

Baby Woolly Outfit

Hand knitting pattern for lovers of Sasha dolls, free of charge.

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This is baby Woolly 4-502, the first serie baby boy. He is a sexed boy from the English production and was made for only one year, 1970. However, his outfit was very popular and was sold as a dress set from 1970 to the end of the production in 1986. It consists of knitted pullover sweater, panties and booties, all in fisherman rib with 1x1 (knit 1, purl 1) ribbed borders, and a plain cotton fabric nappy. Outfits to the mid-1970s were made from a creamy-white acrylic yarn of a thicker texture, while later ones were made from a whiter and slightly thinner yarn. All of them were produced on knitting machines with hand finishing. There were no changes in the pattern during the entire production.

These pages are patterns to make a copy of baby Woolly's pullover, panties, and booties, using yarn, needles and gauges appropriate for hand knitting. They should fit both earlier, smaller babies as well as later, larger babies. The patterns given



here are not reproductions of the original garments. They are copies with changes as needed for hand knitters, and they remain faithful to the original styling and construction of the garments. They are very simple garments with no shaping except armhole bind off on the sweater. They are made flat in two fabrics, 1x1 rib, and fisherman rib. All three garments have side seams to sew.

Yarn: 1oz (29gm) fingering weight wool or wool blends such as sock yarn.

Needles: single point needles for flat knitting
4.00mm for CO and BO (US 5 or 6, UK 8)
2.25mm for 1x1 rib (US 1, UK 13)
3.00mm for fisherman rib (US 2 or 3, UK 11)

Markers: Small safety pins to mark the start of each garment section. In each section, after the first two rows are made, mark a stitch on the first of the two rows (always on the R side) with a pin so you can easily count the rows you have made in each section.



Gauge: In fisherman rib with 3.00mm ndls, 16 rows (8 fabric rows) = 1 inch (2.5 cm). If you use the practice instructions below, knit about 20 rows, wash and dry the swatch, then measure for gauge.

Abbreviations

CO, BO = cast on, bind off
R side, W side = right side, wrong side
k, p = knit, purl
kwise = knitwise
sl = slip
ndls = needles
sts = stitches
* . . * = repeat instruction between *'s
across the row.

Practice fisherman rib: In case you are not familiar with this reversible brioche fabric, make a practice swatch. With 4.00mm ndl, CO an odd number of sts. Change to 3.00mm ndls and knit 1 row.

1. R side: Sl 1 kwise, *k1, k1 in row below* to last 2 sts, k1, p1.
 2. W side: Sl 1 kwise, *k1 in row below, k1* to last 2 sts, k1 in row below, p1.
- Repeat rows 1 and 2.

When you knit a stitch in the row below, you are unknitting the stitch above it. Since alternate sts are being unknitted on both sides of the fabric, it takes two rows of knitting in order to complete one row in the fabric. The selvages are similar, purl the last st in every row, and slip it knitwise on the next row. Run the yarn end through the open sts to remove the swatch from the ndls. Wash the swatch and let it dry flattened and relaxed, do not stretch or block it.

Cast on method: Use a cast on that makes a row of knitted stitches, such as “Thumb,” “Two-strand,” or “Long Tail,” leaving an unused length of about 12 inches for sewing up during finishing. It is important that the cast on be very loose, thus the large needle, so that the edge of the sweater especially, can fit over the baby’s head and arms. It is worth noting that the factory-made Woolly outfit does not have any cast on, the knitting begins with 1x1 rib, which will readily stretch to any width. If you know how to cast on in 1x1 rib, or use a waste yarn cast on, you may prefer this over a normal cast on with a large needle. The raw edge of 1x1 rib does not unravel from the bottom like other knitting does, and doesn’t really need a formal cast on.

Pullover Sweater

Front and Back, make two pieces alike

Waist rib

1. With 4.00mm ndl, CO 21 sts, leaving a tail for sewing up. Change to 2.25mm ndls for 1x1 rib.
2. W side: *P1, k1* across, end p1.
3. R side: *K1, p1* across, end k1.
- 4-6. Repeat row 2, row 3, row 2. Change to 3.00mm ndls for fisherman rib.

Fisherman rib

1. R side: Sl 1 kwise, *k1, k1 in row below* to last 2 sts, k1, p1.
2. W side: Sl 1 kwise, *k1 in row below, k1* to last 2 sts, k1 in row below, p1.
- 3-24. Repeat rows 1 and 2. At the end of 24 rows you will have 12 rows of fisherman rib.

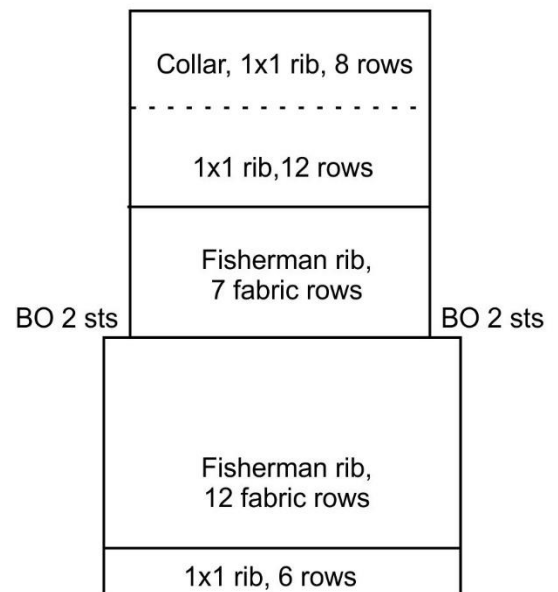
Armhole

1-2. Continuing in fisherman rib, BO 2 sts at the beginning of the next two rows. To do this, on the R side, K2, sl 1st st over 2nd to BO 1 st, k1 in row below, sl 2nd st over 3rd to BO 2nd st. The remaining st on R ndl is now the new selvage st. Finish the row in pattern. On the W side, K1, K1 in row below, sl 1st st over 2nd to BO 1 st, k1, sl 2nd st over 3rd st to BO 2nd st. The remaining st on R ndl is now the new selvage st. Finish the row in pattern = 17 sts.

3-14. Continue straight in fisherman rib. There will be 7 additional rows total of fisherman rib. Change to 2.25mm ndls for 1x1 rib.

Neck rib

1. R side: Transition to 1x1 rib. K1, *p1, k1 in row below* to last 2 sts, p1, k1.
2. W side: *P1, k1* across, end p1.
3. R side: *K1, p1* across, end k1.
- 4-12. Repeat rows 2 and 3, ending with row 2. Change to 3.00mm ndls for the collar.
- 13-20. Continue with 1x1 rib. Change to 4.00mm ndl and BO all sts in knit, from the R side. Cut yarn, leaving a tail for sewing up.



FRONT & BACK: CO 21 sts
SLEEVES: CO 15 sts
PULLOVER

Sleeves, make two pieces alike

The sleeves are made the same as the Front and Back, but with fewer stitches. Cast on 15 sts and follow the same instructions exactly. After the armhole BO, there will be 11 sts.

Finishing

Using the beginning yarn tails, sew the side seams of the Front and Back from the bottom rib to the armhole. Do this from the R side using mattress stitch, taking ½ selvedge st each side into the seam. Do the same on the lower portion of each sleeve. Now place the sleeves against the body and continue the mattress stitch seams from the armholes to the beginning of the collar. Turn the garment wrong side out, and using the ending yarn tails, sew the four collar seams with mattress stitch. Turn right side out, wash and dry the sweater.

Panties

Front and Back made in one piece.

Front rib

1. With 4.00mm ndl, CO 21 sts, leaving a tail for sewing up. Change to 2.25mm ndls for 1x1 rib.
2. W side: *P1, k1* across, end p1.
3. R side: *K1, p1* across, end k1.
- 4-6. Repeat row 2, row 3, row 2. Change to 3.00mm ndls for fisherman rib.

Front in fisherman rib

1. R side: Sl 1 kwise, *k1, k1 in row below* to last 2 sts, k1, p1.
2. W side: Sl 1 kwise, *k1 in row below, k1* to last 2 sts, k1 in row below, p1.
- 3-12. Repeat rows 1 and 2. At the end of 12 rows you will have 6 rows of fisherman rib. Change to 2.25mm ndls for 1x1 rib.

Crotch in 1x1 rib

1. R side: Transition to 1x1 rib. K1, *p1, k1 in row below* to last 2 sts, p1, k1.
2. W side: *P1, k1* across, end p1.
3. R side: *K1, p1* across, end k1.
- 4-22. Repeat rows 2 and 3, ending with row 2. Change to 3.00mm ndls for fisherman rib.

Back in fisherman rib

1. R side: Sl 1 kwise, *k1, k1 in row below* to last 2 sts, k1, p1.
2. W side: Sl 1 kwise, *k1 in row below, k1* to last 2 sts, k1 in row below, p1.
- 3-24. Repeat rows 1 and 2. There will be 12 rows of fisherman rib in the fabric. Change to 2.25mm ndls for 1x1 rib.

Back rib

1. R side: Transition to 1x1 rib. K1, *p1, K1 in row below* to last 2 sts, p1, k1.
2. W side: *P1, k1* across, end p1.
3. R side: *K1, p1* across, end k1.
- 4-5. Repeat rows 2 and 3. Change to 4.00mm ndl. BO in rib from W side. Cut yarn leaving a tail for sewing up.

Finishing

Fold panties with W sides together. Use the yarn tails each side to sew the selvages together from the R side with mattress stitch, taking ½ selvedge st each side into the seam, from the rib down to about 3 or 4 stitches into the fisherman rib. If needed, thread an elastic cord or double strand of elastic thread through the edge of the waist. Wash and dry the panties.

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| 1x1 rib, 6 rows |
| Back, fisherman rib, 12 fabric rows |
| Crotch, 1x1 rib, 22 rows |
| Front, fisherman rib, 6 fabric rows |
| 1x1 rib, 6 rows |

CO 21 sts
PANTIES

Booties

Make two pieces alike

Ankle rib

1. With 4.00mm ndl, CO 15 sts, leaving a tail for sewing up. Change to 2.25mm ndls for 1x1 rib.
2. W side: *P1, k1* across, end p1.

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| 1x1 rib, 2 rows |
| Fisherman rib, 12 fabric rows |
| 1x1 rib, 6 rows |

CO 15 sts
BOOTIE

3. R side: *K1, p1* across, end k1.

4-6. Repeat row 2, row 3, row 2. Change to 3.00mm ndls for fisherman rib.

Foot in fisherman rib

1. R side: Sl 1 kwise, *k1, k1 in row below* to last 2 sts, k1, p1.

2. W side: Sl 1 kwise, *k1 in row below, k1* to last 2 sts, k1 in row below, p1.

3-24. Repeat rows 1 and 2. At the end of 24 rows you will have 12 rows of fisherman rib. Change to 2.25mm ndls for 1x1 rib.

Toe in 1x1 rib

1. R side: Transition to 1x1 rib. K1, *p1, k1 in row below* to last 2 sts, p1, k1.

2. W side: *P1, k1* across, end p1.

Cut the yarn. Thread the end into a needle and gather off the stitches onto the yarn end.

Finishing

Using the beginning yarn tail, sew the back seam from the rib to the toe using mattress stitch, taking ½ st each side into the seam. Gather the toe stitches tightly and finish off the ends. Make a twisted cord tie to thread through the last row of rib, or use a length of narrow ribbon as on the original Woolly booties. Wash and dry.

How to Make Twisted Cord

Measure and cut a piece of yarn about 2½ times the desired finished length. Tie one end around a convenient stable place (like a doorknob or your big toe), then holding the other end so the yarn is taut, twist it in a clockwise direction. Keep twisting and twisting until it wants to kink. Still holding it taut, fold the piece in half, let go of the folded end (but hold tight to the two cut ends) and let it untwist on itself. Tie the two cut ends together in an overhand knot.