sl m, k to ds, k ds, k4, turn the work.

Row 4, sWS: ds, p to m, sl m, p to ds, p ds, p4, turn the work.

Repeat rows 3 – 4 3 times for all sizes, a total of 10 rows have been worked.

Row 11, sRS: ds, k to beg m.

3. Main part.

Work in the round in stockinette stitch. Knit the double stitches in the 1st round. Start counting anew from the next round on.

98 (102) // 106 (108) /// 112 (116) 124 stitches on the needles.

Work 2 (4) // 4 (2) /// 2 (4) 4 rounds without the increases.

From now on, make the increases on the back part.

Rnd 1 (back inc): k2, m1l, k to last 2 sts of the rnd, m1r, k2. (2 sts are increased).

Rnds 2-4: k all sts (st st).

Repeat rounds 1 – 4 5 (5) // 5 (6) /// 6 (6) 6 times, a total of 20 (20) // 20 (24) /// 24 (24) 24 rounds with the increases have been worked.

108 (112) // 116 (120) /// 124 (128) 136 stitches on the needles.

A total of 22 (24) // 24 (26) /// 26 (28) 28 main part rounds have been worked.

Height wise – 7 (7.5) // 7.5 (8) /// 8 (8.5) 8.5 cm;

[2.7 (2.9) // 2.9 (3.1) /// 3.1 (3.3) 3.3 in].

4. Back part.

Divide the stitches to the front and the back parts as follows: k27 (28) // 29 (30) /// 31 (32) 34 sts from beg m, bind off next 10 (11) // 11 (12) /// 12 (12) 14 sts, k34 (34) // 36 (36) /// 38 (40) 40 front sts, bind off next 10 (11) // 11 (12) /// 12 (12) 14 sts.

Transfer the front part stitches to waste yarn.

54 (56) // 58 (60) /// 62 (64) 68 back part stitches on the needles. Remove the beginning marker. Work in back-and forth rows. Start counting anew from the next row on.

Row 1, RS: k all sts.

From now on, bind off 3 stitches in the beginning of each row.

Row 2, WS: bind off 3 sts, p to end.

Row 3, RS: bind off 3 sts, k to end.

Repeat rows 2 – 3 5 (6) // 4 (5) /// 4 (4) 4 times.

A total of 10 (12) // 8 (10) /// 8 (8) 8 rows. 24 (20) // 34 (30) /// 38 (40) 44 stitches on the needles.

From now on, bind off 2 stitches in the beginning of each row.

Row 1, WS: bind off 2 sts, p to end.

Row 2, RS: bind off 2 sts, k to end.

Repeat rows 1 – 2 3 (2) // 5 (4) /// 6 (6) 7 times.

A total of 6 (4) // 10 (8) /// 12 (12) 14 rows. 12 (12) // 14 (14) /// 14 (16) 16 stitches on the needles.

For all sizes: purl 1 more WS row.

A total of 18 (18) // 20 (20) /// 22 (22) 24 back part rows have been worked.

Height wise – 5.5 (5.5) // 6 (6.5) /// 7 (7) 7.5 cm;

[2.1 (2.1) // 2.3 (2.5) /// 2.7 (2.7) 2.9 in].

Break and secure the working yarn. Transfer the stitches to waste yarn.

5. Front part.

Transfer the 34 (34) // 36 (36) /// 38 (40) 40 front part stitches to 4 mm [US6] needles.

Purl 1 WS row. Work in back-and forth rows. Start counting anew from the next row on.

Bind off 3 stitches in the beginning of each row.

Row 1, RS: bind off 3 sts, k to end.

Row 2, WS: bind off 3 sts, p to end.

Work rows 1 – 2 2 times for all sizes.

A total of 4 rows. 22 (22) // 24 (24) /// 26 (28) 28 stitches on the needles.

From now on, bind off 2 stitches in the beginning of each row.

Row 1, RS: bind off 2 sts, k to end.

Row 2, WS: bind off 2 sts, p to end.

Work rows 1 – 2 2 times for all sizes.

A total of 4 rows. 14 (14) // 16 (16) /// 18 (20) 20 stitches on the needles.

From now on, bind off 1 stitch in the beginning of each row.

Row 1, RS: bind off 1 st, k to end.

Row 2, WS: bind off 1 st, p to end.

Work rows 1 – 2 1 (1) // 1 (1) /// 2 (2) 2 times.

A total of 2 (2) // 2 (2) /// 4 (4) 4 rows. 12 (12) // 14 (14) /// 14 (16) 16 stitches on the needles.

Work for 6 (6) // 8 (8) /// 8 (8) 10 rows in stockinette stitch.

A total of 18 (18) // 20 (20) /// 22 (22) 24 front part rows have been worked.

Height wise – 5.5 (5.5) // 6 (6.5) /// 7 (7) 7.5 cm;

[2.1 (2.1) // 2.3 (2.5) /// 2.7 (2.7) 2.9 in].

Align the front and the back parts together with the WS inward and graft the stitches with the 3 needle bind off method (3NBO) or Kitchener stitch. Do not break the working yarn.

3 needle bind off method (3NBO): <https://youtu.be/Vz-ROEOOPc4>

Kitchener stitch: <https://youtu.be/ySnKFczZZSA>

6. Leg opening edges.

3.5 mm [US4] needles. From the crotch gusset seam, pick up 62 (64) // 66 (68) /// 72 (74) 78 stitches along the leg opening.

Pick up the stitches: <https://youtu.be/HKcR1wmc-TE>

Work 8-10 rounds in 1 × 1 ribbing. Bind off all stitches using a tapestry needle or circular needles. Make the 2nd leg opening edge in the same way.

Bind off using circular needles: <https://youtu.be/ufq0Fe8WyRc>

Bind off using a tapestry needle: <https://youtu.be/NFV2I8ViGXI>

Weave in all remaining ends. Wash the garment gently in cold water, and let it dry spread out flat on an even horizontal surface.

7. Drawstring.

You can use needles, crochet hook, knitting mill to make a drawstring, or you can buy a drawstring. The length of the drawstring is approximately twice the waist circumference.

Drawstring using needles, in i-cord: <https://youtu.be/I9UOzPhOQjI>

Using a safety pin, insert the drawstring into the waistband. Tie knots at the ends of the drawstring.

Knit with pleasure.

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