

# Knitting Patterns for Handknit "Folk Dolls"

*Knitting Instructions for the Child Doll and Outfit*

## ***Meet "Darnell Weaver"***

11-inch ( 28cm ) Handknit Doll

*With a 5 Piece Outfit*  
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### PATTERN NOTES:

The unclothed folk doll is knit in worsted yarn in 6 pieces: the head/body is knit flat twice, while the arms and legs are worked in the round. The pieces are then stuffed, then sewn together at seam lines ( see diagram ). The mouth is embroidered. Buttons are used for the eyes. Garment patterns are included.

### SKILLS REQUIRED:

Cast on, bind off, decreasing, increasing, seaming, thumb CO, knitting in the round

**SPECIAL TECHNIQUES:** BO without yarn- K up to last 2 sts, pull left st over right st, slip one st from right to left needle, pull left st over right st.

### YARN:

Red Heart #4 Worsted (100% acrylic, 364 yds/333 m, 7 oz /198 g), less than 1 skein or 80 yds/72 m ( Choose your own colors. )

### KNITTING NEEDLES:

US 6 (4mm) circular needle for working flat

US 6 (4mm) set of 4 DPNs for working in the round

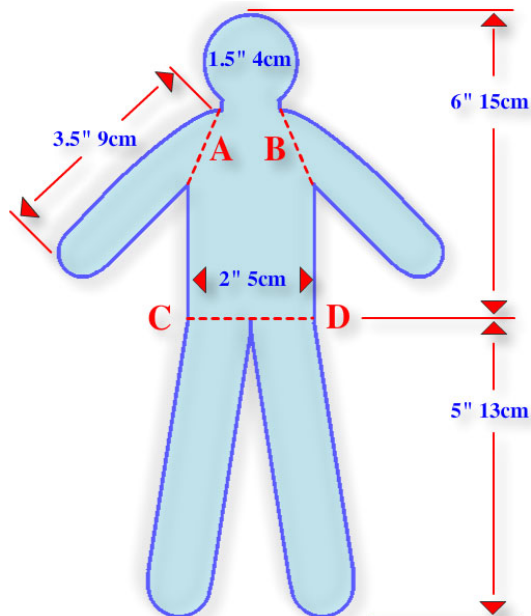
### EXTRAS:

Notions: Four 3/16-inch ( 4-mm ) buttons for eyes and overalls, embroidery floss for mouth, embroidery floss for shoelaces

Tools: Yarn needle, stitch holder

### GAUGE:

Not important. All measurements are approximate.



### ABBREVIATIONS:

**BO** — bind off

**cm** — centimeter

**CO** — cast on

**DPN** — double point needle

**k** — knit

**KFB** — knit into front and back of next st

**k2tog** — knit two sts together

**mm** — millimeter

**p** — purl

**p2tog** — purl 2 sts together

**PU** — pick up

**rnd** — round

**RS** — right side

**ssk** — slip next 2 sts as if to k, then k2tog through the back loop

**st(s)** — stitch (es)

**St st** — stockinette stitch (knit RS rows, purl WS rows )

**WS** — wrong side

**[ ]** — repeat the instructions inside the brackets the number of times specified

## Body and head. Worked flat and seamed. Make 2.

With circular needle, CO 12 sts.

Row 1 ( RS ): K across.

Row 2 ( WS ): P across.

Rows 3-16: Work in St st.

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Row 19: SG[ \* Ę 6ĚskĚQ8Á•Á

Row 20: P across.

Row 21: K2tog, k4, ssk. ( 6 sts )

Row 22: P across.

Row 23: K across.

Row 24: P across.

Row 25: KFB, k4, KFB. ( 8 sts )

Row 26: P across.

Row 27: KFB, k6, KFB. ( 10 sts )

Rows 28-32: Work in St st.

Row 33: K2tog, k6, ssk. ( 8 sts )

Row 34: P across.

Row 35: K2tog, k4, ssk. ( 6 sts )

Row 36: P across.

Row 37: BO 2, k2, BO 2 without yarn. ( 2 sts ) ( See Special Techniques.)

Row 38: BO 2. Cut 12-inch ( 30-cm ) yarn tail, pull through last st.

## Arm. Worked in the round. Make 2.

With DPNs, CO 1&sts. Distribute ( sts on on each of 3 needles. Join rnd without twisting sts.

Rnds 1-%): K around.

Rnd %): On needles #1, #2, #3: kF, k2tog, k1. ( J sts )

Rnd %+: K around.

Rnd %): On needle #1: kH. On needle #2: ŽKFBÁÁÁÁ ^•Ě On needle #3: kH ( FGsts )

Rnd %): K around.

## Arm ( continued ).

Rnd 2\$: On needle #1: kH. On needle #2: k2, KFB, KFB, k2. On needle #3: kH ( 11 sts )

Rnd 2%: On needle #1: kH. On needle #2: [ k2tog ] 4 times. On needle #3: kH ( 1€sts )

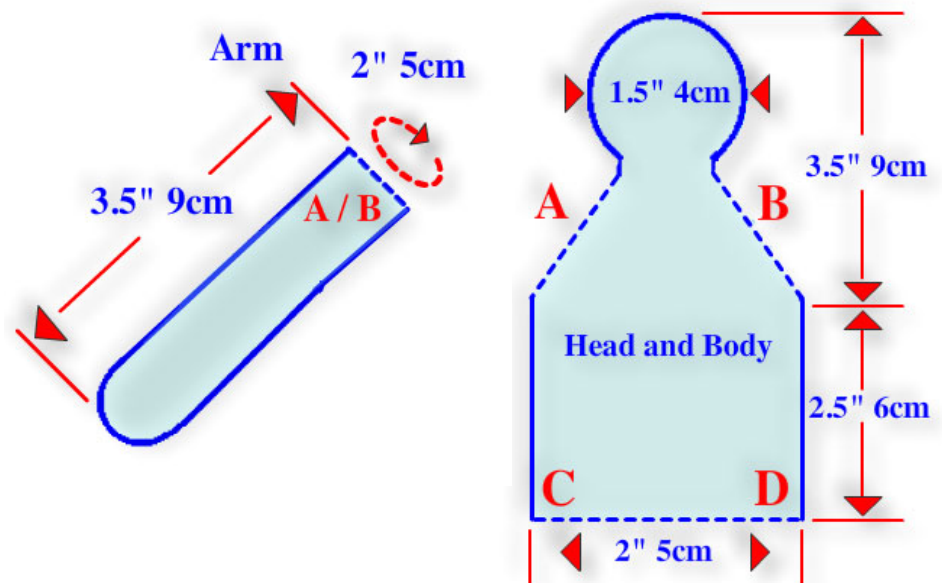
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Cut yarn tail, run through live sts. Pull up and fasten.



( Measurements are approximate.)

\* Finishing Instructions for the child folk doll, "Darnell Weaver", on page 5.

## Leg. Worked in the round. Make 2.

With DPNs, CO 15 sts. Distribute 4 sts on needle #1, 7 sts on needle #2 and 4 sts on needle #3. Join rnd without twisting sts.

Rnds 1-7: K around.

Rnd 8: On needle #1: k4. On needle #2: k3, k2tog, k2. On needle #3: k4. ( 14 sts )

Rnds 9-14: K around.

Rnd 15: On needle #1: k4. On needle #2: k2, k2tog, k2. On needle #3: k4. ( 13 sts )

Rnds 16-21: K around.

Rnd 22: On needle #1: k4. On needle #2: k2, k2tog, k1. On needle #3: k4. ( 12 sts )

Rnd 23: Knit and redistribute sts. On needle #1: k3. On needle #2: k6. On needle #3: k3. Continue with needle #3, knit across needle #1 ( 6 sts on needle #3 ). Hold aside needle #2 ( 6 sts ), work back and forth on the combined 6 sts of needles #1 and #3 to make heel flap.

## Heel flap.

Fck g`%13: Work in St st beginning with a P row ( K the RS rows, P the WS rows ).

Fck `4: K1, k2tog, ssk, k1. ( 4 sts )

## Begin ankle gussets and foot.

PU 3 sts along side edge of heel flap with heel needle ( needle #1 ). ( Needle #1 temporarily holds 7 sts. ) On needle #2: k across instep ( 6 sts ). On needle #3: PU 3 sts from heel-side edge, then k2 sts from needle #1. ( Needles #1 & #3 have 5 sts. Needle #2 has 6 sts. 16 sts total. )

## Ankle gussets and foot ( continued ).

FbX`24: K around.

FbX`25: On needle #1: k3, k2tog. On needle #2: k6. On needle #3: ssk, k3. ( 14 sts )

FbX`26: K around.

FbX`27: On needle #1: k2, k2tog. On needle #2: k6. On needle #3: ssk, k2. ( 12 sts )

FbXg`28!29: K around.

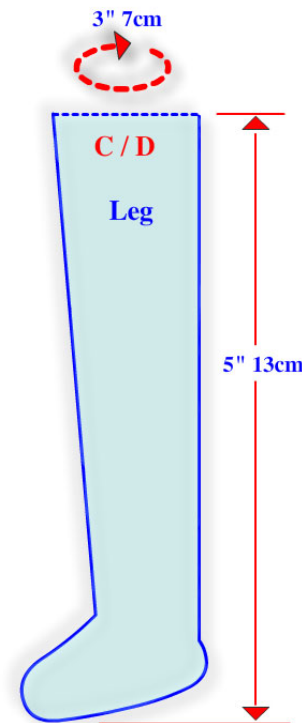
## Begin toe decreases.

FbX`30: On needle #1: k1, k2tog. On needle #2: ssk, k2, k2tog. On needle #3: ssk, k1. ( 8 sts )

FbX`31: K around.

FbX`32: Needles #1, #2, & #3: k2tog.

Cut yarn tail and run through live sts. Pull up and fasten.



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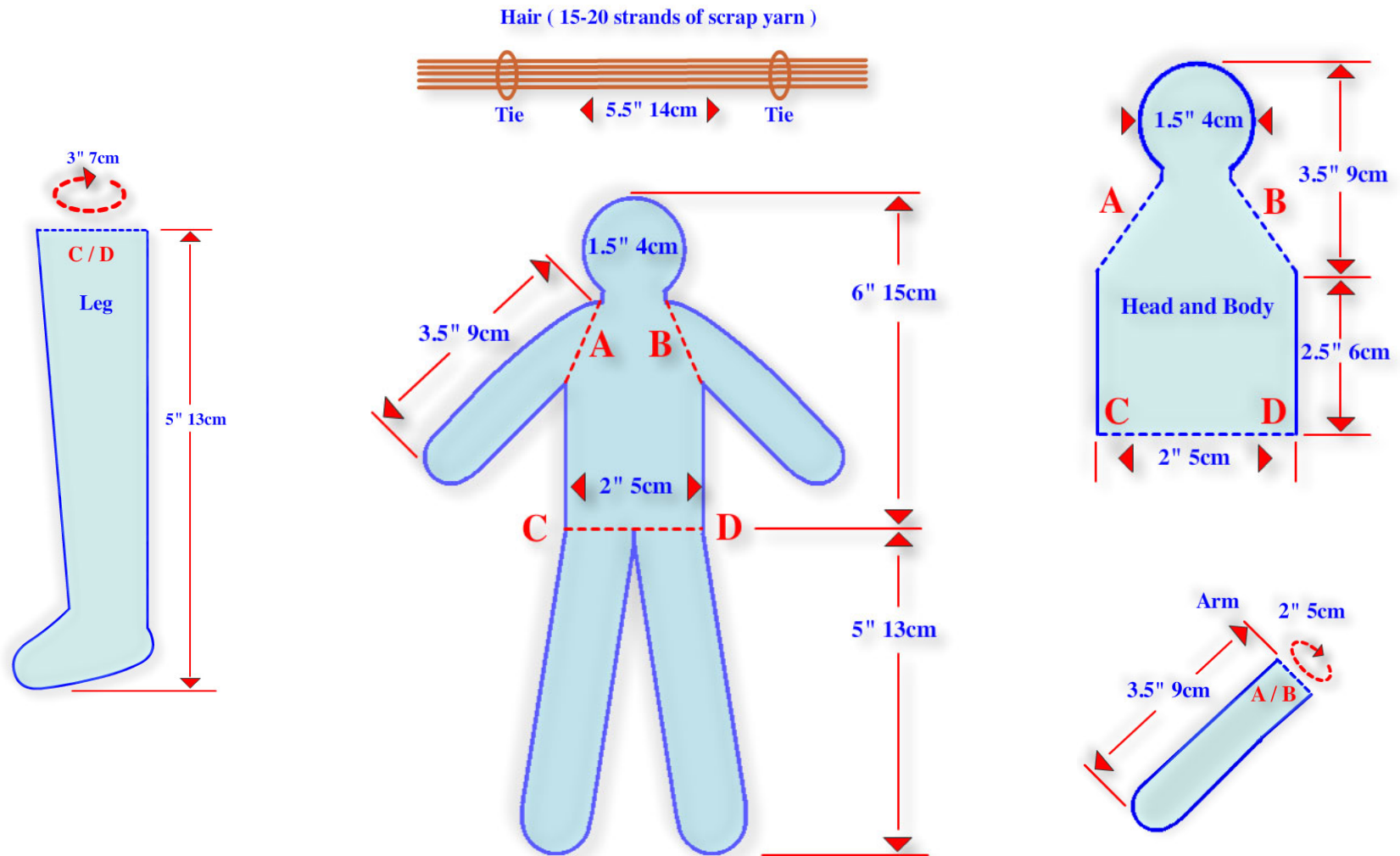
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# Knitting Instructions for Darnell Weaver ( continued )

## Finishing

**Head and Body:** Placing RS together, sew body and head pieces together. Leave openings at shoulders and hips ( bottom ) for the insertion of arms and legs. Stuff body and head, arms and legs with PolyFill. **Arms:** Insert arms into shoulder openings so that arms hang with the hands facing forward. Sew in place with yarn tails. **Legs:** Insert legs into the body at the bottom opening ( hips ) with the feet facing forward. Sew in place with yarn tails. **Face:** Embroider the mouth and add buttons for eyes ( 3/16 inch, 4 mm ). **Hair:** Cut 15 to 20 5.5-inch ( 14-cm ) strands. Hold the strands together. Tie and tighten 3-inch ( 7-cm ) scrap at 1.5 inches ( 4 cm ) from both ends of the strands. Trim scrap ends. Attaching the hair is optional. ( I use the hat to hold the hair in place. )



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## Bib. Worked flat.

With 2 DPNs, CO 8 sts.

Row 1 ( RS ): K across.

Row 2 ( WS ): K across.

Row 3 ( RS ): K across.

Row 4 ( WS ): K2, p4, k2.

Repeat rows 3 and 4 three more times. End with WS row #10. Begin working in the round. Place marker for beginning of round. On the working needle, thumb CO 10 sts. Turn to right side. On needle #1, p across the 10 CO sts. On needle #2, p across the 8 bib sts, thumb CO 10 sts. Slip the 10 CO sts to needle #3. Join needle #3 to needle #1. ( Needle #1 has 10 sts, needle #2 has 8 sts, needle #3 has 10 sts. 28 sts total.)

## Hips. Worked in the round.

Rnd 1 ( RS ): P around. ( 28 sts )

Rnds 2-5: K around.

Rnd 6: On needle #1: k7, KFB, k2. On needle #2: k8. On needle #3: k2, KFB, k7. ( 30 sts )

Rnds 7-8: K around.

Rnd 9: On needle #1: k8, KFB, k2. On needle #2: k8. On needle #3: k2, KFB, k8. ( 32 sts )

Rnds 10-12: K around.

Rnd 13: On needle #1: k1, KFB, k10. On needle #2: k3, [ KFB ] 2 times, k3. On needle #3: k10, KFB, k1. ( 36 sts )

Rnd 14: On needle #1: k1, KFB, k11. On needle #2: k4, [ KFB ] 2 times, k4. On needle #3: k11, KFB, k1. ( 40 sts )

## Pantlegs. Worked flat and seamed.

Redistribute sts in order to knit each leg flat.

Turn work so WS is facing.

Row 1 ( WS ): P14, p6 from needle #2. ( 20 sts ) Slip remaining 20 sts to a stitch holder.

Row 2 ( RS ): K across.

Row 3 ( WS ): P2tog, p16, p2tog. ( 18 sts )

Row 4 : K2tog, k14, ssk. ( 16 sts )

Row 5: P2tog, p12, p2tog. ( 14 sts )

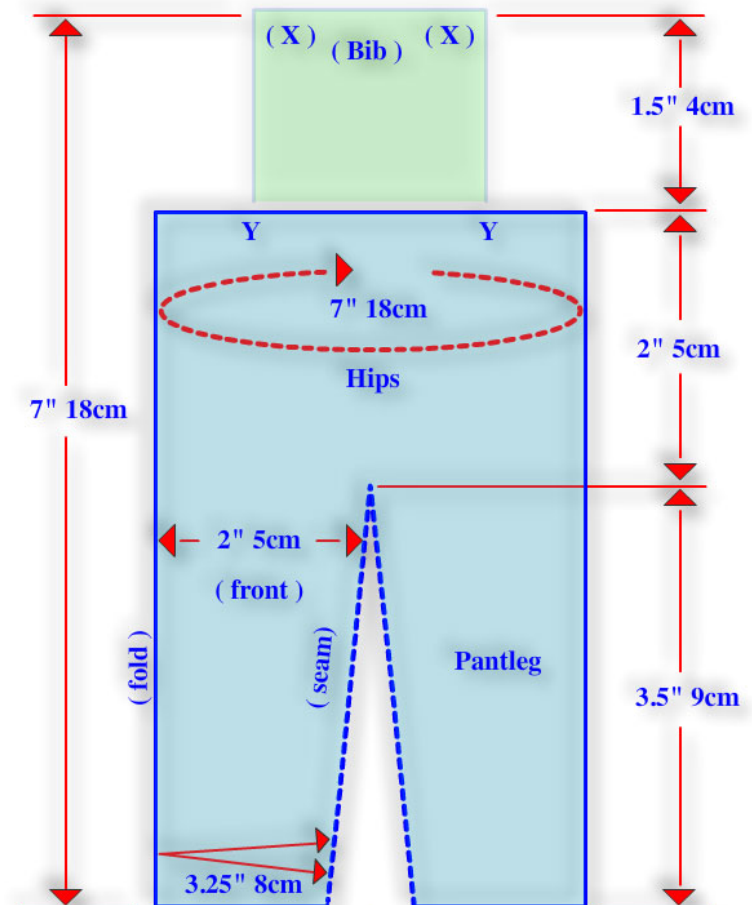
Rows 6-15: Work in St st.

Rows 16-18: K across.

BO. Repeat above for the other leg with sts from holder.

## Finishing

Make 2 straps ( CO 2 sts, k each row for 6 inches ( 15 cm ), BO ). Attach each strap to back waist at Y. Sew straps to RS corners of bib at X. Sew 3/16-inch ( 4-mm ) buttons on RS of each strap end. Sew inseam of both legs. Weave in ends.



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## Shirt. Worked flat and seamed.

With circular needle, CO 16 sts.

Row 1 ( RS ): [ K1, p1 ] across.

Row 2 ( WS ): [ K1, p1 ] across.

Row 3 ( RS ): K across.

Row 4 ( WS ): P across.

Rows 5-10: Work in St st ( K the RS rows and P the WS rows ).

Row 11 ( RS ): K across, thumb CO 8 sts. ( 24 sts )

Row 12 ( WS ): P across, thumb CO 8 sts. ( 32 sts )

Row 13 ( RS ): K across.

Row 14 ( WS ): K1, p across until last st, k1.

Rows 15-22: Repeat rows 13 and 14 four more times.

Row 23 (neck opening): K12, BO 8, k12.

Row 24 ( WS ): K1, p11, thumb CO 8, p11, k1. ( 32 sts )

Row 25 ( RS ): K across.

Row 26 ( WS ): K1, p across until last st, k1.

Rows 27-34: Repeat rows 25 and 26 four more times.

Row 35 ( RS ): BO 8 sts, k across. ( 24 sts )

Row 36 ( WS ): BO 8 sts purlwise, p across. ( 16 sts )

Row 37 ( RS ): K across.

Row 38 ( WS ): P across.

Rows 39-44: Work in St st.

Row 45 ( RS ): [ K1, p1 ] across.

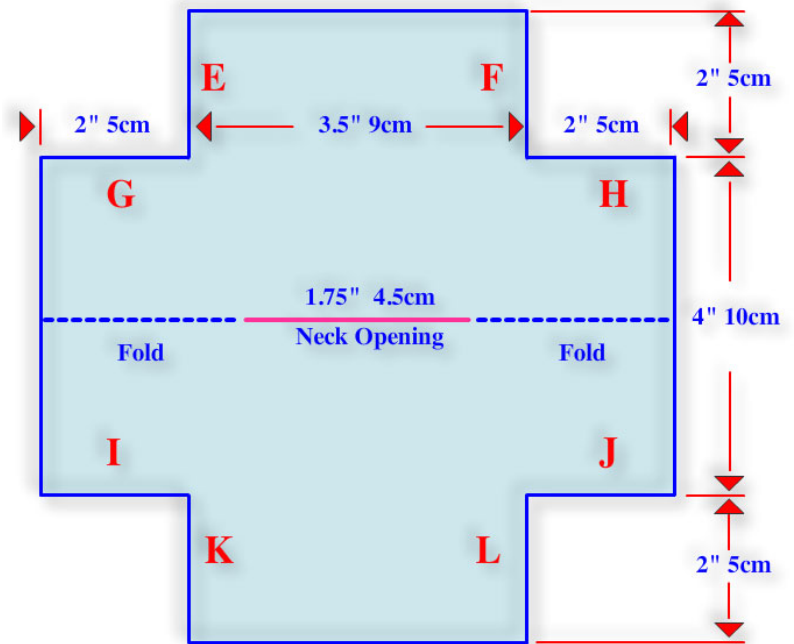
Row 46 ( WS ): [ K1, p1 ] across.

BO in pattern.

## Finishing

Fold shirt in half at neck opening and top of sleeves, with right sides together.

On the wrong side, sew side seams and underarms: E to K, G to I and F to L, H to J ( see diagram ). Weave in ends.



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## Hat. Worked flat and seamed.

With circular needle, CO 44 sts.

Row 1 ( RS ): K across.

Rows 2-5: Work in St st ( K the RS rows, P the WS rows ).

Row 6 ( WS ): [ P5, p2tog ] across, p2. ( 38 sts )

Row 7 ( RS ): K across.

Row 8 ( WS ): [ P4, p2tog ] across, p2. ( 32 sts )

Row 9 ( RS ): K across.

Row 10 ( WS ): [ P3, p2tog ] across, p2. ( 26 sts )

Row 11 ( RS ): K across.

Row 12 ( WS ): [ P2, p2tog ] across, p2. ( 20 sts )

Row 13 ( RS ): K across.

Row 14 ( WS ): [ P1, p2tog ] across, p2. ( 14 sts )

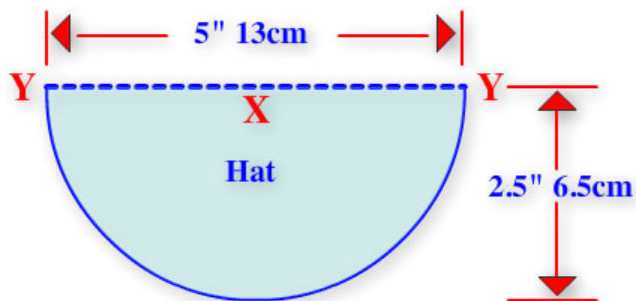
Row 15 ( RS ): K across.

Row 16 ( WS ): P2tog across. ( 7 sts )

Row 17 ( RS ): [ K2tog ] 3 times, k1. ( 4 sts )

## Finishing

Cut yarn tail and pull yarn through remaining sts. Fold hat in half at X with right sides together. Use yarn tail to sew back-seam edges together, allowing hat brim to roll.



## Shoes. Worked flat until toe, then in the round. Make 2.

With 2 DPNs, CO 10 sts.

Row 1 ( RS ): K across.

Rows 2-4: Work in St st starting with a P row ( K the RS rows, P the WS rows ).

Row 5 ( RS ): K across, Thumb CO 3 sts. ( 13 sts )

Row 6 ( WS ): P across, Thumb CO 3 sts. ( 16 sts )

Row 7 ( RS ): K3, k2tog, k6, ssk, k3. ( 14 sts )

Row 8 ( WS ): P3, p2tog, p4, p2tog, p3. ( 12 sts )

Switch to 4 DPNs for working the toe in the round. On needle #1: place 3 sts. On needle #2: place 6 sts. On needle #3: place 3 sts. Join rnd.

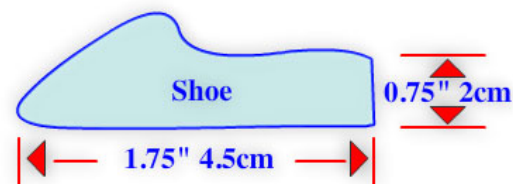
Rnd 1: On needle #1: k1, k2tog. On needle #2: ssk, k2, k2tog. On needle #3: ssk, k1. ( 8 sts )

Rnd 2: K around.

Rnd 3: On needle #1: k2tog. On needle #2: ssk, k2tog. On needle #3: ssk. ( 4 sts )

## Finishing

Cut yarn tail and pull yarn through remaining sts. With yarn needle bring yarn tail to the WS and fasten. Fold the CO edge in half with right sides together to seam the heel. Add embroidered shoelaces ( see photo ).



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