Knitting Pattern

Baby Burial Gown in 4 sizes, micro preemie, Very premature, moderately preterm, and late preterm, using 3ply, 4ply or DK yarn
Materials

16 ribbon roses as buttons or 16 buttons
50g 3ply yarn and 1 x pr 3.00mm needles for 7-8” doll, or 20 week gestation size only
100g 4ply yarn and 1 x pr 3.25mm needles for 9-10” doll, or 22 week gestation size only
100g dk yarn and 1 x pr 3.75mm needles for 11-12” doll or 24 week gestation size only
100g dk yarn and 1 x pr 4mm needles for 13-14” doll, or 26 week gestation size only
1 metre knitting in lace (74 holes)
Embellishments of your choice

Abbreviations

K - knit, P- purl, sts-stitches, Sl1- Slip one stitch, Psso- Pass slipped stitch over, yf- yarn forward, c2f-knit into front of 2nd st on needle, then knit 1st st, slipping both off the needle at the same time, c2b- knit into back of 2nd st on needle, then knit 1st st, slipping both off the needle at the same time, Tog- together, Inc- increase, St st- stocking stitch, g st- garter stitch, inc- increase, k2tog-knit 2sts together, p2tog-purl 2sts together,

GOWN (worked in one piece)

Using needles and yarn as given above for the size you wish to knit, cast on 128sts and k 5 rows

Next row (buttonhole row) k2, yf, k2tog, (k4, k2tog, yf), 4 times, k72sts, (yf, k2tog, k4) 4 times, k2tog, yf, k2

Knit another 5 rows.

Continue in main pattern and button/buttonhole borders as follows:

1st row – k
2nd row – k7, *p2, k2 repeat from * to last 5sts, k5
3rd row – k
4th row – k7, *p2, k2, repeat from * to last 5sts, k5
5th row – k6, *c2f, c2b, repeat from * to last 6sts, k6
6th row – k5, p2, *k2, p2, repeat from * to last 5sts, k5
7th row – (buttonhole row) k2, yf, k2tog, k to end
8th row – as 6th row
9th row – k
10th row – as 6th row
11th row – k6, *c2b, c2f, repeat from * to last 6sts, k6
12th row - k7, *p2, k2 repeat from * to last 5sts, k5

Repeat the last 12 rows 4 times more.

Next row – (decrease row) k7, k2tog, k1 k2tog, (k2tog) 53 times, k1 k2tog, k7 (72sts)
Next row – k5, knit with knitting in lace to last 5sts, k5

Start yoke as follows:
Next row – k
Next row – k5, p to last 5sts, k5

Repeat the last two rows once more.

Start yoke shaping as follows

1st row – (buttonhole row) k2, yf, k2tog, k to end
2nd and every alternate row – k5, p to last 5sts, k5
3rd row – (decrease row) k8, *k2tog, k3, repeat from * to last 4sts, k4 (60sts)
5th row – k
7th row - k
9th - k
11th – (decrease row) k8, *k2tog, k2, repeat from * to last 4sts, k4 (48sts)

Start neckband as follows:

Next row – (ws facing) k
Next row – (buttonhole row) k2, yf, k2tog, k to end

K 3 rows

Shape neck and start hood as follows

Next row – cast of 5sts, k to end
Next row – cast of 5sts, p to end (38sts)

1st row – (increase row) k16, inc in next 6sts, k to last 3sts, turn (44sts)
2nd row – sl1, k1, *p2, k2, repeat from * to last 3sts, turn
3rd row – sl1, k to last 6sts, turn
4th row – sl1, *k2, p2, repeat from * to last 9sts, k2, p1, turn
5th row – sl1, p1, *c2f, c2b, repeat from * to last 12sts, c2f, k1, turn
6th row – sl1, k1, p2, *k2, p2, repeat from * to last 11sts, k2, turn
7th row – sl1, k to last 12sts, turn
8th row – sl1, k2, *p2, k2, to last 13sts, p1, turn
9th row – sl1, k to end of row
10th row – k3, *p2, k2, repeat from * to last 5sts, p2, k3
11th row – k4, *c2b, c2f, repeat from * to last 4sts, k4
12th row – k5, *p2, k2 repeat from * to last 3sts, k3

Continue working without shaping and in main pattern and borders as follows:

1st row – k
2nd row – k5, *p2, k2 repeat from * to last 3sts, k3
3rd row – k
4th row – k5, *p2, k2, repeat from * to last 3sts, k3
5th row – k4, *c2f, c2b, repeat from * to last 4sts, k4
6th row – k3, p2, *k2, p2, repeat from * to last 3sts, k3
7th row – k
8th row – as 6th row
9th row – k
10th row – as 6th row
11th row – k4, *c2b, c2f, repeat from * to last 4sts, k4
12th row – k5, *p2, k2 repeat from * to last 3sts, k3

Repeat the last 12 rows once more, then, repeat rows 1-6 only. Cast off.

Sew hood seam at top, and darn in any ends. Sew a total of 9 ribbon roses to the inside hem so they correspond with button holes. Sew the other 7 ribbon roses to the left front button band so they correspond with button holes. Embellish as required

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