

Girl's Burial Gown

Note: Very Important.

Fortunately, we don't have a huge call for demise items. However, they are probably the most 'sensitive' items we create for donation. The people who receive these are in a situation none of us would want to envision. Therefore, it is absolutely essential that they be beautiful with no errors and with lovely, even tension. Please only attempt this item if you are truly a beautiful knitter. You will note that no abbreviations are given as the expert knitter will not need them.

Use #3 needles and #3 Bernat Softee Baby yarn. (gauge 7 sts/inch) This will make a small gown. To make a larger gown, just increase the size of needles; no need to alter pattern. The smallest gown measures 6-6.5" from neck to bottom of gown. When using size #5 needles (gauge 6 sts/inch), gown measures about 8-9" from neck to bottom; using size #7 needles (gauge 5 sts/inch), gown is 10-11" from neck to bottom.

Pattern:

Begin at the neck edge by LOOSELY casting on 28 stitches.

Rows 1 - 4: knit

Row 5: k7 (inc.1, k1) 3 times, inc.1, (inc.1, k1) 3 times, inc.1, k7 (36 sts.)

Row 6: k4, purl to last 4 stitches, k4

Row 7: K7, (inc.1, k2) 3 times, inc.1, k2, (inc.1, k2) 3 times, inc.1, k7 (44 sts.)

Row 8: k4, purl to last 4 stitches, k4

Row 9: k7, (inc.1, k3) 3 times, inc.1, k4, (inc.1, k3) 3 times, inc.1, k7 (52 sts.)

Row 10: k4, purl to last 4 stitches, k4

Row 11: k7, (inc.1, k4) 3 times, inc.1, k6, (inc.1, k4) 3 times, inc.1, k7 (60 sts.)

Row 12: k4, purl to last 4 stitches, k4

Row 13: k7, (inc.1, k5) 3 times, inc.1, k8, (inc.1, k5) 3 times, inc.1, k7 (68 sts.)

Row 14: k4, purl to last 4 stitches, k4

Row 15: k7, (inc.1, k6) 3 times, inc.1, k10, (inc.1, k6) 3 times, inc.1, k7 (76 sts.)

Row 16 - 18: Knit

Row 19: k11, cast off 17, k19, cast off 17, k10 (42 stitches left: 11, 20, 11)

Row 20: knit

Row 21: k2, (yo, k2) to end (62 stitches) Row 22: k5, purl to last 4 stitches, k5

Continue in stockinette stitch until 1/2 inch before desired length, making sure that the purl rows are: K5, P to the last 4 stitches, K5. (Border is one stitch wider at this point.) Knit 6 rows of garter stitch as a bottom border.

BO loosely.

Run a 1/4" ribbon through the eyelet row made on row 21 to tie the gown in back.

