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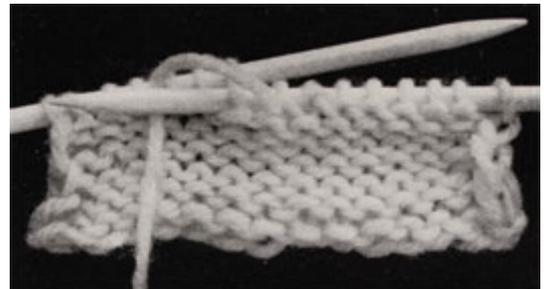
A Short Coat and a Close Bonnet

This little set would just do for your baby dolly, and is worked in a raised rib knitting pattern, by combining the plain and purl stitches. If you have already tried some of the simpler plain knitted designs you need not be afraid to attempt this one.

In case you are not yet familiar with the way the purl stitch is worked, I will just explain it to you, and a picture is also included, showing just how the needles are placed for making this stitch.

Purl Stitch

To make a purl stitch, bring the wool over to the front of your work, pass the point of your right-hand needle downwards through the loop on your left-hand needle from the front, and pass the wool over the point of your right-hand needle – as shown in the illustration on the right. Draw the wool through, making a loop on your right-hand needle, and slip the stitch off as you do when making a plain stitch. When purling you must always keep your wool to the front of your work, and when you want to make a purl stitch just after a knitted one, you must bring the wool to the front of your work first.



Making a purl stitch

The set is made in Baldwin & Walker's 4-ply 'Ladyship' Scotch Fingering, using 2 No. 16 Steel Needles; 2 ounces of the wool will be required, 3 pearl buttons, and 3 yards of narrow white ribbon.

The Back

Cast on 44 stitches.

Knit 12 plain rows for the border.

13th Row—* Knit 4, purl 4, repeat from * four times, then end with knit 4.

14th Row—Purl 4, knit 4, repeat from four times, ending with purl 4.

15th Row—Like 13th row.

16th Row—Like 13th row.

These 4 rows complete the pattern, which is repeated throughout, and as will be seen from the illustration, it is merely a rib of knit 4, purl 4, but in the 4th row the rib is reversed to give the ridged appearance.

Repeat the 4 pattern rows twelve times, then in working the next 2 patterns decrease 1 stitch at the commencement of each row, by knitting the 2nd and 3rd stitches together, bringing your number of stitches to 36.

Work 3 more patterns. Cast off.

The Front

Cast on 50 stitches. Knit 12 plain rows, then commence in pattern, working 6 plain stitches at the commencement of each odd row, and at the end of each even row to form the side border. Work 13 patterns, casting off 8 stitches at the commencement of the last row of the 13th pattern. In the next 4 patterns cast off 1 stitch at the commencement of each even row. This forms the armhole.

Work 3 more patterns, then cast off 22 stitches from the border edge for the neck. On the remaining 12 stitches work 4 more patterns for the shoulder. Cast off. Make the second front in the same way.

The Sleeve

Cast on 36 stitches.

Work in rib of knit 2, purl 2 for 6 rows.

7th Row—Knit 2, put the wool over your needle to make a stitch, purl 2 together, repeat to the end of the row.

8th Row—Knit 2, purl 2, repeat.

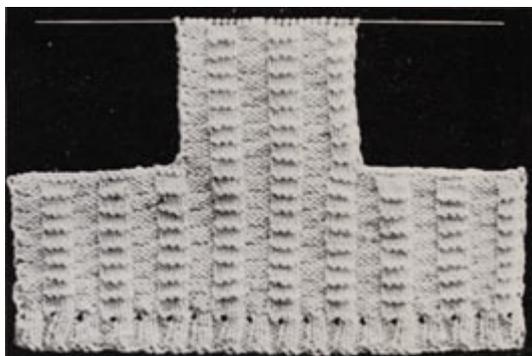
You will find that as you knit the stitches you have made by putting the wool over, it makes a row of holes in your work; you will be able to thread the ribbon through these holes when the coat is finished.

Work 9 patterns, then increase 1 stitch at the commencement of each row for the next 4 patterns. Work 2 patterns without increasing, then cast off 1 stitch at the commencement of each row for the next 4 patterns. Cast off.

Sew up the under-arm and shoulder seams, then pick up the loops round the neck edge and work another row of holes as you did at the bottom of the sleeve, and 6 rows of 2 plain and 2 purl ribbing. Thread the ribbon through the neck and wrist holes, and sew the 3 buttons on the left front, crocheting 3 chain loops on the edge of the right front to correspond; crochet 5 chain for each loop and work 4 double crochet between each loop.

The Bonnet

Cast on 72 stitches. Work 6 rows of ribbing, and a row of holes for the ribbon, then commence in pattern. Work 8 patterns, then cast off 24 stitches at the commencement of each of the next 2 rows.



Continue on the centre 24 stitches for 9 more patterns (your work should now look like the picture of the bonnet-piece on the needle), then pick up the stitches from each side edge of the front piece of the bonnet. Work a row of holes for the ribbon, then 6 rows of ribbing. Cast off.

Sew up the side seams. Thread ribbon through the holes to fit the bonnet to the doll's head, and trim with rosettes and ribbon strings.