

American Girl Doll Dress

Hazel Spencer

This dress is knitted from the neck down.

Materials:

Lion Brand Wool-Ease Size 5 US circular needles (3.75mm)

Size 5 US double pointed needles (3.75mm)

Crochet hook

Thin ribbon

Small buttons

Gauge:

5 st/inch

Drop Stitch:

Row 1: *k 1 yo* across

Row 2: Purl the knit stitches and drop the yo's

Rep rows 1 and 2.

Instructions:

Cast on 40 stitches.

K1 p1 ribbing for 3 rows.

Begin increases: k5, yo, k1, yo, k5, yo, k1, yo, k16, yo, k1, yo, k5, yo, k1, yo, k5

Purl across.

k6, yo, k1, yo, k7, yo, k1, yo, k18, yo, k1, yo, k7, yo, k1, yo, k6

Purl across.

Repeat increase pattern on right side until there are 10 yo eyelets. Bodice back should measure 3½ inches. Put sleeve stitches on holders and knit on remaining stitches until bodice is 4½ inches long.

K2 p2 ribbing for three rows.

(right side) *k2, yo, p2tog* across

Purl across

Begin skirt:

K1, M1 (increase between stitches) across.

Purl across.

Knit across.

Work Drop Stitch for 2½ inches.

1½ inches below waistline join skirt by knitting 2 tog and work in rounds. The drop stitch now becomes:

Row 1: *k 1 yo* across

Row 2: Knit the knit stitches and drop the yo's

Work two pattern repeats of drop stitch.

Note: You can increase the length of the skirt here by adding more pattern repeats.

Knit 5 rows.

Next row (RS): *k3, yo* across

K across.

Work Drop Stitch the next 4 rows.

Work picot bind off (*BO 2, turn, CO 3, turn, pass sts 2, 3 and 4 over the 1st stitch*, repeat around)

Finish Sleeves:

Put sleeve stitches on dpn's.

Knit 3 rows.

(RS) *k2, yo*.

Knit 2 rows.

BO plain or using picot BO.



Finishing:

Crochet, using single crochet, down buttonhole side of bodice. To make buttonholes: sc, ch 1, skip next stitch, sc in next stitch. Space buttonholes evenly.

Thread thin ribbon thru eyelets in sleeve and waistline. Tie in bows. Sew on buttons.

I made her a "can-can" slip by sewing pre-gathered lace to a doubled width of bridal veil net and running elastic thread thru the top.