





SKILL LEVEL
INTERMEDIATE

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What you will need:

RED HEART® Soft Baby Steps®: 2 (2, 3) balls 9702 Strawberry **A**

RED HEART® Sassy Fabric™: 2 skeins Black Dot 9931 **B**

Susan Bates® Circular Knitting Needles: 5.5mm [US 9] 24" (61 cm)

Stitch markers, yarn needle.

GAUGE: 17 sts = 4" (10 cm); 22 rows = 4" (10 cm) in St st CHECK YOUR GAUGE. Use any size needles to obtain the gauge.



RED HEART® Soft Baby Steps®, Art. E746, available in solid color

5oz (141g), 256 yd (234m), prints 4oz (113g), 204 yd (187m), and smart prints 3oz (85g), 153 yd (140 m) balls



RED HEART® Sassy Fabric™, Art. E818,
available in 30 yd (27 m)
skeins



Perfect Party Dress

Little girls will love dressing up in this darling ruffled dress. Knit it from the hem on up, including the fabric ruffle yarn as you go. Ribbing at the top makes it comfortable and easy to fit.

Directions are for size 2 years; changes for sizes 4 and 6 years are in parentheses.

Chest: 22½ (24½, 26½)" (57 (51, 67½) cm) **Length:** 16½ (18½, 20½)" (42 (47, 52) cm)

NOTES

2 x 2 Rib (worked in the round over a multiple of 4 sts)

Every round (RS): * K2, p2; repeat from * to end.

Dress is worked in the round in one piece from bottom to top. Ruffles are added by working both yarns together, and armholes are formed by binding off sts, then casting on sts for sleeves on the following row.

DRESS

With **A**, cast on 136 (144, 152) sts. Join round being careful not to twist cast-on edge, and place a marker to mark beginning of round.

Place a marker after every 17 (18, 19) sts to mark decrease sections – 8 sections, 8 markers placed.

Rounds 1-4: K2, p2; repeat from * to end. Work in St st (knit every round) for 10 (11, 12) rounds.

Next round (dec round): * Knit to 2 sts before marker, k2tog; repeat from * to end – 128 (136, 144) sts.

Next round (ruffle round): Holding **B** in front of work, insert right needle into 1st hole of fabric and knit together with first st on needle. Work each st around in this manner, then carefully cut fabric (ends of fabric will roll in).

Repeat last 12 (13, 14) rounds 4 more times – 5 ruffle rounds, 96 (104, 112) sts. Work in Stockinette st for 2" (5 cm). Work in 2 x 2 Rib for 1 $(1\frac{1}{2}, 2)$ " (2.5 (4, 5) cm).

Separate for Armholes

Round 1: [Bind off 4 sts, work across next 44 (48, 52) sts in established rib] twice.

Round 2: [Cast on 20 (24, 28) sts, work across next 44 (48, 52) sts in established rib] twice – 128 (144, 160) sts.

Work in 2 x 2 Rib for 2 (2½, 3) " (5 (6.5, 7.5) cm).

Next round (decrease round): * K2, p2tog; repeat from * to end – 96 (108, 120) sts.

Next 5 rounds: * K2, p1; repeat from * to end.

Next round: * K2tog, p1; repeat from * to end – 64 (72, 80) sts.

Next round: * K1, p1; repeat from * to end. Bind off in pattern.

FINISHING

Weave in ends.

ABBREVIATIONS

A, B = Color A, color B; k = knit; p = purl;
st(s) = stitch(es); St st = Stockinette stitch;
] = work directions in brackets the number of times specified; * or ** = repeat whatever follows the * or ** as indicated.



