

Groovy Girls Seed Stitch Shell

This shell is knitted sideways, in one piece, starting at the center of the back (or front).

Yarn: Fingering weight

Needles: size 3

Gauge: 28 sts / 28 rows = 4"/10 cm

Note that this top is designed to overlap by about ½ inch; if you prefer no overlap, knit ¼ inch less on each of the first and last sections.



Body of shell

Cast on 19 stitches. Work in seed stitch (on an uneven number of stitches, K1, P1, ending K1 on every row) for 1 ¾ inches (or 1 ½ inches if no overlap is desired.) Work 2 stitches in pattern, bind off 6 stitches, work to end of row. Next row, work to end of stitches, cast on 6 stitches, work to end. Continue in pattern for 3 inches. Work second armhole (making sure it is on same edge as first). Work 1 ¾ more inches (or 1 ½ if desired.)

Sew together from bottom of back to about half-way up. Then put this on the doll by pulling up over the feet. You can sew this higher than halfway up, if desired, leaving a top that can be worn with the opening in front or in back. The sample has the edge of the under-layer sewed to the top layer to about halfway up. The top layer is then tacked to the lower layer in two places to simulate buttons.