

LORRAINE'S BABY SINGLET WITH CROSSOVER NECK SEAMED OR SEAMLESS – YOU CHOOSE

Yarn

50g 2 or 3 ply (lace weight)
or 75g 4 ply (fingering) – approx. 250m

Needles

Anything from 3.5mm to 4.5mm. Bigger sizes make a loose drapey garment.

Seamed version – straight needles

Seamless version – straight needles or 60cm/24" circular for yoke, 40cm circular for the body, or whatever you prefer for working in the round, eg dpns, two circulars, magic loop.

Size

2 or 3 ply will fit preemie or newborn

4 ply will fit newborn and will stretch to fit for several months – I have seen photos of a 12 month baby in his. As the baby gets wider, the singlet gets shorter.

Gauge

Varies according to your yarn and needle choices, so not specified.



BABY SINGLET – A LORRAINE MAJOR CREATION

SEAMED VERSION

Baby Size

50g 3 ply wool needles 4.5mm

A spare double pointed needle (same size or smaller)

for joining crossover neck sts.

Measurements

Body of singlet grows with baby.

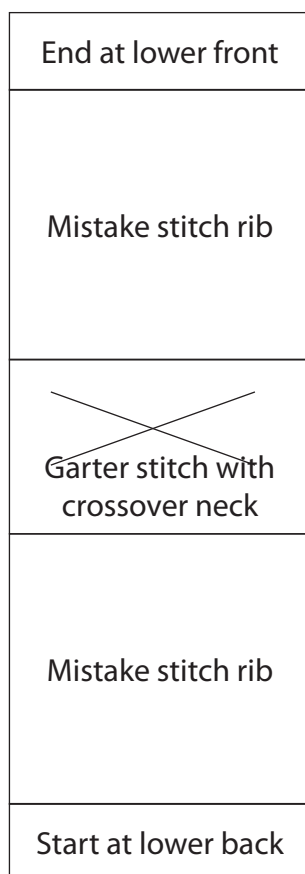
Unstretched – 27 cm around Stretched – 50 cm around.

M1 = increase make a backwards loop over your left thumb and place on the needle.

yo = yarn over (bring wool forward before knitting next st, to create a hole).

Note: This singlet is worked by starting at the lower back, working in rib up to the armhole level, changing to garter st for the yoke, dividing sts and creating a crossover neck, then rejoining the sts and working in rib down to the lower front.

The crossover neck provides a good sized opening



for the baby's head without needing any ties.
Please ensure all casting on and off is done loosely.

Start at lower back.

Cast on 55 sts

Work in mistake st rib for 24 cm or longer if desired.

Mistake st rib: Each row – *k2, p2* rep to last 3 sts, k3.

Change to garter st and work 18 ridges (36 rows)

Divide for neck:

Row 1: Knit 17, cast off 21 VERY loosely, Knit 17.

Row 2: Knit 17, turn and work on these sts for left side of front.

Row 3: K1, M1, K to end.

Row 4: Knit.

Repeat rows 3 & 4 until 18 sts have been increased (35 sts).

Leave these stitches while you do the other side.

Rejoin wool at inner edge of other 17 sts, knit to end.

Row 3: Knit to last st, M1, K1.

Row 4: Knit.

Repeat these two rows until 35 sts.

Join two pieces with crossover neck:

Knit 20, move next 15 sts to spare needle and place on top of sts of other needle.

Join crossover by knitting together one st from each needle until all sts on spare needle are worked off; knit remaining 20 sts.

Work in mistake st rib until rib portion is same length as back.

Cast off loosely in rib pattern. Sew side seams using a flat seam.

Notes:

* If you want a longer sleeve, cast on 6 sts each side at start of garter st section and cast them off before working the crossover row. Do not include them in the stitch count when working the neck increases.

* Scalloped side edging – in yoke section

Rows 1 to 6 – k2, yo, knit to end

Rows 7–12 – k2, k2tog, knit to end.

Repeat these 12 rows.

Do not include the extra sts in the stitch count when working the neck increases.

To make a prem size singlet, use 2 ply wool and needles 3.75mm. Work the rib patt until work measures 20cm. Work the garter st & neck sections as written – the finer wool and smaller needles will ensure a proportionally smaller measurement for that section.

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SEAMLESS VERSION

Materials

Approx 50g 2 or 3 ply or 100g 4 ply wool

Needles 3.25 mm or 3.75 mm

I like to use a 60cm circular or straight needles for the yoke. A 40cm circular needle works well for the body. Or you may prefer a different method for small circular knitting, eg double pointed needles, or two circular needles, or magic loop. A spare double pointed needle (same size or smaller) for joining crossover neck sts.

Measurements

Depends on wool and needles used.

2 or 3 ply with smaller needles will fit prem size, 4 ply can fit babies up to 6 months or more (depending on size of baby). Body width of singlet grows with baby, so allow a good length.

M1 = increase - make a backwards loop over your left thumb and place on the needle.

Note: This singlet is worked by starting at the lower back of the yoke section and working in garter st to the neck, dividing sts and creating a crossover neck, then rejoining the sts and working in rib down to the lower front.

The crossover neck provides a good-sized opening for the baby's head without needing any ties. Please ensure all casting on and off is done loosely.

Cast on 56 sts using the knit cast on:
(Make a slip knot and place on needle. Knit into the st but do not drop the original st off the needle, instead put the new loop on to left hand needle.)
First row is a wrong side row.

Work 33 rows (17 ridges) in garter st, ending after a wrong side row.

Divide for neck

Row 1: Knit 18, cast off 20 **very** loosely, Knit 18.
Row 2: Knit 18, turn and work on these sts for left side of front.

Knit a further 18 rows in garter st
Increase row: K1, M1, K to end.
Next row: Knit.
Repeat the last 2 rows until 17 sts have been increased (35 sts), ending after wrong side row. Leave these stitches while you do the other side.

Rejoin wool at inner edge of other 18 sts and knit 19 rows on these sts.

Increase row: Knit to last st, M1, K1.

Next row: Knit.

Repeat these two rows until 35 sts, ending after wrong side row.



Change to whatever method you want to use for circular knitting.

Join two pieces with crossover neck:
Knit 21, move next 14 sts to spare needle and place on top of sts on other needle.

Join crossover by knitting together one st from each needle until all sts on spare needle are worked off; knit remaining 21 sts then knit up 56 sts across cast on sts of lower back yoke. Place a marker so you know where the end of row is.

Work in k2, p2 rib or whatever rib pattern you prefer (see some suggestions below) until singlet is whatever length you choose. I usually do 70–80 rows.

Cast off loosely in rib pattern.

Suggested Rib Patterns

Abbreviations for these:

yo = yarn over (bring wool forward before knitting next st, to create a hole). k2tog = knit 2 together
pssso = pass slipped st over

A. Standard 2/2 rib

k2, p2 - repeat continuously

B. Eyelet lace rib

Round 1: *p2, yo, k2tog* rep to marker
Round 2: *p2, k2* Repeat
Round 3: *p2, k2tog, yo* repeat
Round 4: *p2, k2* repeat



C. Another lace rib, also known as mock cable

Round 1: *p2, k1, yo, k1* rep to marker
Round 2: *p2, k3* repeat
Round 3: *p2, slip 1, k2, pssso* repeat
Round 4: *p2, k2* repeat



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