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## Tuxita Baby Tunic

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INTERMEDIATE

### Ruffle Front Baby Mini-Dress

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#### SIZES

Toddler 6 (12, 18, 24) months/Child's 2 (4, 6) years

#### FINISHED MEASUREMENTS

Chest 20 (22, 23, 25)" / 27 (29, 30 ½)" / 51 (56, 58.5, 63.5)cm/68.5 (73.5, 77.5)cm

Length 18 (19, 19 ½, 20 ½)" / 22 (23, 24)" / 56 (58.5, 61)cm

#### Materials

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Caron International's Simply Soft® Brights (100% Acrylic, 6oz/170g, 315yds,288m):

Shown in: #9608 Blue Mint (A) 6 (6, 12, 12)/12 (18, 18)oz / 170 (170, 340, 340)/340 (680, 680)g

Caron International's Simply Soft® (100% Acrylic, 6oz/170g, 315yds,288m):  
Shown in: #2603 Forest Floor (B) 6 (6, 6, 6)/12 (12, 12)oz / 170 (170, 170, 170)/170 (340, 340)g

One pair Size U.S. 8 (5mm) straight needles or size needed to obtain gauge  
Set of U.S. 8 (5mm) double-pointed needles

Elastic Thread (Optional)

Sewing Needle (Optional)

Yarn Needle

#### GAUGE

In Stockinette stitch, 18 sts and 22 sts= 4" (10cm)

#### STITCHES USED

Garner stitch (Garner st):

Knit every row.

Stockinette stitch (St st):

Knit on RS, purl on WS.

#### FRONT

##### Skirt

With A and straight needles, CO 54 (58, 62, 66)/70 (74, 78) sts.

Rows 1–2: Knit.

Row 3: K1, \*yo, k2tog; rep to last st, k1.

Row 4: Knit.

**Row 5–6:** Join B, knit.

**Rows 7–8:** With A, knit.

Continue working in 2 row Garter st stripes until piece measures 5 (5 ½, 5 ¾, 6)"/7 (8, 9)" from beg.

**Next Row (RS):** Dec 10 sts evenly across row—44 (48, 52, 56)/60 (64, 68) sts.

**Next Row (WS):** Dec 9 sts evenly across row—35 (39, 43, 47)/51 (55, 59) sts.

#### **Waistband:**

**Next Row (RS):** With B, \*k1, p1; repeat from \* to end.

Continue in k1, p1 rib for 5 (5, 5, 5)/7 (9, 11) more rows. Fasten off B.

#### **Top**

**Next Row (RS):** With A, k inc 10 sts evenly across row—45 (49, 53, 57)/61 (65, 69) sts.

**Next Row (WS):** Purl.

Work even in St st for 6 ¼ (6 ¾, 7, 7 ¼)/ 8 (9, 10)" , ending with a WS row.

#### **Shape Armholes**

**Next Row (RS):** BO 4 sts, ssk, knit to end.

**Next Row (WS):** BO 4 sts, p2tog, p to end--35(39, 43, 47)/51 (55, 59) sts.

Work in St st for 4" (4 ½, 4 ½, 5)/ 5 ½ (6, 6 ½)"more.

**Next Row (RS):** K9 (10, 11, 12)/13 (14, 15) sts and place on holder for second shoulder, BO 17 (19, 21, 23)/25 (27, 29) sts, k9(10, 11, 12)/13 (14, 15).

#### **Shape Shoulders**

**Next Row (WS):** Working first shoulder, p2togtbl, p7 (8, 9, 10)/11 (12, 13) . Turn.

**Next Row (RS):** Ssk, k to end.

**Next Row:** Purl.

Work 4 (4, 4, 4)/6 (6, 6) more rows in St st.

BO.

Join yarn on the WS of opposite shoulder; p2tog, p7(8, 9, 10)/11 (12, 13). Turn.

**Next Row (RS):** K2tog, k to end.

**Next Row:** Purl.

Work 4 (4, 4, 4)/6 (6, 6) more rows in St st.

BO.

#### **BACK**

Work as for Front until armhole shaping has been completed. Continue in St st for 6 ½ (6 ½, 6 ½, 6 ½)" / 7 (7, 7)" more.

**Next Row (RS):** K8 (9, 10, 11)/12 (13, 14), BO 19 (21, 23, 25)/ 27 (29, 31) sts, k8 (9, 10, 11)/12 (13, 14).

#### **Shape Shoulders**

**Next Row (WS):** Working only the first shoulder, p2togtbl, p6 (7, 8, 9)/10 (11, 12). Turn.

**Next Row (RS):** Knit.

**Next Row:** Purl.

BO.

Join yarn on the WS of opposite shoulder; p2tog, p6 (7, 8, 9)/10 (11, 12). Turn.

**Next Row (RS):** Knit.

**Next Row:** Purl.

Continue, if necessary, until piece measures same as Back.

BO.

#### FINISHING

Sew shoulder and side seams..

#### Neck Edging:

With RS facing using B and dpns, pick up 3 sts along every 4 sts or rows around neck edge having an even amount of sts. Join.

**Rounds 1–2:** Work in k1, p1 rib.

**Rounds 3–4:** With B, work in k1, p1 rib.

With B, BO in k1, p1 rib.

#### Armhole Edging

Work same as Neck Edging.

#### RUFFLE

With straight needles and B, CO 12 sts.

**Row 1:** Knit.

**Row 2:** Purl.

**Row 3:** \*K1, m1; rep from \* to end.

**Row 4:** Purl.

**Row 5:** Repeat Row 3.

**Row 6:** Purl.

**Row 7:** Knit.

**Row 8:** Purl

With A, BO.

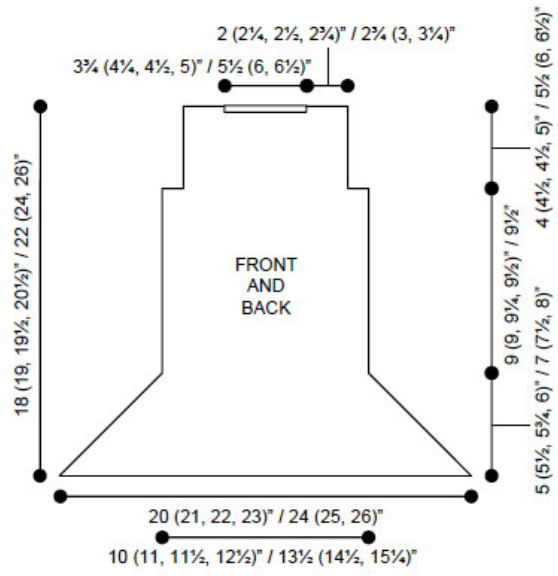
With RS facing and B, pick up 12 sts from bottom (shorter) edge of ruffle. Work Rows 2–8 of Ruffle. With A, BO.

Attach ruffle to bodice using A and by sewing down the center with a yarn needle. **Note:** The chain stitch was used in my version, but any stitch will do. Tack ruffle tips down, if desired.

Using yarn needle, weave in ends.

#### Optional Waistband Cinching

If you'd like the waistband to have extra shaping so that the top will blouse over, you'll need to add some elastic thread to it. To do so, turn dress inside out. Measure four pieces of elastic thread that about 30% shorter than the existing waistband. Beg at the first row of waistband, weave a piece of thread under the knit stitches (going over the purl stitches) all the way around. Tie in a knot. Trim. Repeat evenly throughout the length of the waistband, with three remaining pieces of elastic thread.



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