

Baby's Dress and Matinee Jacket

ALL mothers of baby girls will consider the dress and matinee jacket illustrated here beautiful and useful. Instructions for making them are given in the following article. Materials required are: 5oz. of 3-ply wool; 2 No. 9 and 2 No. 12 knitting needles; 3½ yds. of baby ribbon; 8 buttons.

MEASUREMENTS are: Frock, length 16in., width all round under arms 18in.; coat, length 8in., chest 20in.

Tension: 7 st. to 1in.

Abbreviations: K., knit; p., purl; st., stitch(es); rep., repeat; beg., beginning; dec., decrease; inc., increase; patt., pattern; sl., slip; tog., together; g.st., garter stitch; p.s.s.o., pass slip stitch over; w.o.n., wool over needle; w.l.fwd., wool forward; w.r.n., wool round needle; cont., continue; st.st., stocking stitch.

The Dress

The Front

Using No. 9 needles cast on 293 st.

First row: P. 3, * k. 7, p. 3. Rep. from * to end. Second row: K. 3, * p. 7, k. 3. Rep. from * to end. Third row: P. 3, * k. 2, sl. 1, k. 2 tog., p.s.s.o., k. 2, p. 3. Rep. from * to end (235 st.). Fourth row: K. 3, * p. 5, k. 3. Rep. from * to end. Fifth row: P. 3, * k. 1, sl. 1, k. 2 tog., p.s.s.o., k. 1, p. 3. Rep. from * to end (177 st.). Sixth row: K. 3, * p. 3, k. 3. Rep. from * to end. Seventh row: P. 3, * sl. 1, k. 2 tog., p.s.s.o., p. 3. Rep. from * to end (119 st.). Eighth row: K. 3, * p. 1, k. 3. Rep. from * to end. Ninth row: K. Tenth row: K., inc. 1 st. in last st. (120 st.). Eleventh row: K. 1, * w.l.fwd., k. 2 tog. Rep. from * to last st., k. 1. Twelfth row: K.

Change to the following patt.: First row: K. 3, * p. 5, k. 5. Rep. from * to end, finishing p. 5, k. 2. Second row: P. 2, * k. 2 tog., w.l.fwd., k. 1, w.l.fwd., sl. 1, k. 1, p.s.s.o., p. 5. Rep. from * to end, finishing p. 3 instead of p. 5. Third row: As first row. Fourth row: P. 2, * w.o.n., sl. 1, k. 1, p.s.s.o., k. 1, k. 2 tog., w.r.n., p. 5. Rep. from * to end, finishing p. 3 instead of p. 5. Fifth row: K. 3, * k. into back of loop, p. 3, k. into back of loop, k. 5. Rep. from * to end, finishing k. 2 instead of k. 5. Sixth row: P. 2, * k. 1, sl. 1, k. 2 tog., p.s.s.o., k. 1, p. 5. Rep. from * finishing p. 3 instead of p. 5. Seventh row: K. 3, * p. 1, p. 1 st. into the thread between the last and next st., p. 1, p. 1 st. into the thread between the last and next st., p. 1, k. 5. Rep. from * to end, finishing k. 2 instead of k. 5. Rep. the last 4 rows until work measures 5½in. from beg., finishing after a 7th patt. row, then make a dec. row.

Next row: P. 2, * w.o.n., sl. 1, k. 1, p.s.s.o., k. 1, k. 2 tog., w.r.n., p. 2, p. 2 tog., p. 1. Rep. from * to end, finishing patt. 5, p. 2 tog., p. 1 (108 st.). Now cont. in patt., but there will be only 4 st. in g.st. between lace bands and finishing p. 2 instead of p. 3. Cont. straight until work measures 8½in., finishing after a 7th patt. row. Make another dec. row.

Next row: P. 2 tog., * w.o.n., sl. 1, k. 1, p.s.s.o., k. 1, k. 2 tog., w.r.n., p. 2 tog., p. 2. Rep. from * to end, finishing patt.

5, p. 2 (96 st.). Work without dec. with 1 st. less in g.st. and 1 less at beg. of rows until front measures 11½in.

Change to No. 12 needles.

First row: * K. 1, k. 2 tog. Rep. from * to end (64 st.). Second row: K. Third row: K. 1, * w.l.fwd., k. 2 tog. Rep. from * to last st., k. 1. Fourth row: K. to end, k. twice into last st. (65 st.).

Change to following patt.:—

First row: K. 2, * p. 1, k. 3. Rep. from * finishing k. 2 instead of k. 3. Second row: P. Third row: * P. 1, k. 3. Rep. from * to last st., p. 1. Fourth row: P. Rep. these 4 rows until work measures 1in. from waist, dec. row, ending with a p. row. Change to No. 9 needles and shape for sleeves, keeping continuity of patt.

Next row: Cast on 2 st., work in patt. to last st., k. twice into last st.; rep. this row 7 times (89 st.).

Work 1½in. in patt. across all st., ending with a p. row.

Shaping the neck—Next row: Patt. 39, cast off 11 loosely, patt. to end. Work 8 rows in patt. on last set of st., dec. 1 st. at neck edge on each row. Work 1 row without shaping. Leave 31 st. on a spare needle. Rejoin wool to remaining stitches at neck edge and work as given for first side.

The Back

Work as given for front to row after holes at waist, but dec. 1 st. at end of row instead of inc. (63 st.).

Divide for back opening—Next row: Patt. 29 st. in spot patt., k. 4, turn, leaving remaining stitches on a spare needle. Next row: K. 4, p. to end. Work in patt. as for front bodice, with 4 st. in g.st. at border for ½in., ending with a p. row.

Next row: Patt. to last 4 st., k. 1, w.l.fwd., k. 2 tog., k. 1. Cont. in patt. with g.st. border until work measures 1in. from waist dec. row, ending with a p. row. Change to No. 9 needles and shape for sleeve, keeping continuity of patt., making a second buttonhole 1in. from first one.

Next row: Cast on 2 st., patt. to last 4 st., k. 4. Next row: K. 4, p. to last st., p. twice into last st. Rep. these 2 rows three times (45 st.). Now cont. with-

out shaping, making 2 more buttonholes at 1in. intervals for 2in., ending at neck edge.

Shaping the neck: Cast off 10 st., p. to end. Second row: Patt. until 2 st. remain, k. 2 tog. Third row: Cast off 2, p. to end. Fourth row: As 2nd row. Leave remaining 31 st. on st. holder. Rejoin wool at centre back and cast on 4 st. for underwrap. Now cont. in patt. with 4 underwrap st. in g.st. for 1in., ending at side edge. Change to No. 9 needles and work sleeve shapings as for first side, reversing patt. and p. rows. Now work straight on 45 st. for 2in., ending at neck edge. Shape neck to match other side. Now place sets of shoulder st. together and graft neatly.

The Neck Border

With right side of work facing and using No. 12 needles k. up to 50 st. evenly round neck edge.

First row: K. to end. Second row: K. 1, * w.l.fwd., k. 2 tog. Rep. from * to last st., k. 1. Third row: K. to end. Cast off.

Sleeve Borders

With right side of work facing and using No. 12 needles k. up 40 st. evenly along edge of sleeve. Now work as for neck border for 3 rows and cast off.

To Make Up

Press work on wrong side with a warm iron and damp cloth. Sew up sleeve and side seams. Sew cast-on edge of underwrap at back of g.st. border and sew on buttons. Press all seams.

The Jacket

The Right Front

Using No. 9 needles, cast on 83 st. and work in bell patt. as for frock for first 8 rows (35 st.).

Next row: Cast on 4 st. at beg. of next row, k. to end. Tenth row: K. Eleventh row: K. 4, * w.l.fwd., k. 2 tog.; rep. from * to last st., k. 1. Twelfth row: K. 2 tog., k. to end (38 st.).

Now change to the following patt.:—

First row: K. 6, p. 5, k. 2, then work 25 st. in spot patt. Second row: Patt. 25, k. 2 tog., w.l.fwd., k. 1, w.l.fwd., sl.

