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## Dolphin Bay Eyelet Baby Top

designed by  
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Technique used: Knit



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(75% Microdenier Acrylic/25% Bamboo):

Color #0001 Rose Bisque 3 (3, 3, 6, 6) oz

One pair US size 6 (4mm) needles

An additional US size 6 (4mm) needle

2 (2, 2, 3, 3) buttons, 1/2" diameter

Yarn needle

Stitch markers


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**SIZES:** 12 mos (18 mos, 24 mos, 3 yrs, 4 yrs)

### KNITTED MEASUREMENTS

Chest at underarm (empire): 21 1/4 (22, 24, 26, 26 1/2)"

Lower Hem (fullness): 24 1/2 (25 1/2, 27, 29, 29 3/4)"

### GAUGE

In Stockinette st, 22 sts and 28 rows = 4"/10 cm

### STITCHES USED

Leaf stitch pattern (described in written rows)

Stockinette stitch

1x1 rib

### SPECIAL TERMS

**pssso** = pass slip stitch over

**sl 1-k2tog-pssso:** Slip 1 st knitwise-knit 2 together-pass slip st over k2tog.

Inc bind off: Work 2 sts, pass 1st st over 2nd st, \*yo, pass 1st over 2nd st, work next st, pass 1st st over 2nd st.

**WSpu3:** Pick up 3 sts on the wrong side, in a diagonal line, leading to the next st to be worked or picked up, in the

horizontal strands between knit sts.

#### NOTES

This baby top is a pullover sweater with a buttoned back placket opening and center back seam.

The yoke is worked first from the bottom at underarm/midriff to the neck opening.

The bottom of the yoke is uniquely finished (and saved to third needle) to be joined to the lower bodice with a Kitchener Stitch row.

The lower bodice is worked from hem to armhole and Kitchener stitched to the yoke. The top fits 3 ½" – 4" below natural waist.

The Leaf pattern stitch in the yoke has 10 pattern repeats with a multiple of 16 (16, 18, 18, 18) sts plus 1 st.

The Leaf pattern stitch in the hem has 10 pattern repeats with a multiple of 18 (18, 20, 20, 20) sts plus 1 st.

#### YOKE

Beg at scalloped bottom of yoke at right back opening, cast on 161 (161, 181, 181, 181) sts.

**Foundation row (WS):** \*P4 (4, 5, 5, 5), k9, p3 (3, 4, 4, 4); rep from \* 9 times, end p1.

#### Yoke Leaf patt st:

**Row 1 (RS):** K1, \*yo, k3 (3, 4, 4, 4), p3, p3tog, p3, k3 (3, 4, 4, 4), yo, k1; rep from \* 9 times.

**Row 2 (WS):** \*P5 (5, 6, 6, 6), k7, p4 (4, 5, 5, 5); rep from \* 9 times, end p1.

**Row 3:** K1, \*k1, yo, k3 (3, 4, 4, 4), p2, p3tog, p2, k3 (3, 4, 4, 4), yo, k2; rep from \* 9 times.

**Note:** For yoke finishing mark sts on WS in "p3tog" st of Row 3 which will look like a 3-strand k st on the WS – drawing through the st. with scrap yarn in yarn needle, marking st numbers (counting from point of needle to end): 9 (9, 10, 10, 10) = Marker-1 (M-1);- 25 (25, 28, 28, 28) = Marker-2 (M-2);- 41 (41, 46, 46, 46) = Marker-3 (M-3);- 57 (57, 64, 64, 64) = Marker-4 (M-4);- 73 (73, 82, 82, 82) = Marker-5 (M-5);- 89 (89, 100, 100, 100) = Marker-6 (M-6);- 105 (105, 118, 118, 118) = Marker-7 (M-7); 121 (121, 136, 136, 136) = Marker-8 (M-8);- 137 (137, 154, 154, 154) = **Marker-9 (M-9)**; - 137 (137, 154, 154, 154) = Marker-10 (M-10) with 10 sts marked. A pick up st will occur in this marked st. in the Bottom Yoke. This will work to create the 3 dimensional scallop at the bottom of the yoke, with the exception of M-1 and M-8 which are skipped for sleeveless opening.

**Row 4 (dec 20 sts):** P2tog, \*p4 (4, 5, 5, 5), k5, p4 (4, 5, 5, 5), p3tog; rep from \* 9 times, end with p2tog instead of last p3tog—141 (141, 161, 161, 161) sts.

**Row 5:** K1, \*k2 (2, 3, 3, 3), yo, k2, p1, p3tog, p1, k2, yo, k3 (3, 4, 4, 4); rep from \* 9 times.

**Row 6 (dec 20 sts):** P2tog, \*p4 (4, 5, 5, 5), k3, p4 (4, 5, 5, 5), p3tog; rep from \* 9 times, end with p2tog instead of last p3tog—121 (121, 141, 141, 141) sts.

**Row 7:** K1, \*k2 (2, 3, 3, 3), yo, k2, p3tog, k2, yo, k3 (3, 4, 4, 4); rep from \* 9 times.

**Row 8 (dec 20 sts):** P2tog, \*p4 (4, 5, 5, 5), k1, p4 (4, 5, 5, 5), p3tog; rep from \* 9 times, end with p2tog instead of last p3tog—101 (101, 121, 121, 121) sts.

**Row 9:** K1, \*k2 (2, 3, 3, 3), yo, k1, sl 1-k2tog-ssso, k1, yo, k3 (3, 4, 4, 4); rep from \* 9 times.

**Row 10 (dec 20 sts):** P2tog, \*p7 (7, 9, 9, 9), p3tog, rep from \* 9 times; end with p2tog instead of last p3tog—81 (81, 101, 101, 101) sts.

**Row 11:** K1, \*k2 (2, 3, 3, 3), yo, sl 1-k2tog-ssso, yo, k3 (3, 4, 4, 4); rep from \* 9 times

**Row 12 (dec 20 sts):** P2tog, \*p5 (5, 7, 7, 7), p3tog; rep from \* 9 times; end with p2tog instead of last p3tog—61 (61, 81, 81, 81) sts.

**Note:** For sizes 12 mos and 18 mos only skip to "Neck Finishing".

#### For sizes 24 mos, 3 yrs, 4 yrs only:

**Row 13:** K1, \*k2, yo, sl 1-k2tog-ssso, yo, k3; rep from \* 9 times.

#### For size 24 mos only:

**Row 14 (dec 20 sts):** P2tog, \*p5, p3tog; rep from \* 9 times, end with p2tog instead of last p3tog.

**For all sizes:** There should now be 61 (61, 61, 81, 81) sts.

#### For sizes 3 yrs and 4 yrs only:

**Row 14:** P81.

**Row 15:** Rep Row 13.

**Row 16:** P81.

#### For size 4 yrs only:

**Row 17:** Rep Row 13.

**Row 18:** P81.

**Note:** There should now be Foundation Row plus 13 (13, 15, 17, 19) rows in yoke.

#### Neck finishing -- for all sizes:

**Row 1:** K1, \*k1 (1, 1, 2, 2), yo, sl 1-k2tog-ssso, yo, k 2 (2, 2, 3, 3); rep from \* 9 times.

**Row 2:** P61 (61, 61, 81, 81).

**Note:** For size 12 mos only, skip to "Rib Finish".

**For sizes 18 mos, 24 mos, 3 yrs and 4 yrs only:**

**Row 3:** Rep Row 1.

**For sizes 18 mos, 24 mos and 4 yrs only:**

**Row 4:** P.

**Note:** There should now be 61 (61, 61, 81, 81) sts.

**For size 3 yrs only:**

**Row 4 (dec 20 sts):** P2tog, \*p5, p3tog; rep from \* 9 times; end with p2tog instead of last p3tog—61 (61, 61, 61, 81) sts.

**For size 4 yrs only:**

**Row 5:** Rep Row 1.

**Row 6:** Rep Row 2.

**Note:** There should now be Foundation Row, plus Yoke Rows, plus Neck finishing rows for a total of 15 (17, 19, 21, 25) rows.

Rib Finishing --- for all sizes:

Work row in k1, p1 ribbing dec 10 (5, 0, 0, 10) sts evenly across by working either k2tog or p2tog--51 (56, 61, 61, 71) sts.

Work one row in ribbing.

(RS) Bind off neck sts in rib patt, ending at top of right back placket opening. Do not tie off.

Using same working yarn for right back placket opening, pick up 14 (16, 18, 20, 24) sts evenly in rows along right back opening—15 (17, 19, 21, 25) sts (including st rem on needle after neck ribbing bind off).

**Row 1:** P15 (17, 19, 21, 25).

**Row 2:** K3, \*bind off 2 sts, k4; rep from \* 1 (1, 1, 2, 2) times, end bind off 2 sts, k2 (4, 6, 1, 5).

**Row 3:** P3 (5, 7, 2, 6), cast on 2 sts over bound-off sts (tighten the buttonhole by slipping the next left needle st through the nearest bound-off st from RS to WS before working this st), p5, cast on 2 sts over bound-off sts; rep from \* 0 (0, 0, 1, 1) time(s), p3—2 (2, 2, 3, 3) buttonholes made.

Bind off 15 (17, 19, 21, 25) sts in knit. Do not tie off.

#### **Bottom Yoke and Sleeve Finishing**

Beg at scalloped bottom edge of right back placket opening pu 1 st, pass 1st st over 2nd st 4 times evenly in rows along right back placket; with the last "pu, pass 1st st over 2nd st" occurring on the RS in the first cast on st below a k st.

With last st rem on needle, pick up 1 st in each cast on st along bottom inserting needle from RS to WS wyib in each of next 3 (3, 4, 4, 4) k sts, \*pu 1 st in each of the next 9 p sts, pu 1 st in each of the next 7 (7, 9, 9, 9) k sts; rep from \* 8 times; pu 1 st in each of the next 9 p sts; pu 1 st in each of the next 4 (4, 5, 5, 5) k sts—161 (161, 181, 181, 181) sts picked up (1 st rem on right neck after back placket bind off).

Bind off Leaf Scallops and Sleeve Openings (while holding upper bodice sts on needle which will be Kitchener stitched to lower bodice when finished).

#### **Left Back**

P6 (6, 7, 7, 7), (work "inc bind off" to bind off scallop loosely for shape), (p1, pass 1st st over 2nd st, yo, pass 1st st over 2nd st) 9 (9, 9, 7, 7) times, end p7 (7, 9, 11, 11)—12 (12, 15, 17, 17) sts held on right needle for left back.

#### **Bind off Left Sleeve**

(P1, pass 1st over 2nd st, yo, pass 1st over 2nd st) 9 (9, 9, 7, 7) times, (p1, pass 1st st over 2nd st) in each of next 7 (7, 9, 11, 11) sts, (p1, pass 1st st over 2nd st, yo, pass 1st st over 2nd st) 9 (9, 9, 7, 7) times, (p1, pass 1st st over 2nd st) in each of next 7 (7, 9, 11, 11) sts, (p1, pass 1st st over 2nd st, yo, pass 1st st over 2nd st) 9 (9, 9, 7, 7) times--3 scallops (gap) bound off.

#### **Front**

P 7 (7, 9, 11, 11), (p1, pass 1st st over 2nd st, yo, pass 1st st over 2nd st) 9 (9, 9, 7, 7) times, p 7 (7, 9, 11, 11) sts, (p1, pass 1st st over 2nd st, yo, pass 1st st over 2nd st) 9 (9, 9, 7, 7) times, p 7 (7, 9, 11, 11) sts—21 (21, 27, 33, 33) sts held on right needle for front.

#### **Bind off Right Sleeve**

(P1, pass 1st st over 2nd st, yo, pass 1st st over 2nd st) 9 (9, 9, 7, 7) times, (p1, pass 1st st over 2nd st) in each of next 7 (7, 9, 11, 11) sts, (p1, pass 1st st over 2nd st, yo, pass 1st st over 2nd st) 9 (9, 9, 7, 7) times; (p1, pass 1 st over 2nd st in each of next 7 (7, 9, 11, 11) sts, (p1, pass 1st st over 2nd st, yo, pass 1st over 2nd st) 9 (9, 9, 7, 7) times--3 scallops (gap) bound off.

#### **Right Back**

P 7 (7, 9, 11, 11), (p1, pass 1st st over 2nd st, yo, pass 1st over 2nd st) 9 (9, 9, 7, 7) times, p 3 (3, 4, 5, 5)—10 (10, 13, 16, 16) sts held on right needle for right back.

**Note:** Total bodice sts held on right needle—43 (43, 55, 66, 66) sts.

#### **Underarm**

On RS row beg at right back and end at left back to establish underarm and upper bodice at midriff sts as follows:

Right Back: K4 (4, 5, 6, 6), WSpu3, puM-1, WSpu3, k7 (7, 9, 11, 11), WSpu3, puM-2;

**Right sleeveless opening:** cast on 14 (16, 16, 18) sts for underarm (skip right sleeve);

**Front:** puM-4, WSpu3, k7 (7, 9, 11, 11), WSpu3, puM-5, WSpu3, k7 (7, 9, 11, 11), WSpu3, puM-6, WSpu3, k7 (7, 9, 11, 11), WSpu3, puM-7;

Left sleeveless opening: cast on 14 (6, 16, 16, 18) sts for underarm (skip left sleeve);

**Left Back:** puM-9, WSpu3, k7 (7, 9, 11, 1), WSpu3, puM-10, WSpu3, k4 (5, 4, 4, 5)—116 (120, 132, 143, 147) sts on 3rd needle. Do not tie off.

#### Left Back Placket opening

Using same working yarn and third needle, pick up 16 (18, 20, 22, 26) sts in rows along side of left back opening.

Bind off in purl 16 (18, 20, 22, 26) sts; slip last st to 3rd needle--117 (121, 133, 144, 148) sts on 3rd needle.

On next WS purl row, dec 2 (0, 2, 3, 2) sts evenly across to match st count to lower bodice.

Knit one more RS row on 3rd needle and hold these sts on needle until lower bodice is complete. (Stitch gauge is more easily maintained when Kitchener Stitch is worked from sized needles rather than scrap yarn or stitch holders.)

#### Lower Bodice

Cast on 181 (181, 201, 201, 201) sts.

**Foundation row (WS):** \*P5 (5, 6, 6, 6), k9, p 4 (4, 5, 5, 5); rep from \* 9 times, end p1.

Leaf patt st:

**For all sizes:**

**Row 1 (RS):** K1, \*yo, k4 (4, 5, 5, 5), p3, p3tog, p3, k4 (4, 5, 5, 5), yo, k1; rep from \* 9 times.

**Row 2 (WS):** \*P6 (6, 7, 7, 7), k7, p5 (5, 6, 6, 6); rep from \* 9 times, end p1.

**Row 3:** K1, \*k1, yo, k4 (4, 5, 5, 5), p2, p3tog, p2, k4 (4, 5, 5, 5), yo, k2; rep from \* 9 times.

**Row 4 (dec 20 sts):** P2tog, \*p5 (5, 6, 6, 6), k5, p5 (5, 6, 6, 6), p3tog; rep from \* 9 times, end with p2tog instead of last p3tog—161 (161, 181, 181, 181) sts.

**Row 5:** K1, \*k3 (3, 4, 4, 4), yo, k2, p1, p3tog, p1, k2, yo, k4 (4, 5, 5, 5); rep from \* 9 times.

**Row 6 (dec 20 sts -- omit size 4 for lower bodice):** P2tog, \*p5 (5, 6, 6, 6), k3, p5 (5, 6, 6, 6), p3tog; rep from \* 9 times, end with p2tog instead of last p3tog—141 (141, 161, 161); size 4 has 181 sts before working lower bodice Row 6.

**For Sizes 12 mos, 18 mos, 24 mos, 3 yrs only:**

**Row 7:** K1, \*k3 (3, 3, 4, 4), yo, k2, p3tog, k2, yo, k4 (4, 4, 5, 5); rep from \* 9 times.

**For Size 12 mos:**

**Row 8 (dec 6 sts):** P2tog, \*p5, k1, p6, p2tog, p5, k1, p8; rep from \* 4 times; ending with p7 instead of p8 in the 4th rep--135 sts.

**Row 9:** K1, \*k4, yo, k1, sl 1-k2tog-ssso, k1, yo, k8, yo, k1, sl 1-k2tog-ssso, k1, yo, k5; rep from \* 4 times, ending with k4 instead of k5 in the 4th rep.

**Row 10:** P135.

**Row 11:** K1, \*k4, yo, sl 1-k2tog-ssso, yo, k10, yo, sl 1-k2tog-ssso, k7; rep from \* 4 times, ending with k6 instead of k7 in the 4th rep.

**For Size 18 mos:**

**Row 8:** \*P7, k1, p6; rep from \* 9 times.

**Row 9:** K1, \*k4, yo, k1, sl 1-k2tog-ssso, k1, yo, k5; rep from \* 9 times.

**Row 10:** P141.

**Row 11:** K1, \*k5, yo, sl 1-k2tog-ssso, yo, k6; rep from \* 9 times.

**For Size 24 mos:**

**Row 8 (dec 10 sts):** P2tog, \*p6, k1, p7, p2tog; rep from \* 9 times--151 sts.

**Row 9:** K1, \*k5, yo, k1, sl 1-k2tog-ssso, k1, yo, k5; rep from \* 9 times.

**Row 10:** P151.

**Row 11:** K1, \*k6, yo, sl 1-k2tog-ssso, yo, k6; rep from \* 9 times.

**For Size 3 yrs:**

**Row 8:** P161.

**Row 9:** k1, \*k5, yo, k1, sl 1-k2tog-ssso, k1, yo, k6; rep from \* 9 times.

**Row 10:** P161.

**Row 11:** K1, \*k6, yo, sl 1-k2tog-ssso, yo, k7; rep from \* 9 times.

**For Size 4 yrs:**

**Row 6 (dec 15 sts):** P2tog, p6, k3, p6, p2tog, p7, k3, \*p6, p3tog, p6, k3, p6, p2tog, p7, k3; rep from \* 3 times, end p6, p2tog--166 sts.

**Row 7:** K1, \*k4, yo, k2, p3tog, k2, yo, k10, yo, k2, p3tog, k2, yo, k5; rep from \* 4 times--166 sts.

**Row 8:** \*P8, k1, p16, k1, p7; rep from \* 4 times, end p1.

**Row 9:** K1, \* k5, yo, k1, sl 1-k2tog-ssso, k1, yo, k12, yo, k1, sl 1-k2tog-ssso, k1, yo, k6; rep from \* 4 times--166 sts.

**Row 10:** P166.

**Row 11:** K1, \*k6, yo, sl 1-k2tog-ssso, yo, k14, yo, sl 1-k2tog-ssso, yo, k7; rep from \* 4 times.

Work lower bodice Rows 10 and 11 alternately until piece measures 7 ¾ (8, 8 ¼, 8 ½, 9 ¼)".

**For all sizes:**

Row 12 (dec lower bodice sts to reduce skirt fullness to match midriff yoke): Purl across 135 (141, 151, 161, 166) sts dec 0 (1, 0, 1, 0) st(s) in each St st ½ panel (beg and end at center back openings) and dec 2 sts in each of 9 (9, 9, 8, 9) St st full panels—117 (122, 133, 144, 148) sts.(Note: ½ and full St st panels are separated by "yo, slip1 purlwise-k2tog-passo, yo" lace.)

Work these sts in Kitchener stitch to Yoke sts held on 3rd needle.

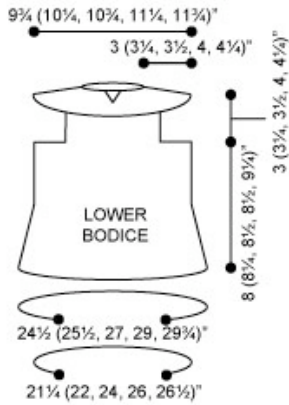
Work center Back seam.

Sew on buttons to left back placket matching them with the right side buttonholes.

**Optional hem finishing**

If a 2 strand (firmer) method of cast on was used this is not necessary.

To firm up a simple single strand cast on pu 1 st in each cast on from the RS and bind off using the "increased bind off" method as previously described in Bind Off Leaf Scallops while binding off scalloped peaks. There are a greater number of sts cast on at the hem to consider.



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