

Garter Stitch Bib



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Size: approximately 8" from neck edge to bottom and 7 ½" wide

Materials: One skein of worsted weight cotton in a solid color such as Peaches & Crème or Sugar 'n Cream (approximately 98 yards) if you are using the bib for meals. If, on the other hand, you want to use it as a "drool" bib, I would recommend using a superwash wool. The cotton has a tendency to absorb the moisture, whereas the superwash wool will wick the moisture and keep baby nice and dry! Sample was done in Peaches & Crème Red.

Needles: 6/4.0mm

2 double pointed needles US 5/3.75 mm for the knitted I-cord ties
or
Size G crochet hook for the crocheted ties

Gauge: 4.5 sts. per inch, not critical.

PATTERN NOTES

If you're careful joining the yarn, and weave in the ends invisibly, the bib can be reversible. It won't really matter as strained peas will cover a multitude of errors.

This pattern allows you to choose between two methods of beginning the bib. One uses short rows and the other, more traditional way, requires you to cast on stitches at the beginning of the first few rows of the pattern. There are also **two** methods for doing the ties. One has crocheted ties and the other method uses knitted I-cords. The crocheted ties are slightly thinner. If you do make the knitted ties, you can drop down a needle size when knitting the cords. I like to run a long tail down the center of the cord to finish it off. Be sure to use a straight needle and not one with a bent tip!

Abbreviations:

k = knit

p = purl

pssso: pass slipped stitch over

k2tog.= knit 2 stitches together

p2tog.=purl 2 stitches together

sts. = stitches

dec. = decrease

dpn. = double pointed needle

Short Row Version

For this method, you don't have to wrap stitches or pick up wraps. You just work the stitches to a point and turn your work around and start knitting in the opposite direction. I've written out every row for you and I've indicated how many stitches you should have remaining at the end of each row. If you lose your count, all you have to do is check on the number of stitches you have left on your needle and you'll be right back on track. This technique results in a nice smooth edge.

Cast on 37 stitches

Row 1: k26; turn (11 sts. unworked)

Row 2: Slip 1 knitwise; k17.; turn (8 sts. unworked)

Row 3: Slip 1 knitwise; k20; turn (8 sts. unworked)
Row 4: Slip 1 knitwise; k23; turn (5 sts. unworked)
Row 5: Slip 1 knitwise; k26; turn (5 sts. unworked)
Row 6: Slip 1 knitwise; k28; turn (3 sts. unworked)
Row 7: Slip 1 knitwise; k30; turn (3 sts. unworked)
Row 8: Slip 1 knitwise; k32; turn (1 sts. unworked)
Row 9: Slip 1 knitwise; k34; turn (1 sts. unworked)
Row 10: Slip 1 knitwise; knit to end

OR

Traditional Beginning

Cast on 15 sts.

Row 1: knit.

Row 2: Cast on 3 sts., knit across row. (18 sts.)

Row 3: Cast on 3 sts., knit across row. (21 sts.)

Row 4: Cast on 3 sts., knit across row. (24 sts.)

Row 5: Cast on 3 sts., knit across row. (27 sts.)

Row 6: Cast on 3 sts., knit across row. (30 sts.)

Row 7: Cast on 3 sts., knit across row. (33 sts.)

Row 8: Cast on 2 sts., knit across row. (35 sts.)

Row 9: Cast on 2 sts., knit across row. (37 sts.)

Knit even for approximately 7 inches.

NECK AND SHOULDER SHAPING – LEFT SHOULDER

k13; slip sts. just worked onto stitch holder, bind off the next 11 stitches knitwise;
knit remaining sts.: 13 stitches each side.

Note: As you look at the bib with the right side facing, the first shoulder worked will be the **left** side. All the decreases are made on **right side** or **odd** numbered rows.

Next row: (wrong side) knit.

Neck decreases:

Row 1: Slip 1 knitwise, k1, pss0; knit across row. (12 sts.)

Row 2: knit.

Row 3: Slip 1 knitwise, k1, pss0; knit across row. (11 sts.)

Row 4: knit.

Shoulder decreases:

Row 5: knit across to last 2 sts., k2tog. (10 sts.)

Row 6: knit.

Row 7: knit across to last 2 sts., k2tog. (9 sts.)

Row 8: knit.

Row 9: knit across to last 2 sts., k2tog. (8 sts.)

Row 10: knit.

Row 11: knit across to last 2 sts., k2tog. (7 sts.)

Row 12: knit.

Row 13: knit across to last 2 sts., k2tog. (6 sts.)

Row 14: knit.

Row 15: knit across to last 2 sts., k2tog. (5 sts.)

Row 16: knit.

Row 17: Slip 1 knitwise, k1, pss0; k1, k2 tog. (3 sts.)

For the crocheted ties, slip your crochet hook through the three stitches and draw your yarn through. Then work a chain for about 12 - 14 inches. The crocheted ties are not as stretchy as the knitted ones, so you might want to make these slightly longer. When you reach the desired length, work back on the chain by inserting your hook in the second chain stitch nearest the end and slip stitch in

each chain until you are back to the beginning. Fasten the yarn securely and weave in the ends. I have a “mini-tutorial” for making the crocheted ties on my blog. <http://downcloverlaine.blogspot.com/2010/05/ties-that-bind.html>

For the knitted ties, slip these 3 sts. to a dpn work an I-cord for approximately 12 inches. Fasten off and run end down through middle of I-cord. Don't worry if the I-cords look a little wonky. A firm tug will usually straighten them out and after the bib is washed, you won't even notice! A good tutorial for making the I-cords can be found here: <http://www.knittinghelp.com/videos/knitting-tips>

NECK AND SHOULDER SHAPING – RIGHT SHOULDER

With wrong side facing, slip sts. from stitch holder to left needle and join yarn at neck edge. All the decreases are made on **right side** or **odd** numbered rows.

Next row: (wrong side) knit.

Neck decreases:

Row 1: knit across to last 2 sts., k2tog. (12 sts.)

Row 2: knit.

Row 3: knit across to last 2 sts., k2tog. (11 sts.)

Row 4: knit.

Shoulder decreases:

Row 5: Slip 1 knitwise, k1, pss0; knit across row. (10 sts.)

Row 6: knit.

Row 7: Slip 1 knitwise, k1, pss0; knit across row. (9 sts.)

Row 8: knit.

Row 9: Slip 1 knitwise, k1, pss0; knit across row. (8 sts.)

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Row 13: Slip 1 knitwise, k1, pss0; knit across row. (6 sts.)

Row 14: knit.

Row 15: Slip 1 knitwise, k1, pss0; knit across row. (5 sts.)

Row 16: knit.

Row 17: Slip 1 knitwise, k1, pss0; k1; k2tog. (3 sts.)

Work tie to correspond with the one you worked for the other side.

Weave in ends.

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