



Fiona Baby Sundress

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In worsted weight cotton, this summer sundress is a quick, cute knit. The heavily-pleated skirt gives the dress a princess/ballgown feel, and the machine washable yarn makes it easy to care for.

Size: 3-6 months and 12-24 months (larger size in parenthesis throughout the pattern)

Finished Measurements:

- 3-6 months: chest – 14 inches around, total length (minus straps) 12 inches
- 12-24 months: chest 19-20 inches around, total length (minus straps) 15 inches

Note on sizing: There is a lot of “give” in the bodice of this dress. Even though there is no size for 6-12 months, the smaller size dress will stretch comfortably around that size. Just be sure to adjust the length for an older baby. A fitted bodice will help the dress stay up, without relying solely on the straps.

Materials:

- 3 (4) hanks of Cascade Luna (100% cotton, 50g, 82 yards) in color Sky 725 for Main Color (MC)
- 1 hank of Cascade Luna in Chocolate 705 for Contrasting Color (CC)
- Size 7 US 16" circular needle
- Size 7 US double-pointed needles (DPNs)
- Stitch marker
- Cable needle

Gauge: 5 stitches/5.5 rows per inch

Directions:

SKIRT

Cast-on 136 (200) stitches on circular needles in CC. Join round, and work three rows of seed stitch as follows:

Round 1: *k1, p1*, repeat across all stitches

Round 2: *p1, k1*, repeat across all stitches

Round 3: repeat round 1

Break yarn, and switch to MC. Working in Stockinette stitch (St st, knitting every round), knit in MC until skirt is 8.25 (10) inches long from cast-on edge.

PLEAT/DECREASE ROUND

For the smaller size, you will need to switch to DPNs during this round. Using cable needle, work decrease pleat 17 (25) times as follows:

- *Slip 4 stitches on to cable needle (CN) and hold in front of work
- Ktog the first stitch from the CN and the first stitch from the left needle (LN)
- Continue knitting together the first stitch from the CN with the first stitch from the LN until all of the stitches on the CN have been worked*
- Repeat between * 16 (24) times more, 68 (100) stitches

WAISTBAND

Break yarn, and switch to CC. K one round and then work 3 rounds of seed stitch.

BODICE

Break yarn, and switch to MC. Knit 12 (20) rounds in St st.

Decrease round:

- Smaller size only: *k8, k2tog*, repeat between * 6 times, k6, k2tog – 61 stitches
- Larger size only: *k8, k2tog*, repeat between * 8 times, k4 – 92 stitches

Break yarn, and switch to CC. K one round and then work 3 rounds of seed stitch.

Bind off (BO) in pattern.

STRAPS

Make 4, 11” long pieces of 2-stitch icord in CC as follows:

- Using DPNs, cast on 2 stitches
- WITHOUT TURNING WORK, slide stitches across needle and knit both stitches
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- Repeat this row until cord reaches 11”, break yarn and string through both loops
- Make 4 cords total

FINISHING

- Attach straps at 1.5” from outside edge (armpit area). Be sure to attach about 1” of strap to dress for stability.
- Weave in all ends
- If desired, steam-block the pleats all the way down the skirt to really show them off
- Put the dress on a little girl, take a photo, and send it to me. ☺

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