

Kid's Garter Tunic

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Materials

Simplicity by HiKoo; 55% superwash merino, 28% acrylic, 17% nylon. 117 yds / 50g hank. Shown in Colors #510 Neapolitanese and #512 Still Waters.

SIZE	6 months	12 months	2T	4T
Chest	18"	21"	24"	26"
Length	11.25"	13"	15"	16.5"
Sleeve Length	6.5"	7.5"	8.25"	10.5"
Yarn	468 yds (4 hanks)	585 yds (5 hanks)	702 yds (6 hanks)	936 yds (8 hanks)

Needles + Notions

US 5 / 3.75 mm 16" + 32" circular needles
 US 5 / 3.75 mm double-pointed needles (DPNs)
 US 4 / 3.5 mm straight or circular needles (for cuffs)
 or size needed to obtain gauge

Stitch markers
 Tapestry needle

Gauge

22 sts + 44 rows = 4" x 4" in Garter Stitch on larger needles
 (to save time, check gauge + read through all instructions)

all yarn and needles distributed by *skacel collection, inc.*

Notes

Front and Back Mitered Squares are knit separately and joined together with two rectangles. The tunic is then constructed by picking up and knitting sts to start the other sections. Only sleeve and side seams need to be sewn.

TIPS FOR PICKING UP STITCHES

Pick up and knit (PU) all stitches with the RS facing and by working from right to left. Leave a 6" tail to start.

- PU sts along the CO edge of the Mitered Squares by going under the double strand between the CO sts.
- PU sts along the CO edge of the Shoulder Rectangles by going into the center of the CO st.
- PU sts along the edge of the Corner Triangles and the shoulder edge of the Shoulder Rectangles by going under both strands of the smooth knit st that lies between the garter st ridges.

BACK & FRONT MITERED SQUARES (make 2)

NOTE: Begin mitered squares on longer needle, then switch to shorter needles, then DPNs as stitch count decreases. Long Tail CO method is recommended.

6 MONTHS: (CO 49 sts, pm) 4x. Join being careful not to twist sts. 196 sts. Rnd 1: (K23, S2KP, K23, sm) 4x. Rnd 2: (K1, P22, K1, P23, sm) 4x.

12 MONTHS: (CO 57 sts, pm) 4x. Join being careful not to twist sts. 228 sts. Rnd 1: (K27, S2KP, K27, sm) 4x. Rnd 2: (K1, P26, K1, P27, sm) 4x.

2T: (CO 65 sts, pm) 4x. Join being careful not to twist sts. 260 sts. Rnd 1: (K31, S2KP, K31, sm) 4x. Rnd 2: (K1, P30, K1, P31, sm) 4x.

4T: (CO 73 sts, pm) 4x. Join being careful not to twist sts. 292 sts. Rnd 1: (K35, S2KP, K35, sm) 4x. Rnd 2: (K1, P34, K1, P35, sm) 4x.

ALL SIZES

Rnd 3 (& all odd rnds): (Knit to 1 stitch before dec, S2KP, knit to marker, sm) 4x.

Rnd 4 (& all even rnds): (K1, purl to dec, K1, purl to marker, sm) 4x.

Rep Rnds 3 & 4 until 12 sts rem.

Next Rnd: S2KP 4x. 4 sts.

Cut yarn, leaving a 6" tail. Using tapestry needle, thread yarn through rem sts twice, draw yarn through center opening to the WS.

LEFT SHOULDER RECTANGLE

Position Mitered Squares with CO tail at bottom center. PU 1 stitch in the center of the dec at the top left corner on the Front Mitered Square. PU 12 (14, 16, 18) sts on the Front Mitered Square.

CO 24 (28, 32, 36) sts using a knitted CO. PU 12 (14, 16, 18) sts on the Back Mitered Square. PU 1 stitch in the center of the dec at the top left corner on the Back Mitered Square. Turn and work in rows over 50 (58, 66, 74) sts.

ROW 1 (WS): K12 (14, 16, 18), P1, K24 (28, 32, 36), P1, K12 (14, 16, 18).

ROW 2 (RS): K11 (13, 15, 17), S2KP, K22 (26, 30, 34), S2KP, K11 (13, 15, 17).

ROW 3 (and all odd rows): Knit to dec, P1, knit to dec, P1, knit to end of row.

ROW 4 (and all even rows): Knit to 1 stitch before dec, S2KP, knit to 1 stitch before dec, S2KP, knit to end of row.

Rep Rows 3 & 4 until 2 sts rem. Next Row: P2tog. 1 stitch rem. Cut yarn leaving a 6" tail and pull through rem st.

RIGHT SHOULDER RECTANGLE

Position Mitered Squares with CO tail at bottom center. PU 1 stitch in the center of the dec at the top right corner on the Back Mitered Square. PU 12 (14, 16, 18) sts on the Back Mitered Square.

Using a knitted CO, CO 24 (28, 32, 36) sts. PU 12 (14, 16, 18) sts on the Front Mitered Square. PU 1 stitch in the center of the dec at the top right corner on the Front Mitered Square. Turn and work in rows over 50 (58, 66, 74) sts. Work the Right Shoulder the same as for the Left Shoulder.

NECKLINE CORNER TRIANGLES (worked 4x):

NOTE: When working Left Front and Back Right Triangles, PU and knit st in one st that was already used by Shoulder Rectangles. This is to adjust for the knit line on the Mitered Squares being off-center.

LEFT FRONT TRIANGLE

PU 12 (14, 16, 18) sts, starting just below the center of the Left Shoulder Rectangle.

PU 1 stitch in the center of the dec on the Left Shoulder Rectangle.

PU 12 (14, 16, 18) sts on the Front Mitered Square, ending just before the center knit line (see Note above).

Turn and work in rows over 25 (29, 33, 37) sts.

Row 1 (WS): K12 (14, 16, 18), P1, K12 (14, 16, 18).

Row 2 (RS): SSK, K9 (11, 13, 15), S2KP, K9 (11, 13, 15), K2tog.

Row 3 (and all odd rows): Knit to dec, P1, knit to end of row.

Row 4 (and all even rows): SSK, knit to 1 stitch before dec, S2KP, knit to last 2 sts, K2tog.

Rep Rows 3 & 4 until 5 sts rem.

Next row (WS): SSK, P1, K2tog. 3 sts.

Next row (RS): S2KP. 1 stitch.

Cut yarn leaving a 6" tail and pull through rem st.

RIGHT FRONT TRIANGLE

Starting just after the center knit line, PU 12 (14, 16, 18) sts on the Front Mitered Square. PU 1 stitch in the center of the dec on the Right Shoulder Rectangle.

PU 12 (14, 16, 18) sts on the Right Shoulder Rectangle, ending just below the center of the Right Shoulder Rectangle.

Turn and work in rows over 25 (29, 33, 37) sts, working the same as for the Left Front Triangle.

RIGHT BACK TRIANGLE

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BACK CENTER TRIANGLE:

PU 5 (6, 7, 8) sts, starting just below the first 2 garter stitch ridges on the Right Back Triangle.

PU 1 stitch in the center of the dec on the Right Back Triangle.

PU 7 (8, 9, 10) sts on the Right Back Triangle.

PU 1 stitch in the center of the knit line on the Back Mitered Square.

PU 7 (8, 9, 10) sts on the left back triangle.

PU 1 stitch in the center of the dec on the left back triangle.

PU 5 (6, 7, 8) sts on the left back triangle, ending just below the last 2 garter stitch ridges.

Turn and work in rows over 27 (31, 35, 39) sts.

Row 1 (WS): K13 (15, 17, 19), P1, K13 (15, 17, 19).

Row 2 (RS): SSK, K10 (12, 14, 16), S2KP, K10 (12, 14, 16), K2tog.

Row 3 (and all odd rows): Knit to dec, P1, knit to end of row.

Row 4 (and all even rows): SSK, knit to 1 stitch before dec, S2KP, knit to last 2 sts, K2tog.

Rep Rows 3 & 4 until 3 sts rem. Do not turn.

Next Row: Slip 3 rem sts to LH needle, S2KP. 1 stitch.

Cut yarn, leaving a 6" tail, and pull through rem st.

FRONT CENTER TRIANGLE

PU 1 stitch in the center of the dec on the Left Front Triangle.

PU 7 (8, 9, 10) sts on the Left Front Triangle.

PU 1 stitch in the center of the knit line on the Front Mitered Square.

PU 7 (8, 9, 10) sts on the Right Front Triangle.

PU 1 stitch in the center of the dec on the Right Front Triangle.

Turn and work in rows over 17 (19, 21, 23) sts.

Row 1 (WS): K8 (9, 10, 11), P1, K8 (9, 10, 11).

Row 2 (RS): SSK, K5 (6, 7, 8), S2KP, K5 (6, 7, 8), K2tog.

Row 3 (and all odd rows): Knit to dec, P1, knit to end of row.

Row 4 (and all even rows): SSK, knit to 1 stitch before dec, S2KP, knit to last 2 sts, K2tog.

6 MONTHS + 2T

Rep Rows 3 & 4 until 5 sts rem.

Next Row (WS): SSK, P1, K2tog. 3 sts.

Next Row (RS): S2KP. 1 stitch.

12 MONTHS + 4T

Rep Rows 3 & 4 until 3 sts rem. Do not turn.

Next Row: Slip 3 rem sts to LH needle, S2KP. 1 stitch.

ALL SIZES

Cut yarn, leaving a 6" tail and pull through rem st.

SLEEVES (worked 2x):

NOTE: PU 1 stitch in each of the dec sts on the Shoulder Rectangles in the sts on the row before they are worked together.

Dec Row (RS): K3, K2tog, knit to last 5 sts, SSK, K3.

LEFT SLEEVE

PU 13 (15, 17, 19) sts on the Front Mitered Square.

PU 1 stitch in the center of the dec at the top left corner on the Front Mitered Square.

PU 12 (14, 16, 18) sts on the Shoulder Rectangle.

PU 1 stitch in the center of the dec just before the center of the Shoulder Rectangle (see note).

PU 1 stitch in the center of the dec just after the center of the Shoulder Rectangle (see note).

PU 12 (14, 16, 18) sts on the Shoulder Rectangle.

PU 1 stitch in the center of the dec at the top left corner on the Back Mitered Square.

PU 13 (15, 17, 19) sts on the Back Mitered Square.

Turn and work in rows over 54 (62, 70, 78) sts.

ROW 1 (WS): P1, K12 (14, 16, 18), P1, K26 (30, 34, 38), P1, K12 (14, 16, 18), P1.

ROW 2 (RS): Knit.

Rep these 2 rows 2x more, then WS row once again. (7 rows)

(Work Dec Row, then work 5 rows even, in est pat) 6 (6, 5, 10)x.

(Work Dec Row, then work 3 rows even, in est pat) 1 (3, 6, 3)x.

(Work Dec Row, then work 2 rows even, in est pat) 1 (1, 1, 1)x. 38 (42, 46, 50) sts.

Next Row (WS): Bind off all sts in pat. Do not cut yarn. Pull open last st and pass ball of yarn through center, and then pull the st tight again.

CUFF

(RS) With smaller size needle, PU 38 (42, 46, 50) sts (PU sts by going into the center of the st below the bound off st). Work 9 (9, 11, 13) rows in garter st. BO all sts knitwise. Cut yarn, leaving a 6" tail and pull through last st.

RIGHT SLEEVE + CUFF

Work the same as the Left Sleeve and Cuff, substituting 'Back' for 'Front', 'Front' for 'Back', and 'Right Corner' for 'Left Corner' in instructions.

NECKBAND

NOTE: PU 1 stitch in every edge st by going under both strands. PU sts in the center of the 4 dec sts.

Starting at the center of the Right Shoulder, PU 18 (20, 22, 24) sts along the right back neck. PU 1 stitch in the center of the dec at center of the Back Mitered Square.

PU 18 (20, 22, 24) sts along the left back neck.

PU 12 (14, 16, 18) sts along the left front neck.

PU 1 stitch in the center of the dec.

PU 7 (7, 9, 9) sts along the left front neck.
 PU 1 stitch in the center of the dec at center of the Front Mitered Square.
 PU 7 (7, 9, 9) sts along the right front neck.
 PU 1 stitch in the center of the dec.
 PU 12 (14, 16, 18) sts along the right front neck. 78 (86, 98, 106) sts.
 Join.
 Rnd 1: (Purl to dec line, K1) 4x, purl to end of row.
 Rnd 2: Knit.
 Rnd 3: Rep Rnd 1.
 Bind off all sts loosely kwise.

K2tog knit 2 stitches together (decreases 1 stitch)
 kwise knitwise
 LH left hand
 P2tog purl 2 stitches together (decreases 1 stitch)
 pat pattern
 pm place marker
 PU pick up and knit
 rem remain(ing)
 rep repeat
 rnd(s) round(s)
 RS right side
 sl slip
 sm slip marker
 st(s) stitch(es)
 SSK slip 2 stitches knitwise, one at a time, from the left needle to the right needle, then insert the left needle into the front of the slipped stitches and knit them together (decreases 1 stitch).
 S2KP slip 2 stitches knitwise, Knit 1 stitch, Pass slipped stitches over stitch just knit (decreases 2 stitches).
 WS wrong
 x time(s)

FINISHING

Block lightly. Sew sleeve seams. Sew side seams, leaving bottom 1" to 1.5" unsewn, if desired. Weave in ends.

ABBREVIATIONS:

BO bind off
 CO cast on
 dec decrease(s) / decreased / decreasing
 DPN double-pointed needles
 est established
 k knit

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