

The following pattern is from 'The Little Girl's Knitting and Crochet Book', edited by Flora Klickmann, published in 1915:

Dolly at the Seaside

When you go away to the seaside, you will certainly want to take one of your dollies with you, and you will have to set about getting her clothes ready. Don't you think this little jersey would be just the thing for her to wear on the beach? She would probably spoil her best frock, or get it damp with the sea water; but this heresy won't hurt at all, no matter what she does. Suppose you set to work to knit one for her, just like the one in the picture.

You will require about an ounce of Messrs. Paton's 3-ply White Scotch Fingering for the jersey, and you should use a pair of No. 15 steel needles for the work.

The illustrations show you exactly how your work will look when it is ready to be joined together. You make two pieces exactly like the half of the jersey shown, and, of course, two sleeves.

For the Body of the Jersey



Cast on 44 stitches.

1st Row – Slip 1, knit 1, *purl 2, knit 2, repeat from * to end of the row, ending with purl 2.

Repeat the 1st row 9 times more, making 10 rows in all. You have now finished the ribbed piece at the bottom of the jersey.

11th Row – Slip 1, knit plain to the end of the row.

12th Row – Slip 1, purl to the end of the row.

Repeat the 11th and 12th rows 25 times.

You now want to make the slopes for the armholes.

63rd Row – Cast off 4 stitches, knit plain to the end of the row.

64th Row – Cast off 4 stitches, purl to the end of the row.

65th Row – Cast off 1 stitch, knit plain to the end of the row.

66th Row – Cast off 1 stitch, purl to the end of the row.

Repeat the 65th and 66th rows once again. You should now have 32 stitches on your needle.

69th Row – Slip 1, knit plain to the end of the row.

70th Row – Slip 1, purl to the end of the row.

Repeat the 69th and 70th rows 7 times.

85th Row – Slip 1, knit plain to the end of the row. Repeat this row 7 times, cast off. These last 8 plain rows make the little raised band at the top of the jersey.

The Sleeve



Cast on 20 stitches.

Work in ribbing of knit 2, purl 2, as you did for the body of the jersey, for 8 rows.

Now knit a plain row, increasing your number of stitches to 26 by making a stitch in every third stitch. To make a stitch, knit the stitch as usual, but before slipping it off the left hand needle, knit again into the back of the loop of the stitch; this gives you 2 stitches, where you had only one before.

10th Row – Slip 1, purl to the end of the row.

11th Row – Slip 1, knit plain to the end of the row.

12th Row – Slip 1, purl to the end of the row.

Repeat the 11th and 12th rows 14 times.

Continue working for another 8 rows, a plain and a purl row alternately increasing a stitch in the 3rd stitch of every row.

49th Row – Cast off 2 stitches, knit plain to the end of the row.

50th Row – Cast off 2 stitches, purl to the end of the row.

Repeat the 49th and 50th rows until you have only 8 stitches left on your needle, then cast off.

Joining up the Jersey

Thread a wool needle with the wool and sew up the under-arm seams of the jersey and the seams of the sleeves. Then lap the raised band on the top of the back portion over the band on the front portion, and sew the ends together at the armhole edges. Don't sew it right along the shoulder, or dolly won't be able to get into her jersey. Sew the sleeves into the garment.

To fasten the jersey, sew a button on each shoulder of the front portion making loops to correspond on the back.