

**TODDLER'S PINAFORE DRESS (knit)**  
**Designed by Kathy North; distributed by piece-by-piece.net**

Size: Toddler: ages 18 mos. to 2 yrs.

Materials:

Worsted wt. yarn:

100 yds. main color (MC) (pink) for skirt portion

75 yds. (total) one or two contrast colors (lavender/light blue) for bib/straps/hem

20 yds. yellow for flower applique

(Sample shown in Plymouth Encore)

Size 9 & 10 24"-length circular needles (for skirt)

Size 9 straight needles (for bib/straps)

Crochet hook size F or G (for flower applique)

Tapestry needle

1-1/2 yds. ea. of 3 colors of 1/4" ribbon in desired colors to match dress

1 decorative button (for flower center)

Gauge: 15 sts = 4", 4 rows = 1" in stockinette stitch on size 10 needles

4 sts = 1", 6 rows = 1" in seed stitch on size 9 needles

Stitches/Terms: bind off (BO), cast on (CO), chain (ch), decrease (dec), knit (K), knit two together (K2tog), increase (inc), place marker (pm), purl (P), round (rnd), seed stitch (seed st), single crochet (sc), slip stitch (sl st), space (sp), stitch (st), stockinette stitch (st st)

Seed Stitch (for back & forth knitting):

Row 1: \*K1, P1, rep from \* across.

Row 2: Purl the knit stitches and knit the purl stitches as they face you.

Rep Row 2.

Seed Stitch (for circular knitting):

Rnd 1: \*K1, P1, rep from \* around.

Rnd 2: Purl the knit stitches and knit the purl stitches as they face you.

Rep Rnd 2.

Skirt Section (worked circularly from top down):

With contrast color A or B and size 9 circular needle, cast on 76 sts, join for circular knitting, being careful that stitches are not twisted. Place marker to note beginning of round.

Work in seed stitch for 6 rounds.

Change to size 10 circular needle, join main color and knit 1 round (drop and cut contrast color A or B, leaving 6" tail to weave in later.)

Continue as follows:

Rnd 1 (eyelet increase round): \*K4, yo, rep from \* around (95 sts)

Rnds 2-4: Knit around.

Begin pattern:

Rnd 5: \*K 3, P 2, rep from \* around.

Rnds 6-8: Knit around.

Rnd 9: \*P3, K2, rep from \* around.

Rnds 10-12: Knit around.

Repeat Rnds 5-12 until skirt measures 8" from seed st band, or to desired length before final edging.

Change to contrast color A or B and knit 1 round, decreasing 1 st (94 sts). Drop and cut main color, leaving 6" tail for weaving in later.

Seed stitch hem: With contrast color A or B, work in seed stitch for 2". Bind off loosely. Weave in ends.

Front Bib Section and Straps (worked in rows):

Fold skirt piece in half flat and mark position of "side seams."

With size 9 straight needles and contrast color A or B, with right side of piece facing you, counting from right to left, attach yarn in 11th st from side seam, pick up and knit 20 sts, turn.

Begin center bib panel:

Next row (wrong side): Seed st over 5 sts, P 10, seed st over 5 sts.

Next row (right side): Seed st over 5 sts, K 10, seed st over 5 sts.

Repeat last 2 rows until piece measures 2" from beginning of bib section, ending with wrong side row.

Work seed stitch across all 20 sts for 6 rows.

Next row (right side)(begin straps):

Seed st over 5 sts, BO center 10 sts, seed st over last 5 sts.

Next row: Work in seed st over 5 sts, join second ball of yarn and work seed st over last 5 sts for second strap.

Continue in seed stitch until straps measure 4" from top of bib. Bind off and weave in tails.

Back Straps:

Fold dress flat with front bib centered. Attach yarn to top of back seed stitch band at same position as front straps. Pick up 5 sts, join second ball of yarn at position of second strap and pick up 5 sts. Work in seed st until straps measure 7". Bind off and weave in tails.

Crocheted Flower appliqué:

With size F or G hook and yellow, ch 6, join into ring.

Rnd 1: Ch 1, work 8 sc in ring, join with sl st.

Rnd 2: Sl st in first sc, \*ch 5, sl st in next sc, rep from \* around, join with sl st to beg sl st (8 ch-5 loops)

Rnd 3: Sl st into first ch-5 loop, ch 1, work 5 sc in same loop, work 5 sc in ea loop around, join with sl st. Fasten off.

## Finishing:

If necessary, lightly block dress. Consult yarn ball band for care instructions, and if appropriate for the yarn, block by laying dress on thick towels, then cover with damp towel and leave to dry in a place with good air circulation.

Place decorative button in center of flower applique and sew to center of front bib section. Holding 1-yd. lengths of three colors of ribbon together, weave ribbon through eyelet holes at top of skirt, pull to adjust gathers and tie in bow at front. Trim ends to desired length.

Holding front and back straps with wrong sides together, thread short lengths of two colors of ribbon from front to back to front through straps at desired position of "shoulder seams," then tie ribbons in bow to hold straps together.

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