

Patti Anne's Patterns



**Columbia Minerva Infant Three Piece Set
Number 744-21 "Encore"**



This is a re-knit of an old Columbia-Minerva Pattern

Materials: Worsted weight (1) 4 oz. skein for the entire set (maybe a bit less)

Gauge: 4.5 sts= 1" & 6 rows = 1"

Needles: Sz. 8 US (5 mm) (I used circulars for all the pieces, but DPN's could be used for the mittens and the booties)

Stitch markers

Pattern Stitches: Garter Stitch: Knit every row & Stockinette Stitch: Knit 1 row, Purl 1 row

Finished size: 6 months

LHN-Left Hand Needle RHN-Right Hand Needle TBL-Through Back Loop PM-Place Marker

SKP- Slip 1 as if to knit, slip 1 as if to purl, Knit these 2 slipped sts together through the back.

HAT: With circular needles & using the long tail cast on method, and leaving an extra-long tail (to be used later on for the neckband, leave enough to cast on an additional 26 sts) Cast on 50 sts. Tie up the long tail so it won't get in your way.



Work in Garter Stich for 18 rows. Change to Stockinette Stitch starting with a purl row & work even for 15 more rows. End with a purl row.

Here we are not going to bind off the 19 sts on each side of the middle 12 sts as in the original pattern, but rather by using short row shaping work the middle section, and at the same time, attach the side edges so we won't have to have any seams.

Begin short row shaping for the back of the head:

Row 1: (Right Side) Knit 18 sts, K2 tog, K 10 sts, slip 1 st, then turn this slipped st around and place it back on LHN, then K2 tog TBL. Then take this last st just made from knitting the 2 sts tog and turn it around a put it back on the LHN & K2 tog TBL loop again.

Row 2: Turn work around; slip first st as if to purl, p10 sts, P2 tog.

Row 3: Turn work around; take the first st from the RHN & slip it onto the LHN, K2 tog, K 10, slip 1 st, then turn this slipped st around and place it back on LHN, then K2 tog TBL. Then take this last st just made from knitting the 2 sts tog and turn it around a put it back on the LHN & K2 tog TBL loop again.

Repeat these last 2 rows until all the stitches on both sides are decreased and only the center 12 sts remain. Slip these 12 sts onto a holder. Cut yarn leaving an end to be woven in later.



To make Neckband:

Long tail cast on 26 sts, then along the bottom edge, with the right side facing you:

Pick up 8 sts over the Garter Stitch Rows

Pick up 10 sts over the Stockinette Stitch Rows

Knit 12 sts from holder

Pick up 10 sts over the Stockinette Stitch Rows

Pick up 8 sts over the Garter Stitch Rows

Then using the long tail left from the original cast on for the hat, combined with your yarn in hand from the picking up, long tail cast on another 26 sts for the end of the band. (100 sts)

Knit 4 rows. Bind Off. Weave in all yarn ends. Voila Seamless Baby Hat!

Mittens: (make 2) These are the same as the original pattern just knit in the round so there won't be seams. Working with DPNs or using the magic loop method for circular needles, cast on 24 sts. Place a marker at the beginning of the round.

To work Garter Stitch in the round, Knit 1 round and Purl 1 round for 6 rounds.

Change to Stockinette Stitch in the round, Knit every round for 24 rounds.

To shape the top of the mittens:

Round 1: *K1, K2 tog, repeat from * across round.

Round 2 & 4: Knit all sts.

Round 3: * K2 tog across round.

Break yarn leaving about 12" for finishing and draw through all remaining sts. Weave in all yarn ends. Voila Seamless Mittens!

Now onward to the booties. These were a bit more of a challenge, as my first attempts came out a bit large. So, let's see, the size of the original pattern says 6 months and the gauge says $4 \frac{1}{2}$ sts to 1". Then if we cast on 40 sts per the instructions, the sole (bottom edge) of the booties would measure $40/4.5 = 8.88"$. Then this would be divided by 2 to form the bottom edge, which would give us $4.44"$, or almost $4 \frac{1}{2}"$.

This seemed kind of large to me, so I checked standard measurements. From what I was able to find a $4 \frac{1}{2}"$ foot would be a child between 12 to 18 months and a 6 month old foot size would be about $3 \frac{1}{2}$ to 4".

So since the hat and the mittens look on the small size, I am going with the $3 \frac{1}{2}"$. So to figure the needed stitches: $3.5 * 2 = 7"$ sole. $7 * 4.5$ (sts to 1") = 31.5. I'm going to round this up to 32 sts.

Bootees: (make 2) Working with DPNs or using the magic loop method for circular needles, and using a Provisional Cast On, Cast on 32 sts. Place a marker at the beginning of the round.

Work Stockinette Stitch in the round, Knit every round for 4 rounds.

Round 5: K 12, K2 tog, PM, K4, PM, SKP, K12.

Round 6: Knit all sts.

Round 7: Knit to within 2 sts of the first marker, K2 tog, slip marker, K4, slip marker, SKP, knit to end of round.

Round 8: Knit all sts.

Repeat Rows 7 & 8, until 20 sts remain.

Knit 5 more rounds. Change to *Garter Stitch* in the round, Knit 1 round and Purl 1 round for 6 rounds. Bind Off.

Go back & pick up your *Provisional Cast On* stitches and using *Kitchener Stitch* weave the bottom stitches together to close the sole. Weave in all yarn ends. Voila Seamless Booties!

I hope you enjoy your re-knit of this old pattern.



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