# Knitting for Olive



## Lulu and Loui romper

**Sizes**: 3 (6, 9, 12, 18-24) months
Full length: approx. 38 (40, 42, 44 48) cm
Bodylength up to armhole: 28 (29, 30, 31, 34) cm
Circumference at bust: approx. 42 (44, 46, 49, 52) cm

**Needles:** circular needles 2½ and 3 mm, 2½ mm double pointed needles for arm hole (optional)
**Notions:** 5 stitch markers (one a different color), stitch holders or scrap yarn, darning needle
**Gauge**: 28 sts x 38 rows on 3 mm needles = 10x10 cm
**Yarn:** Knitting for Olive's Pure Silk, Merino or Cotton hint of Cashmere
The romper pictured above is knitted in Knitting for Olive's Pure Silk (fingering, approx. 500 m / 100 gr)
**Yarn requirements**: 100 (100, 100, 150, 150) gr

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The Lulu and Loui romper is knitted from the bottom up.
The romper has a simple ridge pattern in the front and can be knitted with or without the collar.

Back piece

Cast on 23 (23, 25, 25, 25) sts using 2½ mm needles

Knit 7 rows

Change to 3 mm needles, and continue in st st

Knit 2 rows

Now increase 1 st in each side as follows:

Row 1: K1, m1l, knit to one stitch before the end, m1r, k1
Row 2: Purl to end

Repeat rows 1 - 2  5 more times = 12 sts increased over 12 rows

Now cast on stitches at the end of each row:

CO 2 sts 4 (4, 6, 6, 4) times

CO 3 sts twice

CO 4 (6, 5, 7, 4) sts twice

CO 0 (0, 0, 0, 7) sts twice

A total of 22 (26, 28, 32, 36) sts increased over 8 (8, 10, 10, 10) rows = 57 (61) 65 (69) 73 sts on your needle

Break yarn, put piece on scrap yarn or stitch holder


Front piece

Cast on 23 (23, 25, 25, 25) sts using 2½ mm needles

Knit 7 rows, on the 4th row make 2 evenly spaced buttonholes (buttonhole: k2tog, yo)

Change to 3 mm needles and continue in Ridge Pattern and st st

From this point and throughout the front piece knit the middle 21 sts in 'Ridge pattern' (instructions below), knit all other sts in st st

Ridge Pattern:

Row 1 (setup row): K 1 (1, 2, 2, 2), pm,  k2tog, yo, p1, k15, p1, yo, sl1k, k1, psso, pm, K 1 (1, 2, 2, 2)
Row 2: Purl to m, sm, p2, k17, p2, sm, purl to end
Row 3: K 1 (1, 2, 2, 2), sm,  k2tog, yo, p1, k15, p1, yo, sl1k, k1, psso, sm, K 1 (1, 2, 2, 2)
Row 4: Purl to m, sm, p2, k17, p2, sm, purl to end

Repeat rows 3 & 4, 3 more times = 10 rows have been worked

Keep working back and forth as established and start increasing 1 st in each side on every other rows as follows:

Row 1: K1, m1l, knit to one stitch before the end, m1r, k1
Row 2: Purl to end

Repeat rows 1 - 2  4 more times = 10 sts increased over 10 rows
Knit the new sts in st st

Cast on stitches at the end of every row as follows:

CO 4 sts 2 (0, 2, 2, 2) times

C0 5 sts 0 (2, 0, 0, 0) times

CO 8 (9, 5, 5, 6) sts twice

CO 0 (0, 6, 8, 9) sts twice

= a total of 24 (28, 30, 28, 38) sts increased over 4 (4, 6, 6, 6) rows = 57 (61, 65, 69, 73) sts on your needle

Break yarn


Now gather front piece and back piece

Gather the front piece and the back piece on one circular needle, and place a marker between the front piece and the back piece in both sides to mark the sides of the romper
The beginning of the round changes to the centre back
Move 28 (30, 32, 34, 36) back piece sts to the right hand needle

Pm at the beginning of the round. Continue knitting in the round and knit according to the diagram on the 21 middle sts of the front piece. Follow instructions for knitting in the round

K 2 rounds

Now make the romper roomier on the back by knitting short rows
This pattern uses the wrap and Turn technique (wt) (instructions below), but any short row technique can be used

K 7, w&t,
P 13, w&t,
K 18 (18, 19, 19, 20), w&t
P 23 (23, 25, 25, 27), w&t
K 28 (28, 31, 31, 33), w&t
P 33 (33, 37, 37, 39), w&t
K 38 (38, 43, 43, 45), w&t
P 43 (43, 49, 49, 51), w&t
K 48 (48, 55, 55, 57), w&t
P 53 (53, 61, 61, 63), w&t
Knit to BOR marker, picking up and working the wrapped stitches as you find them

Continue straight up until work measures 28 (29, 30, 31, 34) cm from the bottom of the front piece
The measurement should be taken from the center of the front piece including the buttonhole edge

## Armhole

Split the piece in front and back piece with 57 (61, 65, 69, 73) sts on each piece and finish each piece separately
Knit back and forth in st st on the back and st st and ridge pattern on the front


## Back piece

Bind off 3 sts twice

Bind off 2 sts twice

Bind off 1 st twice

Bind off 0, (0, 1, 1, 1) st twice

= a total of 12 (12, 14, 14, 14) sts have been decreased over 6 (6, 8, 8, 8) rows

Knit 4 rows in st st straight up

Now split the back piece in two, to make a slit in the neck

K 22 (24, 25, 27, 29), bind off 1 st, knit to end

Slip the st next to the slit off purlwise at the beginning of the row, k this st at the end of the row

Continue in st st until the arm hole measures 7 (8, 9, 10, 11) cm


## Neck

Now bind off sts for the neck:

BO 11 (12, 13, 14, 15) sts

BO 1 st 2 times

= 9 (10, 10, 11, 12) sts

Continue in st st until the arm hole measures 10 (11, 12, 13, 14) cm, leave the remaining sts on the needle

Knit the other side of the back piece the same way, reversing the shaping


## Front piece

Bind off for arm hole as you did for back piece, working the ridge pattern on the 21 stitches between the 2 markers

Continue working in the established pattern until arm hole measures 5 (6, 7, 7, 8) cm

## Neck

Bind off the center 15 (17, 19, 19, 21) sts and finish each side separately

Bind off for neck opening as follows:

BO 3 sts

BO 2 sts

BO 1 st

BO 0 (0, 0, 1, 1) sts

= 9 (10, 10, 11, 12) sts

Knit straight up until the arm hole measures 10 (11, 12, 13, 14) cm

Knit the other side of the front piece to match, reversing shaping

Stitch the shoulders together using kitchener stitch


## Neckline **without** collar

The neckline is knitted back and forth

Using 2½ mm needles pick up 81 (85, 89, 99, 109) sts along the neckline

Knit 5 rows, starting with a WS row

Bind off knitwise, AT THE SAME TIME, using the last remaining st, crochet a loop to serve as buttonloop


## Neckline **with** collar

The neckline is knitted back and forth

Using 2½ mm needles 81 (85, 89, 99, 109) sts along the neckline

Knit 1 row starting with a WS row

Put sts on scrap yarn or stitch holder and proceed to knit the collar separately


## Collar

Cast on (243, 255, 267, 297, 327) sts using 3 mm needles

Knit 1 row on the WS

Knit 8 (8, 10, 12, 12) rows in st st

On the next 2 rows decrease as follows:

1st row: *k1, k2tog* repeat from * to * to the end

2nd row: p2tog to the end

= 81 (85, 89, 99, 109) sts on your needle

To attach the collar to the romper, place the collar on top of the romper, both with right side up

Using 2½ mm needles, knit 1 st from the romper and 1 st from the collar together, keeping the stitches on your right needle

Knit 3 rows

Bind off knitwise, AT THE SAME TIME using the last remaining st, crochet a loop to serve as buttonloop

Left leg edge (when looking at the front of the romper)

The leg edge is knitted back and forth

Using 2½ mm needles, pick up approx. 63 (65, 67, 69, 73) sts along the leg edge

K 5 rows, starting with a WS row, BUT on the 2nd row make 1 buttonhole as follows:

knit until 3 sts remain, yo, k2tog tbl, k1

On 6th row, bind off knitwise on a RS row

Right leg edge

The leg edge is knitted back and forth

Using 2½ mm needles, pick up approx. 63 (65, 67, 69, 73) sts along the leg edge

Knit 5 rows, starting with a WS row, BUT on the 2nd row make 1 button hole as follows:

k1, k2tog, yo, knit to end

On 6th row bind off knitwise on a RS row

Armhole edge

The armhole edge is knitted in the round

Using 2½ mm needles pick up sts along the armhole, pick up approx 1 st in each row,
Knit 5 rounds in garter stitch (purl 1 round, knit 1 round), 1st row is a purl round on the RS

On 6th row bind off knitwise

Repeat on the opposite armhole

Weave in the loose ends, sew on buttons and gently block the finished piece to dimensions

We hope you enjoy knitting the Lulu and Loui romper!

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Instructions, techniques and abbreviations:

Ridge pattern – **knitted back and forth** – knit pattern on 21 sts

RS rows: k2tog, yo, p1, k15, p1, yo, sl1k, k1, psso

WS rows: p2, k17, p2

Ridge pattern – **knitted in the round** – knit pattern on 21 sts

Odd rounds: k2tog, yo, p1, k15, p1, yo, sl1k, k1, psso

Even rounds: k2, p17, k2

Abbreviations

St/sts – stitch/stitches
K – knit
P - purl
St st - stocking stitch - in circular knitting knit all rounds, when knitting back and forth, knit 1 row, purl 1 row
Pm – place marker
Sm – slip marker
M1l - make 1 left
M1r - make 1 right
K2tog – knit 2 stitches together
P2tog – purl 2 stitches together
Tbl – through back loop
Sl1k – slip one stitch knitwise

Psso – pass slipped stitch over

Yo – yarn over

Inc – increase

Dec – decrease

CO – cast on

BO – bind off

BOR : beginning of the round

BORm : beginning of the round marker

RS : right side of work

WS: wrong side of work

INSTRUCTIONS

Wrap and Turn

On the right side:
Knit all stitches to the stitch you are going to wrap and turn, keeping your yarn in the back of the work, slip next stitch onto right needle as if to purl it.  Bring the yarn to the front between the stitches on right and left needle, slip the slipped stitch back on left needle, and bring the yarn to the back again.  You now have a wrapped stitch.  Turn work to purl back.

On the wrong side:
Purl all stitches to the stitch you are going to wrap and turn, keep your yarn in the front of the work, slip next stitch onto right needle, as if to knit it.  Bring the yarn to the back between the stitches on right and left needle, slip the slipped stitch back on left needle, and bring the yarn to the front again. You now have a wrapped stitch. Turn work to knit back.

Knitting a wrapped stitch:
On the right side: Knit to the wrapped stitch, insert the right needle tip into the wrap from top to bottom, and then into the stitch on the needle, and knit these stitches.
On the wrong side: Purl to the wrapped stitch, insert the right needle tip into the wrap from bottom to top, and then into the stitch on the needle, and purl these stitches through front loop.