

Coat, bonnet and booties — warm and snug this is a useful set for a baby boy or girl. This can be made up in shrinkproof wool. Bri-Nylon or acrylic, all of which are machine washable.

Little Boy Blue

Materials: Villawool baby wool 3 ply: (100% machine washable shrinkproof wool); 25g balls; 6 balls for coat, 2 balls for bonnet and booties; or Starlite baby Bri-Nylon 3 ply by Villawool: (100% machine washable Bri-Nylon); 25g balls; 6 balls for coat, 2 balls for bonnet and booties; or Carousel 3 ply by Villawool: (100% machine washable acrylic); 20g balls; 6 balls for coat; 2 balls for bonnet and booties. Pr Sizes 2¼ mm (13), 2½ mm (12), 3¼ mm (10) Aero needles. Ribbon: 1 cm x 3 metres for Coat and Booties. 1.5 cm x 1 metre for Bonnet. Rosebud Trimming.

Measurements: To fit from birth to 3 months. Length from Shoulder: 31 cm; Sleeve seam: 15 cm.

Tension: 16 sts and 20 rows over st on 3¼ mm needles or needle size to give correct tension.

Abbreviations: alt = alternate; beg = begin/ning; cm = centimetre/s; cont = continue; dec = decrease/ing; foll = following; in. = inch/es; K = knit; mm = millimetre/s; inc = increase/ing; patt = pattern; st/s = stitch/es; pssso = pass slip stitch over; sl 1 = slip 1 stitch; tog = together; yfwd = yarn forward.

COAT

Worked in one piece to Yoke. With 3¼ mm needles, cast on 331 sts.

Knit 13 rows. Proceed for Lace patt as follows:—

1st row: K8, (K4, yfwd, sl 1, K2 tog, pssso, yfwd, K2, K2 tog, yfwd, K4) rep to last 8 sts, K8.

2nd and each alt row: K8, purl to last 8 sts, K8.

3rd row: K8, (K4, K2 tog, yfwd, K2, K2 tog, yfwd, K5) rep to last 8 sts, K8.

5th row: K8, (K3, K2 tog, yfwd, K2, K2 tog, yfwd, K1, yfwd, K2 tog, K3) rep to last 8 sts, K8.

7th row: K8, (K2, K2 tog, yfwd, K2, K2 tog, yfwd, K3, yfwd, K2 tog, K2) rep to last 8 sts, K8.

9th row: K8, (K1, K2 tog, yfwd, K2, K2 tog, yfwd, K1, yfwd, K2 tog, K2, yfwd, K2 tog, K1) rep to last 8 sts, K8.

11th row: K8, (K2 tog, yfwd, K2 tog, K2, yfwd, K3, yfwd, K2, K2 tog, yfwd, K2 tog) rep to last 8 sts, K8.

13th row: K8, (K2, yfwd, K2 tog, K3, K2 tog, yfwd, K2, K2 tog, yfwd, K2) rep to last 8 sts, K8.

15th row: K8, (K3, yfwd, K2 tog, K1, K2 tog, yfwd, K2, K2 tog, yfwd, K3) rep to last 8 sts, K8.

16th row: K8, purl to last 8 sts, K8. Rep last 16 rows until work measures 21 cm ending on wrong side.

Next row: K8, (K2 tog) rep to last 9 sts, K9 (174 sts rem).

Next row: K8, purl to last 8 sts, K8. Ribbonhole row: K8, (yfwd, K2 tog) rep to last 8 sts, K8.

Next row: K8, purl to last 8 sts, K8. **Right Front Yoke:** Next row: K50, turn, leave rem sts on holder.

Working K8 at Front edge on every row, cont on all other sts in st st. Dec 1 st at Armhole edge on next and foll 2nd row once more*. Cont on rem 48 sts until Armhole measures 7.5 cm on straight ending at Front edge.

Shape Neck: Cast off 20 sts at beg of next row. Cont on rem sts until Armhole measures 10 cm.

Cast off. Ret to rem sts, join yarn at underarm and proceed for Back Yoke as follows:—

Next row: K74, turn. Dec 1 st each end of next and foll 2nd row once more (70 sts rem). Cont until Armholes measure same as Front. Cast off.

Ret to rem sts, join yarn at underarm and proceed for Left Front Yoke as follows:—

Next row: Knit.

Next row: K8, purl to last 2 sts, P2 tog. Dec 1 st at Armhole edge on foll 2nd row once. Finish as Right Front Yoke from*.

Next row: Knit.

Next row: K8, purl to last 2 sts, P2 tog. Dec 1 st at Armhole edge on foll 2nd row once. Finish as Right Front Yoke from*.

Sleeves:

With 2¼ mm needles, cast on 54 sts. Work in K1, P1 rib for 8 rows at same time evenly inc 8 sts on last row (62 sts). Change to 3¼ mm needles. Replacing K1 at beg and end of each row, work 16 rows of Lace patt as before until Sleeves measure 15 cm. Cast off loosely.

Collar:

With 3¼ mm needles, cast on 98 sts. Knit 8 rows.

Next row: K4, purl to last 4 sts, K4. Replacing K4 at beg and end of each row, work 16 rows of Lace patt as before twice.

Change to 2¼ mm needles. Ribbonhole row: K1, (yfwd, K2 tog) rep to last st, K1.

Next row: (K1, P1) rep to end. Rep last row twice. Cast off ribwise.

To make up: Lightly press on wrong side. Using a small back st, sew up Shoulder and Sleeve seams. Press seams open. With flat seam, neatly attach Collar to cast off edge round Neck. Neatly sew Sleeves into Armholes. Cut ribbon and thread through holes round waist and Neck. Trim as illustrated.

BONNET

With 3¼ mm needles, cast on 82 sts. Work in K1, P1 rib for 10 rows, inc 1 st at end of last row (83 sts). Replacing K4 at beg and end of each row, work 16 rows of Lace patt as before until work measure 11 cm ending on right side. Knit 3 rows evenly dec 3 sts on last row (80 sts).

Shape Crown:

1st row: (K6, K2 tog, yfwd, K2 tog) rep to end.

2nd and each alt row: Knit.

3rd row: (K5, K2 tog, yfwd, K2 tog) rep to end.

5th row: (K4, K2 tog, yfwd, K2 tog) rep to end.

Cont to dec 8 sts in this way by working 1 st less before each dec on every 2nd row until the row of (K2 tog, yfwd, K2 tog) rep, break yarn leaving a length, thread through rem sts and fasten off securely, then with a flat seam neatly sew seam on Crown.

To finish off: Cut ribbon and neatly attach. Trim as illustrated.

BOOTEES

With 2¾ mm needles, cast on 43 sts. Knit 1 row.

1st row: (K1, inc 1 st in next st, K18, inc 1 st in next st) twice, K1.

2nd and each alt row: Knit.

3rd row: (K1, inc 1 st in next st, K20, inc 1 st in next st) twice, K1.

5th row: (K1, inc 1 st in next st, K22, inc 1 st in next st) twice, K1.

Cont to inc 4 sts in this way by working 2 sts more between two increases each time on every foll 2nd row until 67 sts. Knit 12 rows without inc.

Shape Instep:

1st row: K39, K2 tog, turn.

2nd row: S1 l, K11, K2 tog, turn.

Rep last row until 47 sts rem, then knit to end.

Ribbonhole row: K2, (yfwd, K2 tog) rep to last st, K1.

Next row: Purl.

Change to 2¼ mm needles. Replacing K1 at beg and end of each row, work 16 rows of Lace patt as before twice, inc 1 st on last row (48 sts).

Work in K2, P2 rib for 8 rows. Loosely cast off ribwise.

To finish off: With a flat seam, neatly sew up seams. Cut ribbon and thread through holes round Ankles. Trim as illustrated.