

Little Cotton Rabbits

A trio of top-down sweaters



The narrow striped T-shirt is knitted from MillaMia Naturally Soft Cotton in 'Bluebell' 322 (Yarn A) and 'off white' 311 (Yarn B).

The wide striped sweater is knitted from BCGarn Alba in 'Rubine' 05 (Yarn A) and 'cream' 16 (Yarn B).

The cardigan is knitted from Madeline Tosh Twist Light in 'Scout'.

Other knitting patterns are available at
www.littlecottonrabbits.typepad.co.uk

Materials:

- Yarns: you will need a selection of colours in 4py/fingering weight yarn (amounts are detailed per pattern). Some designs use two colours but can be worked in one if you prefer.
- A tiny button

Finished size:

approx 7cm (2¾ inches) from neck to hem

Notions:

- A pair of 2.75mm (US 2) Knitting needles
- A tapestry needle for seaming with
- A set of four 2.75mm (US 2) DPNs or a circular needle (optional)
- A stitch holder/waste yarn (optional)

Gauge:



Gauge for sweaters: 7 stitches x 10 rows to 1 inch

Each of my animal patterns comes with their own individual clothing but sometimes it's nice to have a change of clothes. And as one of my favourite things about making knitted toys is coming up with new designs for their clothing I've put together this trio of top-down sweater patterns which can be worked flat or in the round.

The designs are very simple as they just use stripes of colour and combinations of Knit and Purl stitches for the cuffs. They all have the same basic raglan sleeve construction and an opening at the back (or front for the cardigan). I hope you enjoy using these patterns to create a wardrobe of different sweaters for your knitted animals. If you'd like to see my other patterns you can find the full range here: [All Little Cotton Rabbits Patterns](#)

Yarn suggestions:

I prefer to knit the sweaters in 4ply cotton/cotton mix yarns. Cotton yarns are crisp and have good stitch definition, and they block well - you can even iron cotton knits to smooth out any wrinkles.. I particularly like BCGarn Alba, MillaMia Naturally Soft Cotton, Phildar Phil Coton 3, Drops Safran and DMC Natura Just Cotton, as all knit up nicely and have a good range of colours. Patons 4ply cotton and Sirdar 4ply cotton also come in a wide range of colours but are thinner, and Cascade Ultra Pima Fine has a wonderful range of colours but is a little thicker, so if using any of these you will need to check your gauge if the clothes are to fit. It also may be worth looking on [Ravelry](#) to see what yarns others are using and recommending.

Abbreviations:

These increase methods are described in detail in the excellent knitting help website:

<http://www.knittinghelp.com/videos/increases>

M1A: MAKE 1 STITCH AWAY. I use the thumb method (see link above) to make a backwards loop in the working yarn and place this loop onto the right needle, so the working yarn is pointing away from you.

M1T : MAKE 1 TOWARDS. Make a loop with the working yarn so the tail is pointing forwards/towards you. **Note:** In order to get a neat finish you will need to purl into the **back** loop of this stitch on the following row.

YF: YARN FORWARD: Bring the yarn to the front of the work between the needles before working the next stitch – once you knit the next stitch this will create a loop over the top of the needle which when worked into on the next row will create an eyelet that serves as a buttonhole.

These decrease methods are described in detail in the excellent knitting help website:

<http://www.knittinghelp.com/videos/decreases>

SSK (SLIP, SLIP, KNIT) : Slip a stitch (as if to knit it) to the right-hand needle, slip a second stitch in the same way, slip both stitches together back to the left-hand needle and knit together through the back loops.

K2TOG : Knit 2 stitches together

P2TOG : Purl 2 stitches together

P2TOG TBL: Purl 2 stitches together through the back loops

And please note that the recommended cast on throughout is a **CABLE CAST ON**.

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Narrow Striped T-shirt:

To work this sweater you will need 4ply/fingering weight yarns; approx 17m (19 yds) of [Yarn A](#) and 10m (11 yds) of [Yarn B](#). Starting at the neck and working downwards, use 2.75mm needles and [Yarn A](#) to cable cast on 29 stitches leaving a short tail for weaving in later. Note there is a button hole made at the end of row 2.

- row 1:** (wrong side) [Knit](#)
- row 2:** Change to [Yarn B](#), K4, M1T, K2, M1A, K3, M1T, K2, M1A, K7, M1T, K2, M1A, K3, M1T, K2, M1A, K2, YF, K2tog (37 stitches)
- row 3:** Purl (see note about M1T stitches on Page 2)
- row 4:** Change to [Yarn A](#), (K5, M1T, K2, M1A) twice, K9, (M1T, K2, M1A, K5) twice (45 stitches)
- row 5:** [Purl](#)
- row 6:** Change to [Yarn B](#), K6, M1T, (K2, M1A) twice, K3, (M1T, K2) twice, M1A, K11, M1T, (K2, M1A) twice, K3, (M1T, K2) twice, M1A, K6 (57 stitches)
- row 7:** [Purl](#)
- row 8:** Change to [Yarn A](#), K7, M1T, (K2, M1A) twice, K7, (M1T, K2) twice, M1A, K13, M1T, (K2, M1A) twice, K7, (M1T, K2) twice, M1A, K7 (69 stitches)
- row 9:** [Purl](#)
- row 10:** Change to [Yarn B](#), K8, M1T, (K2, M1A) twice, K11, (M1T, K2) twice, M1A, K15, M1T, (K2, M1A) twice, K11, (M1T, K2) twice, M1A, K8 (81 stitches)
- row 11:** [Purl](#)
- row 12:** Change to [Yarn A](#), K9, M1T, K23, M1A, K17, M1T, K23, M1A, K9 (85 stitches)

- row 13:** [P12](#), cast off 19 stitches [Purl-wise](#) (fig. 1), [P22](#), cast off 19 stitches [Purl-wise](#), [P11](#)

You should now have 12 sts, a gap, 23 sts, a gap, 12 sts

- row 14:** Change to [Yarn B](#), K10, M1T, K1, K2tog, K1, M1A, K19, M1T, K1, SSK, K1, M1A, K10 (fig. 2) (49 stitches)

If you prefer you can work the lower body in the round, see instructions at the bottom of this page **

- row 15:** [Purl](#)
- row 16:** Change to [Yarn A](#), K11, M1T, K3, M1A, K21, M1T, K3, M1A, K11 (53 stitches)
- row 17:** [Purl](#)
- row 18:** Change to [Yarn B](#), [Knit](#)
- row 19:** [Purl](#)
- row 20:** Change to [Yarn A](#), [Knit](#)
- row 21:** [Purl](#)
- row 22:** Change to [Yarn B](#), [Knit](#)
- row 23:** [Purl](#). Cut [Yarn B](#) from the work as it is no longer needed. Continue in [Yarn A](#) only
- row 24:** [Knit](#)
- row 25:** (P1, K1) 26 times, P1
- row 26:** (K1, P1) 26 times, K1
- row 27:** (P1, K1) 26 times, P1
- row 28:** Cast off in K1, P1 ribbing

Cut the work from the ball, leaving an 8 inch tail for seaming with later.

Before I sew up the centre back seam I like to block the T-shirt to make it neat. I usually do this by carefully steam blocking but if you prefer wet blocking that is fine too. After blocking thread the tapestry needle with the cast off tail from the body to close the back seam (fig. 3), leaving the top part of it open so that when the button is undone the T-shirt can be easily taken on and off. Weave in all the yarn ends inside and trim excess. Finally, sew a tiny button on the opposite side to the button hole (fig. 4) and your T-shirt is done and ready to pop on your animal.

** To work the body in the round:

Work the T shirt flat, as detailed above, up to and including **row 14**, this will allow an opening so that it will fit over the animals head. Then continue by following the instructions as follows: There are now 49 stitches on the needle. Transfer these 49 stitches to a 2.75mm (US 2) circular needle or DPNs and continue working on them complete the body, following the instructions below.

- round 15:** Slip 1, K46, Knit the next stitch together with the slipped stitch from the beginning of the round (48 stitches)
- round 16:** Change to [Yarn A](#), K10, M1T, K3, M1A, K21, M1T, K3, M1A, K11 (52 stitches)
- round 17:** [Knit](#)
- round 18:** Change to [Yarn B](#), [Knit](#)
- round 19:** [Knit](#)
- round 20:** Change to [Yarn A](#), [Knit](#)
- round 21:** [Knit](#)

- round 22:** Change to [Yarn B](#), [Knit](#)
- round 23:** [Knit](#), Cut [Yarn B](#) from the work as it is no longer needed. Continue in [Yarn A](#) only
- round 24:** [Knit](#)
- rounds 25-27:** Work 3 rounds like so: (K1, P1) 11 times
- row 28:** Cast off in K1, P1 ribbing

Cut the work from the ball and weave in all the ends to finish. Block as above. Finally, sew a tiny button on the opposite side to the button hole (fig. 4) and your sweater is done and ready to pop on your animal.



fig. 1



fig. 2



fig. 3



fig. 4



fig. 5



fig. 6



fig. 7



fig. 8



fig. 9



fig. 10



fig. 11



fig. 12



fig. 13



fig. 14



Wide Striped Sweater:

To work this sweater you will need approx 23m (26yds) of **Yarn A** and 16m (18yds) of Yarn B

Before starting, cut and set aside a 7m (8yds) length of **Yarn A** to use for the sleeves.

(Note that if you choose to work the sleeves in the round you do not need to cut this extra length as then the sleeves are worked consecutively rather than concurrently).

Starting at the neck and working downwards to the hem, use 2.75mm needles and **Yarn A** to cable cast on 29 stitches leaving a short tail for weaving in later. Note there is a button hole made at the end of row 2.

- row 1:** (wrong side) **Knit**
row 2: (button hole row) **K27, YF, K2tog** (29 stitches)
row 3: **Knit**
row 4: **K4, M1T, K2, M1A, K3, M1T, K2, M1A, K7, M1T, K2, M1A, K3, M1T, K2, M1A, K4** (37 stitches)
row 5: **Purl** (see note about M1T stitches on Page 2)
row 6: Change to Yarn B, **K5, M1T, K2, M1A, K5, M1T, K2, M1A, K9, M1T, K2, M1A, K5, M1T, K2, M1A, K5** (45 stitches)
row 7: Purl
row 8: **K6, M1T, (K2, M1A) twice, K3, (M1T, K2) twice, M1A, K11, M1T, (K2, M1A) twice, K3, (M1T, K2) twice, M1A, K6** (57 stitches)
row 9: Purl
row 10: Change to **Yarn A, K7, M1T, (K2, M1A) twice, K7, (M1T, K2) twice, M1A, K13, M1T, (K2, M1A) twice, K7, (M1T, K2) twice, M1A, K7** (69 stitches)
row 11: Purl
row 12: **K8, M1T, (K2, M1A) twice, K11, (M1T, K2) twice, M1A, K15, M1T, (K2, M1A) twice, K11, (M1T, K2) twice, M1A, K8** (81 stitches)
row 13: Purl
row 14: Change to Yarn B, **K9, M1T, (K2, M1A) twice, K15, (M1T, K2) twice, M1A, K17, M1T, (K2, M1A) twice, K15, (M1T, K2) twice, M1A, K9** (93 stitches)
row 15: Purl *
* Note: if you prefer to work the sleeves and lower part of the body in the round then follow notes on page 6 **
row 16: **K10, M1T, K25** Turn, leaving the remaining 58 stitches on the left needle (fig. 5)
row 17: P23 and turn, leaving the remaining 13 stitches on the right needle. Continue on these 23 sts only to complete the first sleeve, like so:
Note: **Yarn A** linked to the main ball will be left for now and worked with again on **row 18B**
rows 18-21: Join in the 7m length of **Yarn A**, beginning with a Knit row and ending with a Purl, work 4 rows of stocking stitch

rows 22-25: Change to Yarn B, beginning with a Knit row and ending with a Purl, work 4 rows of stocking stitch

- row 26:** Change to **Yarn A** and **Knit**
row 27: **(P1, K1)** 11 times, **P1**
row 28: **(K1, P1)** 11 times, **K1**
row 29: **(P1, K1)** 11 times, **P1**
row 30: **Cast off in ribbing**

Cut the work from both colours, leaving an 8 inch tail of **Yarn A** for seaming with later and a 4 inch tail of Yarn B for weaving in. That is the first sleeve worked (fig. 6). Now continue across the body with the stitches still held on the left needle:

- row 16 (continued):** Re-join Yarn B and **K2, M1A, K19, M1T, K25**, turn leaving the remaining 12 sts on the left needle
row 17A: P23 and turn, leaving remaining stitches on the needle. Continue on these 23 stitches only to complete the second sleeve, like so:
rows 18A-21A: Join in the remaining length of **Yarn A**, beginning with a Knit row and ending with a Purl, work 4 rows of stocking stitch
row 22A-25A: Change to Yarn B, beginning with a Knit row and ending with a Purl, work 4 rows of stocking stitch
row 26A: Change to **Yarn A** and **Knit**
row 27A: **(P1, K1)** 11 times, **P1**
row 28A: **(K1, P1)** 11 times, **K1**
row 29A: **(P1, K1)** 11 times, **P1**
row 30A: **Cast off in ribbing**

Cut the work from both colours, leaving an 8 inch tail of **Yarn A** for seaming with later and a 4 inch tail of Yarn B for weaving in. That is the second sleeve worked. Next continue across the body with the 12 stitches still held on the left needle:

- row 16 (continued):** Re-join Yarn B and **K2, M1A, K10** There are now 51 stitches on the needle (fig. 7), continue working on these to complete the body, like so:
row 17B: **P12, P2tog, P23, P2tog, P12** (49 stitches)
row 18B: Change to **Yarn A** from the main ball, **K11, M1T, K3, M1A, K21, M1T, K3, M1A, K11** (53 stitches)
row 19B: Purl
row 20B: Knit
row 21B: Purl

Wide Striped Sweater (continued):

row 22B: Change to Yarn B and Knit
row 23B: Purl
row 24B: Knit
row 25B: Purl
row 26B: Change to Yarn A and Knit
row 27B: (P1, K1) 26 times, P1

row 28B: (K1, P1) 26 times, K1
row 29B: (P1, K1) 26 times, P1
row 30B: Cast off in ribbing

Cut the work from the ball, leaving an 8 inch tail for seaming with later.

Finishing:

Before I sew up the seams I like to block the sweater to make it neat. I usually do this by carefully steam blocking but if you prefer wet blocking that is fine too. After blocking thread the tapestry needle with the cast-off tail for one of the sleeves and join the seam up to the armpit using mattress stitch (*fig. 8*).

Repeat with the other sleeve and then use the cast off tail from the body to join the centre back seam, leaving the top part of it open so that when the button is undone the sweater can be easily taken on and off. Weave in all the yarn ends inside and trim excess. Finally, sew a tiny button on the opposite side to the button hole (*fig. 9*) and your sweater is done and ready to pop on your animal (*fig. 10*).

** To work the body in the round:

Work the sweater flat, as detailed on Page 5, up to and including **row 15**, this will allow an opening so that it will fit over the animals head. Then continue as follows:

row 16: In Yarn B, K10, M1T, K2, Place the next 23 stitches on waste yarn/stitch holder (*fig. 11*), K2, M1A, K19, M1T, K2, Place the next 23 sts on waste yarn/stitch holder, K2, M1A, K10

There are now two sets of 23 stitches for each sleeve held for working later and 51 stitches on the needle. Transfer these 51 stitches to a circular needle or DPNS and continue working on them complete the body, following the instructions below (*fig. 12*):

round 17: Slip 1, K11, K2tog, K23, K2tog, K11, Knit the next stitch together with the slipped stitch from the beginning of the round (*48 stitches*)

round 18: Change to Yarn A, K10, M1T, K3, M1A, K21, M1T, K3, M1A, K11 (*52 stitches*)

rounds 19-21: Knit 3 rounds

rounds 22-25: Change to Yarn B and Knit 4 rounds, cut Yarn B from the work leaving a short tail for weaving in later

round 26: Change to Yarn A and Knit 1 round

rounds 27-29: Work 3 rounds like so: (K1, P1) 11 times

row 30: Cast off in K1, P1 ribbing

Cut the work from the ball, leaving an 8 inch tail for seaming with later.

Sleeves in the round: (make 2 the same):

Divide the 23 stitches held on the stitch holder for the sleeve onto 3 DPNs

round 16: Re-join Yarn B, K23, pick up a stitch from underneath the armhole (*fig. 13*) (*24 stitches*)

round 17: K1, K2 tog, K18, SSK, K1 (*22 stitches*)

rounds 18-21: Join in the 7m length of Yarn A and Knit 4 rounds

rounds 22-25: Change to Yarn B and Knit 4 rounds, ...

...cut Yarn B from the work leaving a short tail

round 26: Change to Yarn A and Knit 1 round

rounds 27-29: Work 3 rounds like so: (K1, P1) 11 times

row 30: Cast off in K1, P1 ribbing

Cut the work from the ball, leaving an 8 inch tail for seaming with later.

In the round finishing:

Before I finish the sweater I like to block it to make it neat. I usually do this by carefully steam blocking but if you prefer wet blocking that is fine too. After blocking tidy up any gaps under the arm hole, weave in all the yarn ends and trim excess. Finally, sew a tiny button on the opposite side to the button hole (*fig. 9*) and your sweater is done and ready to pop on your animal (*fig. 10*).

Top Down 'A' Line Cardigan:

To work this sweater you will need approx 39m (43yds) of **Yarn A**

Tip: Work into the back of the first stitch of each row, this will twist the stitch and give a neater edge to the button band.

Note, there is a button hole made at the end of row 2

Starting at the neck and working downwards, use 2.75mm needles and **Yarn A** to cable cast on 33 stitches, leaving a short tail for weaving in later.



- row 1:** (wrong side) Knit
row 2: (button hole row) K31, YF, K2tog (33 stitches)
row 3: Knit
row 4: K6, M1T, K2, M1A, K3, M1T, K2, M1A, K7, M1T, K2, M1A, K3, M1T, K2, M1A, K6 (41 stitches)
row 5: K3, P35, K3 (see note about M1T sts on Page 2)
row 6: K7, M1T, K2, M1A, K5, M1T, K2, M1A, K9, M1T, K2, M1A, K5, M1T, K2, M1A, K7 (49 stitches)
row 7: K3, P43, K3
row 8: K8, M1T, (K2, M1A) twice, K3, (M1T, K2) twice, M1A, K11, M1T, (K2, M1A) twice, K3, (M1T, K2) twice, M1A, K8 (61 stitches)
row 9: K3, P55 K3
row 10: K9, M1T, (K2, M1A) twice, K7, (M1T, K2) twice, M1A, K13, M1T, (K2, M1A) twice, K7, (M1T, K2) twice, M1A, K9 (73 stitches)
row 11: K3, P67, K3
row 12: K10, M1T, (K2, M1A) twice, K11, (M1T, K2) twice, M1A, K15, M1T, (K2, M1A) twice, K11, (M1T, K2) twice, M1A, K10 (85 stitches)
row 13: K3, P79 K3
row 14: K11, M1T, (K2, M1A) twice, K15, (M1T, K2) twice, M1A, K17, M1T, (K2, M1A) twice, K15, (M1T, K2) twice, M1A, K11 (97 stitches)
row 15: K3, P91, K3
** Note: If you prefer to work the sleeves in the round then please follow instructions for **row 16** on Page 8:
row 16: K12, M1T, K25, turn leaving the remaining 60 stitches on the left needle, (fig. 15)
row 17: P23 and turn leaving the remaining 15 stitches on the right needle. Continue on these 23 sts only to complete the first sleeve (fig. 16):
rows 18-26: Beginning and ending with Knit rows, work 9 rows of stocking stitch
rows 27-30: Work 4 rows of garter stitch (Knit each row)
row 31: Cast off in Knit. Cut the work from the ball, leaving an 8 inch tail for seaming with later.

- With the right side facing continue across the body with the stitches still held on the left needle, like so:
row 16 (continued): Re-join **Yarn A** and K2, M1A, K19, M1T, K25, turn leaving the remaining 14 stitches on the left needle
row 17A: P23 and turn, leaving the remaining stitches on the needle. Continue on these 23 stitches only to complete the second sleeve, like so:
rows 18-26A: Beginning and ending with Knit rows, work 9 rows of stocking stitch
rows 27-30A: Knit 4 rows (garter stitch)
row 31A: Cast off in Knit
Cut the work from the ball, leaving an 8 inch tail for seaming with later. Next, with right side facing, continue across the body with the stitches still held on the left needle, like so:
row 16 (continued): Re-join **Yarn A** and K2, M1A, K12
There are now 55 stitches on the needle (fig. 17), continue working on these to complete the body, like so:
row 17B: K3, P11, P2tog, P23, P2tog, P11, K3 (53 stitches)
row 18B: K13, M1T, K3, M1A, K21, M1T, K3, M1A, K13 (57 stitches)
row 19B: K3, P51, K3
row 20B: Knit
row 21B: K3, P51, K3
row 22B: K13, M1T, K5, M1A, K21, M1T, K5, M1A, K13 (61 stitches)
row 23B: K3, P55, K3
row 24B: Knit
row 25B: K3, P55, K3
row 26B: K13, M1T, K7, M1A, K21, M1T, K7, M1A, K13 (65 stitches)
row 27B: K3, P59, K3
row 28B: Knit
rows 29-32B: Knit 4 rows of garter stitch (Knit each row)
row 33B: Cast off in Knit and cut the work from the ball leaving a short tail for weaving in later

Top Down 'A' Line Cardigan (continued):



fig. 15

fig. 16

fig. 17

fig. 18

Finishing:

Before I sew up the arm seams I like to block the cardigan to make it neat. I usually do this by carefully steam blocking but if you prefer wet blocking that is fine too. After blocking thread the tapestry needle with the cast-off tail for one of the sleeves and join the seam up to the armpit using mattress stitch (fig. 18). Repeat with the other sleeve and then weave in all the yarn ends inside and trim excess. Finally, sew a tiny button on the opposite side to the button hole and your cardigan is done and ready to pop on your animal.

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**To work the body in the round:

Work exactly as detailed on Page 7 up to and including **row 15** and then work as follows:

row 16: K12, M1T, K2, Place the next 23 stitches on waste yarn or a stitch holder (fig. 19), K2, M1A, K19, M1T, K2, Place the next 23 stitches on a stitch holder, K2, M1A, K12

There are now two sets of 23 stitches for each sleeve held for working later and 55 stitches on the needle. Complete the body, following the instructions from **row 17B** on Page 7.

Sleeves in the round: (make 2 the same):

Divide the 23 stitches held on the stitch holder for the sleeve onto 3 DPNs - double pointed needles, (fig. 20)

round 16: Re-join **Yarn A** and Knit to the end of the round then pick up an extra stitch from the bottom of the armhole (fig. 21), (24 stitches)

round 17: K1, K2tog, K18, SSK, K1 (22 stitches)

rounds 18-26: Knit 9 rounds

round 27: Purl

round 28: Knit

round 29: Purl

round 30: Cast off Purl-wise

Cut the work from the ball, leaving an 8 inch tail for seaming with later.

In the round finishing:

Before I finish the cardigan I like to block it to make it neat. I usually do this by carefully steam blocking but if you prefer wet blocking that is fine too. After blocking tidy up any gaps under the arm hole, weave in all the yarn ends on the wrong side of the work and trim excess. Finally, sew a tiny button on the opposite side to the button hole and your cardigan is done and ready to pop on your animal.

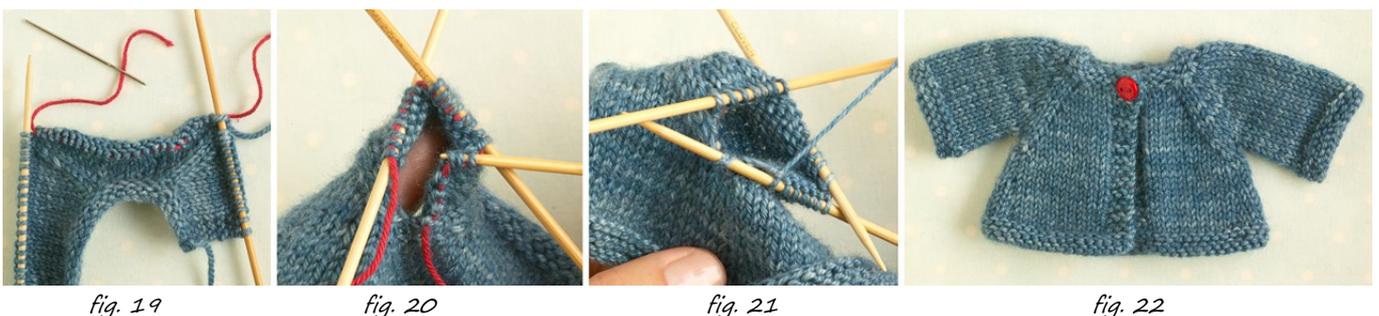


fig. 19

fig. 20

fig. 21

fig. 22

Little Cotton Rabbits skirt supplement for T-shirt



This is a very simple little modification to the 'Trio of top down sweaters pattern' in order to turn the T-shirt into a dress. You can use the same instructions with the long sleeved sweater if you prefer a long sleeved dress. Here's a link to the pattern you'll need to use with this supplement : [Trio of Top down sweaters pattern.](#)

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Materials:

- 2.75mm (US 2) needles
- approximately 20m (21yds) of 4ply/fingering weight yarn
- a tapestry needle

Special abbreviations:

M1A: Make 1 away: make a backwards loop to create an extra stitch on the current row with the yarn facing away from the direction of knitting

Explanations and excellent video demonstrations of the abbreviation above can be found on the Knitting Help website:

<https://www.knittinghelp.com/videos/increases>

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If you get stuck with any aspect of the pattern, please come and visit the Little cotton Rabbit group on Ravelry: <https://www.ravelry.com/groups/little-cotton-rabbits>

I've also written up some extra tips about knitting and finishing, so please pop by for a visit and check out the tutorials/knitting tips section on Little Cotton Rabbits blog: <https://littlecottonrabbits.typepad.co.uk>

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fig. 1

fig. 2

fig. 3

To pick up and knit a stitch: Slide the needle tip through each stitch in turn (*fig. 1*) wrap the yarn so as to knit, draw the yarn through and place the newly made stitch on the right-hand needle (*fig. 2*). Work the M1A stitches (*fig. 3*) where indicated in **row 1**, so increasing the number of stitches and creating a flared skirt.

Instructions:

After casting off the last row of the T-shirt (or the long sleeved sweater) turn the work so that the wrong side is facing and the bottom hem is pointing towards you. Using 2.75mm needles and your chosen skirt yarn, prepare to Pick up and Knit the bottom-most row of Yarn B stitches from just above the ribbing at the bottom edge of the T-shirt, like so:

row 1: (Pick up and Knit 3, M1A) 17 times, K2
(70 stitches)

row 2: (wrong side) Purl

row 3: Knit

row 4: P4, (K2, P4) 11 times*

row 5: Knit

row 6: P4, (K2, P4) 11 times*

row 7: Knit

rows 8-13: Repeat rows 2-7

row 14: Purl

row 15: Knit

row 16: Knit

row 17: Knit

row 18: Cast off in Knit

Cut the work from the ball, leaving an 8 inch tail for seaming with. Thread the tapestry needle with this tail end and use it to close the seam running up the back of the skirt, leaving a gap for the tail to poke through, if your animal has one. Use the cut cast off tail from the bottom of the T shirt to close the back of the T shirt seam and follow the finishing off instructions in the T shirt pattern.

* If you prefer you can substitute the textured pattern (on rows 4 & 6) for a narrower pleat, as follows:

rows 4 & 6: P2, (K1, P3) 17 times

Or just work the skirt entirely in stocking stitch if preferred. The texture just gives a little extra interest and encourages the skirt to fall in pleats.



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