

PetiteKnit

SUNDAY SUIT



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- Sizes:** 0-1 months (1-2 months) 2-4 months (4-6 months) 6-9 months (9-12 months) 12-18 months (18-24 months) 2-3 years
- Measurements:** Bust circumference suit: 43 (44) 45 (48) 50 (54) 57 (61) 64 cm [17 (17¼) 17¾ (19) 19¾ (21¼) 22½ (24) 25¼ inches]
Length from neck to crotch: 32 (34) 35 (38) 41 (44) 48 (51) 53 cm [12½ (13½) 13¾ (15) 16¼ (17¼) 19 (20) 21 inches] measured mid back
Total length: 44 (48) 52 (55) 60 (65) 71 (75) 79 cm [17¼ (19) 20½ (21¾) 23½ (25½) 28 (29½) 31 inches] measured from neck to foot
- Gauge:** 28 sts x 40 rows = 10 x 10 cm [4 x 4 inches] in stockinette stitch on 3 mm [US2½] needles
- Needles:** Circular needles: 3 mm [US2½] / 40 and 60 cm [16 and 24 inches]
Double-pointed needles: 3 mm [US2½] and 2.5 mm [US1½]
- Materials:** 100 (100) 150 (150) 150 (200) 200 (250) 250 g Sunday by Sandnes Garn (50 g = 235 m [257 yds]), 8 (8) 9 (10) 11 (12) 13 (13) 14 buttons (ø 13 mm)

PATTERN

The Sunday Suit is closed with buttons down the front and it is worked from the top down. The circular yoke is worked in rib with increases, while the rest of the suit is worked in stockinette stitch. The yoke and body are worked back and forth on circular needles, while the sleeves and legs are worked in the round on double-pointed needles or on a circular needle using the Magic Loop technique. The Sunday Suit requires very little finishing, as the button bands (plackets) are worked along with the body, so that there is no need to pick up stitches at the end.

Yoke

The yoke is worked back and forth on the circular needles, and the button plackets are formed by working the first and last 7 sts in k1, p1 rib. To ensure that the button plackets are nice and neat, the first and last stitch of every row needs to be worked extra tightly. The buttonholes are worked along the way, down the left button placket.

About the increases on the yoke

The increases are either worked as a knit stitch (M1K) or as a purl stitch (M1P). Note that there will not be holes in the work if the increases are worked correctly. Videos demonstrating the increases can be found on www.petiteknit.com. The increases are worked as follows:

M1K: Insert left needle under the strand that runs between the stitches from front to back, then knit this strand through the back loop.

M1P: Insert left needle under the strand that runs between the stitches from back to front, then purl this strand through the front loop.

Cast on 61 (63) 65 (69) 71 (73) 77 (81) 85 sts on 3 mm [US2½] / 60 cm [24 inches] circular needles, with your preferred cast-on method, not too tightly.

Below the first 6 rows are detailed:

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

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

Row 3 (WS): Work as Row 1.

Row 4 (RS): K1, p1, k2tog, yarn over (buttonhole), work in rib as the sts appear (knit the knit sts and purl the purl sts) to end of row.

Row 5 (WS): Work as Row 1.

Row 6 (RS): Work 7 sts in rib as established (left button placket), p1, * k1, M1K, p1*, repeat from * to * to the last 7 sts, work 7 sts in rib as established (right button placket).

There are now 84 (87) 90 (96) 99 (102) 108 (114) 120 sts on the needles.

The yoke rib pattern between the front edges (from the RS) is: P1, k2.

Continue back and forth working the sts as they appear (knit the knit sts and purl the purl sts) until the yoke measures 2 (2) 2 (2) 2 (2) 2 (2) 2 (2) 2 cm [$\frac{3}{4}$ ($\frac{3}{4}$) $\frac{3}{4}$ ($\frac{3}{4}$) $\frac{3}{4}$ ($\frac{3}{4}$) $\frac{3}{4}$ ($\frac{3}{4}$) $\frac{3}{4}$ inches] from the cast-on edge.
End with a WS row, so the next row is a RS row.

Note: On the rest of the yoke and on the body, the buttonholes are worked as described every 14 rows (on a RS row).

Work increases on the next row (RS), as follows:

Work 7 sts in rib (left button placket), *p1, M1P, k2*, repeat from * to * to the last 8 sts, p1, M1P, work 7 sts in rib (right button placket). There are now 108 (112) 116 (124) 128 (132) 140 (148) 156 sts on the needles.

The yoke rib pattern between the front edges (from the RS) is now: P2, k2.

Continue back and forth working the sts as they appear until the yoke measures 3 (3) 3 (3) 3 (3) 3 (3) 4 cm [$1\frac{1}{4}$ ($1\frac{1}{4}$) $1\frac{1}{4}$ ($1\frac{1}{4}$) $1\frac{1}{4}$ ($1\frac{1}{4}$) $1\frac{1}{4}$ ($1\frac{1}{4}$) $1\frac{1}{2}$ inches] from the cast-on edge.
End with a WS row, so the next row is a RS row.

Work increases on the next row (RS), as follows:

Work 7 sts in rib (left button placket), p2, *k1, M1K, k1, p2*, repeat from * to * to the last 7 sts, work 7 sts in rib (right button placket). There are now 131 (136) 141 (151) 156 (161) 171 (181) 191 sts on the needles.

The yoke rib pattern between the front edges (from the RS) is now: P2, k3.

Continue back and forth working the sts as they appear until the yoke measures 5 (5) 5 (5) 5 (5) 5 (5) 6 cm [2 (2) 2 (2) 2 (2) 2 (2) $2\frac{1}{4}$ inches] from the cast-on edge.
End with a WS row, so the next row is a RS row.

Work increases on the next row (RS), as follows:

Work 7 sts in rib (left button placket), *p1, M1P, p1, k3*, repeat from * to * to the last 9 sts, p1, M1P, p1, work 7 sts in rib (right button placket). There are now 155 (161) 167 (179) 185 (191) 203 (215) 227 sts on the needles.

The yoke rib pattern between the front edges (from the RS) is now: P3, k3.

Continue back and forth working the sts as they appear until the yoke measures 7 (7) 7 (7) 7 (7) 8 (8) 9 cm [$2\frac{3}{4}$ ($2\frac{3}{4}$) $2\frac{3}{4}$ ($2\frac{3}{4}$) $2\frac{3}{4}$ ($2\frac{3}{4}$) $3\frac{1}{4}$ ($3\frac{1}{4}$) $3\frac{1}{2}$ inches] from the cast-on edge.

End with a WS row, so the next row is a RS row.

Work increases on the next row (RS), as follows:

Work 7 sts in rib (left button placket), p3, *k2, M1K, k1, p3*, repeat from * to * to the last 7 sts, work 7 sts in rib (right button placket). There are now 178 (185) 192 (206) 213 (220) 234 (248) 262 sts on the needles.

The yoke rib pattern between the front edges (from the RS) is now: P3, k4.

Continue back and forth working the sts as they appear until the yoke measures 9 (9) 9 (9) 10 (10) 11 (11) 12 cm [3½ (3½) 3½ (3½) 4 (4) 4¼ (4¼) 4¾ inches] from the cast-on edge.

End with a WS row, so the next row is a RS row.

Work increases on the next row (RS), as follows:

Work 7 sts in rib (left button placket), *p2, M1P, p1, k4* repeat from * to * to the last 10 sts, p2, M1P, p1, work 7 sts in rib (right button placket). There are now 202 (210) 218 (234) 242 (250) 266 (282) 298 sts on the needles.

The yoke rib pattern between the front edges (from the RS) is now: P4, k4.

Continue back and forth working the sts as they appear until the yoke measures 11 (12) 12 (12) 13 (13) 14 (14) 15 cm [4¼ (4¾) 4¾ (4¾) 5 (5) 5½ (5½) 6 inches] from the cast-on edge.

End with a WS row, so the next row is a RS row.

Body

The body is worked back and forth in stockinette stitch, while the button plackets are still worked in rib as established. **Remember to continue working buttonholes every 14 rows.**

Divide the work for sleeves and body and cast on new sts for each underarm, as follows:

Work 7 sts in rib (left button placket), knit 24 (25) 26 (28) 29 (31) 33 (36) 38 sts (left front), place the next 42 (44) 46 (50) 52 (52) 56 (58) 62 sts on a stitch holder (left sleeve), cast on 4 (4) 4 (4) 4 (6) 6 (6) 6 new sts at the underarm using the backward loop method, knit 56 (58) 60 (64) 66 (70) 74 (80) 84 sts (back), place the next 42 (44) 46 (50) 52 (52) 56 (58) 62 sts on a stitch holder (right sleeve), cast on 4 (4) 4 (4) 4 (6) 6 (6) 6 new sts at the underarm using the backward loop method, knit 24 (25) 26 (28) 29 (31) 33 (36) 38 sts (right front), work 7 sts in rib (right button placket).

There are now 126 (130) 134 (142) 146 (158) 166 (178) 186 sts on the needles for the body.

Work back and forth in stockinette stitch with the first and last 7 sts in rib (remembering to work a buttonhole every 14 rows), until the work measures 30 (32) 33 (36) 39 (42) 46 (49) 51 cm [11¾ (12½) 13 (14¼) 15¼ (16½) 18 (19¼) 20 inches] from the cast-on edge. A total of 8 (8) 9 (10) 11 (12) 13 (13) 14 buttonholes have now been worked.

Move the sts to a short 3 mm [US2½] circular needle - 40 or 60 cm [16 or 24 inches] depending on the size you are knitting, so the work can be joined in the round.

Knit together the first and last 6 sts on the next RS row, so the two button plackets are overlapping. Work as follows:

Work to the last 6 sts. Place these last 6 sts on a 3 mm [US2½] double-pointed needle. Overlap the button plackets, so **the left button placket is in front** (i.e. the one with the buttonholes), then knit together one stitch from the first 6 sts with one stitch from the last 6 sts until all 6 sts have been worked together. There are now 120 (124) 128 (136) 140 (152) 160 (172) 180 sts on the needles, and you are ready to continue knitting in the round.

The round now begins after the last of the 6 sts knitted together (i.e. to the left of the button placket). Knit across 1 round.

Now work in stockinette stitch in the round, while working increases for the crotch on both sides of the 6 center front and center back sts. Mark these two sets of 6 sts with a total of 4 markers as follows: Place a marker for the beginning of the round (marker 1), knit 54 (56) 58 (62) 64 (70) 74 (80) 84 sts, place marker 2, knit 6 (6) 6 (6) 6 (6) 6 (6) 6 sts, place marker 3, knit 54 (56) 58 (62) 64 (70) 74 (80) 84 sts, place marker 4.

Work the increases for the crotch, so they slant either left (M1L) or right (M1R) as follows:

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

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

Work the increases on either side of the center front and center back 6 sts of the body, as follows:

*M1L, knit to marker 2, M1R, slip marker 2, knit to marker 3, slip marker 3, M1L, knit to marker 4, M1R, slip marker 4, knit to marker 1, slip marker 1 (a total of 4 increases have been worked). Knit across 1 round. *

Work from * to * a total of 3 (3) 3 (3) 3 (3) 3 (3) 3 times. There are now 132 (136) 140 (148) 152 (164) 172 (184) 192 sts on the needles.

Now bind off the 6 sts between the markers as follows:

Knit 60 (62) 64 (68) 70 (76) 80 (86) 90 sts, bind off 6 sts, knit 60 (62) 64 (68) 70 (76) 80 (86) 90 sts, bind off 6 sts.

Each leg is finished separately.

Legs

Place the 60 (62) 64 (68) 70 (76) 80 (86) 90 sts for one leg on a stitch holder to rest, while the 60 (62) 64 (68) 70 (76) 80 (86) 90 sts for the other leg are slipped onto 3 mm [US2½] double-pointed needles. Prepare to knit in the round. The beginning of the round is where the sts are joined on the inside of the leg.

Work in the round in stockinette stitch until the inseam measures 9 (10) 14 (18) 21 (23) 25 (27) 29 cm [3½ (4) 5½ (7) 8¼ (9) 8¾ (10½) 11½ inches], **while at the same time** decreasing 2 sts every 5th (5th) 7th (8th) 10th (8th) 8th (7th) 7th round a total of 6 (7) 7 (8) 8 (10) 11 (14) 15 times, as follows: K1, k2tog, knit until 3 sts remain, k2tog-tbl, k1.

There are now 48 (48) 50 (52) 54 (56) 58 (58) 60 sts on the needles.

Change to 2.5 mm [US1½] double-pointed needles and reduce the number of sts to a total of 40 (40) 42 (44) 46 (48) 50 (50) 50 sts by working a total of 8 (8) 8 (8) 8 (8) 8 (8) 10 k2tog decreases evenly distributed across the next round.

Now work a total of 8 (8) 8 (10) 10 (12) 12 (14) 14 rounds of k1, p1 rib. Bind off in established rib pattern.

Work the other leg identically.

Sleeves

Place the sts for one sleeve on 3 mm [US2½] double-pointed needles. Pick up and knit 4 (4) 4 (4) 4 (6) 6 (6) 6 sts in the 4 (4) 4 (4) 4 (6) 6 (6) 6 sts that were cast on at the underarm for the body. There are now 46 (48) 50 (54) 56 (58) 62 (64) 68 sts on the needle. Place a marker for the beginning of the round in the middle of the sts that were picked up at the underarm.

Work in the round in stockinette stitch until the sleeve measures 11 (13) 15 (16) 17 (19) 21 (22) 24 cm [4¼ (5) 6 (6¼) 6¾ (7½) 8¼ (8¾) 9½ inches], **while at the same time** decreasing 2 sts every 8th (9th) 11th (10th) 11th (12th) 11th (12th) 11th round a total of 5 (5) 5 (6) 6 (6) 7 (7) 8 times as follows: K1, k2tog, knit until 3 sts remain, k2tog-tbl, k1.

There are now 36 (38) 40 (42) 44 (46) 48 (50) 52 sts on the needles.

Change to 2.5 mm [US1½] double-pointed needles and reduce the number of sts to a total of 30 (32) 34 (36) 36 (38) 40 (44) 46 sts by working a total of 6 (6) 6 (6) 8 (8) 8 (6) 6 k2tog decreases evenly distributed across the next round.

Now work a total of 8 (8) 8 (10) 10 (12) 12 (14) 14 rounds of k1, p1 rib. Bind off in established rib pattern. Work the other sleeve identically.

Finishing

Weave in all ends. Sew the 8 (8) 9 (10) 11 (11) 12 (13) 14 buttons to the right button placket across from the buttonholes on the left button placket. Sew together the remaining gap at the crotch (the 6 sts that were bound off at the front and back).

Abbreviations

k	knit
k2tog	decrease; knit two stitches together
k2tog-tbl	decrease; knit two stitches together through the back loop
M1K	increase; make one knit-wise (see yoke increases)
M1L	increase; make one left (see body increases)
M1P	increase; make one purl-wise (see yoke increases)
M1R	increase; make one right (see body increases)
p	purl
RS	right side of work
st(s)	stitch(es)
WS	wrong side of work



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