

Sonja - a striped girls' dress with puff sleeves



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There is no such thing as too many puff sleeves, nor too many stripes. And definitely no such thing as too many cute little girls wearing knitted dresses with puff sleeves and stripes. That's just a fact.

The many gorgeous colours that the Merci yarn comes in, will make it so much fun to design a Sonja dress that will suit its wearer perfectly. She might even want to help you choose the colours herself?

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Materials

Colour A: 50 (50) 100 (100) 100 g Merci by Filcolana in colour 101 (Natural White)

Colour B: 50 g Merci by Filcolana in colour 1636 (Papaya)

Colour C: 50 g Merci by Filcolana in colour 608 (Mulberry)

Colour D: 50 g Merci by Filcolana in colour 611 (Honeydew)

Colour E: 50 g Merci i by Filcolana in colour 1390 (Salvia)

2,5 mm and 3 mm circular needle, 60-80 cm

2,5 mm and 3 mm double-pointed needles

5 stitch markers

1 small button

Sizes

2 years/92 cl (4 years/104 cl) 6 years/116 cl (8 years/128 cl) 10 years/140 cl

Measurements

Body, chest: 50-55 (55-60) 60-65 (65-70) 70-75 cm

Dress, chest: 58 (63) 69 (73) 78 cm

Total length: 45 (53) 62 (70) 78 cm



Gauge

24 sts and 32 rows in stockinette stitch on a 3 mm needle = 10 x 10 cm.

Special abbreviations

Db increase (double increase): Work [knit, yarn over and knit again] in the next stitch.

CDD (Centered Double Decrease): Slip 2 sts together as if knitting them together, k1, pass the 2 slipped stitches over the knitted stitch.

Neck edge

Cast on 74 (78) 82 (86) 90 sts on 2,5 mm double-pointed needles with colour A.

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Next row (buttonhole, RS): Knit to the last 3 sts, yarn over, k2tog, k1.

Knit 4 more rows.

Change to a 3 mm circular needle.

Place markers on the next row as follows (WS): K2 (edge), purl 13 (14) 15 (16) 17 sts (right side of back), place a marker, p7 (right sleeve), place a marker, purl 30 (32) 34 (36) 38 sts (front), place a marker, p7 (left sleeve), place a marker, purl 13 (14) 15 (16) 17 sts (left side of back), k2 (edge).

Row 1 (RS): *Knit to 1 stitch before marker, M1, k2, M1*, repeat from * to * 3 more times, knit to end of row.

Row 2 (WS): K2, purl to the last 2 sts, k2.

Work Row 1 and 2 once more. There are now 90 (94) 98 (102) 106 m.

Break colour A. Continue with colour B.

Work Row 1 and 2 twice more. Work Row 1 once more.

There are now 114 (118) 122 (126) 130 sts on the needle.

Join the work in the round and knit together the last stitch and the first stitch. Place a marker for the beginning of the round (no increases are worked around this marker).

Work increases as established every other round on both sides of the markers and knit 1 (3) 5 (5) 7 rounds. There are now 121 (133) 145 (149) 161 sts on the needle.

Now work increases for the puff sleeves on the next round as follows: *Knit to 1 stitch before marker, M1, k2, M1, k2, work [db increase] 13 (15) 17 (17) 19 times, k2, M1, k2, M1*, repeat from * to * once more, knit to end of round. There are now 181 (201) 221 (225) 245 sts on the needle.

Now continue working increases every other round as before until 12 (13) 14 (15) 16 more increase rounds have been worked. There are now 277 (305) 333 (345) 373 sts on the needle.

At the same time, change to colour A, when a total of 13 (15) 17 (19) 21 rounds have been worked with colour B. Break colour B.

Work stripe pattern by alternating 7 (9) 11 (13) 15 rounds in colour A with 13 (15) 17 (19) 21 rounds in the next colour – ie. colour C, then colour D, then

colour E etc and then back to colour B, starting the colour sequence over throughout the work.

Work straight without increases until the yoke measures a total of 11 (12) 13 (14) 15 cm.

Divide the work for sleeves and body on the next round: *Knit to marker, remove marker, slip the next 71 (79) 87 (89) 97 sts (to next marker) to a stitch holder (sleeve), remove marker, cast on 8 (8) 10 (12) 12 new sts in the extension of the sts on the needle*, repeat from * to * once more, knit to end of round.

Body

Work in the round in stockinette stitch and stripes across the 151 (163) 179 (191) 203 sts for the body. Place markers on the next round as follows: *Knit to 4 sts before the new sts under the sleeve, place a marker, knit to 4 sts after the new sts under the sleeves, place a marker*, repeat from * to * once more, knit to end of round.

Knit 6 rounds.

Increase round: *Knit to marker, M1, slip marker, knit to marker, slip marker M1*, repeat from * to * once more, knit to end of round.

Work an increase round every 8th round up to the second stripe in colour E.

The dress now measures approx. 42 (49) 57 (65) 72 cm and has two wide stripes in each of colours B, C and D.

Knit 9 (11) 13 (15) 17 rounds with colour E.

Work the hem edge back and forth in garter stitch with colour E. Start with a WS row and knit 6 rows. Bind off knit-wise from the WS.

Sleeve

Place the 71 (79) 87 (89) 97 sts for the first sleeve back on 3 mm double-pointed needles and use the correct colour in the stripe pattern.

Pick up and knit 4 (4) 5 (6) 6 sts in the newly cast-on sts under the sleeve, from the centre to the sts on the needle, knit across the sts on the needle, then pick up and knit 4 (4) 5 (6) 6 more sts from the sts under the sleeve, to the centre. Join in the round and place a marker for the beginning of the round.

There are now 79 (87) 97 (101) 109 sts on the needle.

Work in the round until the next colour A stripe in the stripe pattern begins.

Next round: Knit 15 (14) 14 (13) 13 sts, work [CDD] 18 (21) 25 (26) 28 times, knit 14 (14) 13 (13) 12 sts. There are now 43 (45) 47 (47) 49 sts on the needle. Work the sleeve edge in garter stitch with colour A. Start with a WS row and knit 6 rows. Bind off knit-wise from the WS.

Work the second sleeve the same as the first.

Finishing

Sew a little button to the neck edge across from the buttonhole. Sew the seams on the garter edges. Weave in all ends.