

# I-LOVE-STOCKINETTE BABY BIB

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VERSION 2.1

I love stockinette stitch. And when I say this, I mean I am a garter stitch snob, and a bib made out of garter stitch just doesn't do it for me. I wanted a simple baby bib pattern to show of the beauty of stockinette. This is what I came up with.

Pattern can be knit in a solid color, with contrasting cords, variegated yarn, stripes, embellishments, etc.



## Materials:

- 60 yards of WASHABLE worsted weight yarn. I used Knit Picks Comfy Worsted – a cotton blend that is soft and comes in a nice palette. Dishcloth cotton like Lily Sugar n' Cream or Pisgah Peaches and Creme or any of the many superwash wools available would also be a good.
- 4.5 mm (US 7) needles. You'll need two double-pointed needles (DPNs) and a set of regular needles (straight or circular).

## Gauge:

5 stitches and 7 rows = 1 inch

## Skills Used:

Cast on, knit, purl, increases, decreases, i-cord, and applied i-cord (instructions for the latter included in the pattern).

- Short rows and picking up short-row stitches also included in the pattern (brief instructions included). Here's a good tutorial if you are not familiar with this skill: <http://www.knitpicks.com/images/pdf/ShortRowTutorial.pdf>
- Make One Right (M1R) refers to the following increase: lift the bar between stitches with the left needle from the *back* and knit into the *front* (left) of that loop.
- Make One Left (M1L) refers to the following increase: lift the bar between stitches with the left needle from the *front* and knit into the *back* (left) of that loop. Videos showing increases at: <http://www.knittinghelp.com/videos/increases>

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## Instructions:

- Cast on 26 stitches
- Knit bottom garter border:
  - Row 1 (WS): knit 26
  - Row 2 (RS): k3, M1R, k20, MIL, k3
  - Row 3: k28
  - Row 4: k3, M1R, k22, MIL, k2
  - Row 5: k30
- Move into the stockinette portion:
  - Row 6: k3, M1R, knit until there are 3 st left, MIL, k3
  - Row 7: k3, purl until there are 3 st left, k3
    - Repeat rows 6 and 7 until there are 40 stitches on the needles (rows 14 and 15)
- Move into the straightaway portion:
  - Row 16: knit
  - Row 17: k3, purl until there are 3 st left, k3
    - Repeat rows 16 and 17 until piece measures 7 inches from cast-on edge.
    - End on a RS row, so that your active stitches are at the upper left.
- Upper left flap:
  - Start on the WS. Place marker (PM) 15 stitches from the left edge.
  - Row 1: k3, p2tog, p to 1 st before M, wrap & turn (w&t) around 15<sup>th</sup> st
    - To w&t: purl up to st to w&t. Slip st purlwise, then bring the yarn to the back. Turn the work around and go to next row.
  - Row 2: k to end of row
  - Row 3: k3, p2tog, p to 2 st before M, w&t
  - Row 4: k to end
    - Continue in this manner, decreasing with a p2tog and doing the w&t one st earlier each odd numbered row until row 10 is complete (you'll have 5 w&t sts on your needles)
  - Row 11: k3, p1, w&t
  - Row 12: k4
  - Row 13: k3, w&t purlwise (bring your yarn to the front before wrapping)
  - Row 14: k3
  - Row 15: K3, pick up (pu) 7 st purlwise, p to last 3 st, k3
    - To pu st purlwise: purl up to st to pu. Insert right needle into the back of the wrap from the bottom up, and then insert the same needle into the st on the left needle purlwise. Purl this st, then pass the wrap over the st you just purled.

- Upper right flap:
  - You are now on the RS. PM 15 stitches from the right edge.
  - Row 1: k3, ssk, k to 1 st before M, w&t around 15<sup>th</sup> st
    - To w&t: knit up to st to w&t. Slip st with yarn in back, then bring the yarn to the front. Turn the work around and go to next row.
  - Row 2: p until there are 3 st left, k3
  - Row 3: k3, ssk, k to 2 st before M, w&t
  - Row 4: p until there are 3 st left, k3
    - Continue in this manner, decreasing with a ssk and doing the w&t one st earlier each odd numbered row until row 10 is complete
  - Row 11: k4, w&t
  - Row 12: p1, k3
  - Row 13: k3, w&t
  - Row 14: k3
  - Row 15: k3, pick up 7 st, k to end
    - To pu st knitwise: knit up to st to pu. Insert right needle into the front of the wrap from the bottom, and then insert the same needle into the st on the left needle knitwise. Knit this st, then pass the wrap over the st you just knit.
  - There are now 30 stitches on the needles.
  - Row 16: k3, p24, k3
  - Cut yarn



- I-cord ties:
  - Using 2 DPNs, knit i-cord 3 st wide for 10-12 inches.
  - Applied i-cord (this will bind off the live stitches at the top of the bib):
    - NOTE: start at the upper right corner of the bib
    - k2 of the i-cord, slip the 3<sup>rd</sup> i-cord stitch from left to right DPN, knit one live st from bib, passed the slipped i-cord st over the bib st, go to next row of i-cord and of the bib.
  - After reaching the end of the bib, continue to knit i-cord until as long as the tie on the other side.
- Finishing:
  - Sew end of i-cord together. Weave in ends.

Finished size is roughly 8" wide by 8" tall at tallest point, with a cord of 30-35" long.

