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Level of difficulty: easy - requires smocking but otherwise only stocking stitch and picot edge hems
This adorable ensemble of tunic or dress and leggings, designed in 4-ply Blacker Swan yarn by Tina Barrett, will make all little girls twice as lovely. The tunic is made for children from 0-6 months up to 7-8 years old because we love it so much it's a shame to leave it just for babies. The leggings are sized only up to 2 years. With a little adapting, you may wish to lengthen the leggings and leave off the picot edges at the hems, to have extra warm and stylish leggings for older girls. See also last page for a dungaree option. The sleeves can also be lengthened and simplified if desired. In addition, there is always the option of adding a contrast colour for the smocking and edges and/or some embroidered flowers scattered along the hem of the tunic.

Measurements

Tunic approximate age: 0-6 months (**6-12 months**, 1-2 years, **3-4 years**, 5-6 years, 7-8 years)
Finished Chest: 48 (**51**, 56, **64**, 69, **74**) cm, 19 (**20**, 22, **25**, 27, **29**) inches
Armhole Depth: 9 (**10**, 11, **13**, 14, **15**) cm, 3.5 (**4**, 4.5, **5**, 5.5, **6**) inches
Tunic Length from shoulder: 33 (**38**, 41, **43**, 51, **58**) cm, 13 (**15**, 16, **17**, 20, **23**) inches
Sleeve Seam: 2.5 (**2.5**, 4, **4**, 5, **5**) cm, 1 (**1**, 1.5, **1.5**, 2, **2**) inches

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Leggings approximate age: 0-6 months (**6-12 months**, 1-2 years)
Leg length on leggings: 8 (**10**, 13) cm, 3 (**4**, 5) inches
Waist: 51 (**51**, 56) cm, 20 (**20**, 22) inches

Materials:

The pattern pieces require the following amounts of Blacker Swan 4ply knitting yarn:
Smocked Tunic: 4 (4, 5, **5**, 6, **6**) 50g balls
Leggings: 2 50g balls
The original was worked in Sorrel, but the colour options are any that suit, from the naturals through to the lovely dyed shades.

One pair each 2.75mm and 3.25 mm needles
Stitch holders (4)
1 small button
Elastic for leggings waistband

Tension/Gauge

26sts x 36 rows over 4in/10cm using 3.25mm needles and working in stocking stitch
32sts x 36 rows over 4in/10cm using 3.25mm needles over smocked stitches
Adjust needle size to give correct tension.

Abbreviations

st, sts = stitch, stitches
k = knit
p = purl
RS = right side
WS = wrong side
yf = yarn forward
k2tog = knit next 2 sts together knitwise
ssk = slip 1, K1, psso
psso = pass slipped stitch/es over
kfb = increase by knitting into front and back of next st

Leggings (make 2 pieces alike, then join)

First Leg: Using 2.75mm needles, cast on 27 (**31**, 33) sts
Beginning with a k row, work 2 rows in stocking stitch
Eyelet Row: k1, (yf, k2tog) repeat to end of row
Work 3 more rows in stocking stitch
Change to 3.25mm needles and continue working in stocking stitch for a further 8 (**10**, 13) cm, 3 (**4**, 5) inches ending on a purl row**
Leave sts on a holder

Second Leg: Work as for first to **
Next row: knit across the 27 (**31**, 33) sts of second leg, cast on 6sts, knit across the 27 (**31**, 33) sts of the first leg, making 60 (**68**, 72) sts total
Continue to work on these sts for a further 17 (**20**, 20) cm, 6.5 (**8**, 8) inches ending on a RS row
Next row: Turning Row: knit

Casing: Work 6 more rows in stocking stitch
Cast off.

Making Up (see page 2 for picture):
Sew side seams of bottoms. Fold down waistband casing to WS of trousers. Pin and slip stitch in place leaving a small opening for elastic. Attach elastic to a safety pin and feed through casing. Adjust to correct size, sew ends of elastic firmly and close opening.
Fold picot edge to WS of work and slip stitch into place.
Sew inside leg and gusset seam.

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Smocked Tunic

Back

Using 2.75mm needles, cast on 100 (110, 117, 126, 132, 138) sts
Beginning with a k row, work 2 rows in stocking stitch
Eyelet Row: k 0 (0, 1, 0, 0, 0), (yf, k2tog) repeat to end of row
Work 3 more rows in stocking stitch
Change to 3.25mm needles and work 6 rows in stocking stitch
Decrease Row (RS): k12, sl1, k1, psso, k to last 14sts, k2tog, k12
Work 5 (7, 7, 9, 11, 13) rows in st st
Repeat the last 6 (8, 8, 10, 12, 14) rows nine more times until you have 80 (90, 97, 106, 112, 118) sts
Continue straight until back measures 24 (28, 29, 30, 37, 43) cm, 9.5 (11, 11.5, 12, 14.5, 17) inches, ending on a p row **

Decrease for bodice

Size 1: k4, (k2, k2tog) to last st, k4, to make 62 sts
Size 2: k1, (k2, k2tog) to last st, k1 to make 68 sts
Size 3: k1, (k2, k2tog) to end to make 73 sts
Size 4: k5, (k2, k2tog) to last 5sts k5 to make 82sts
Size 5: k8, (k2, k2tog) to last 8sts, k8 to make 88sts
Size 6: k11,(k2, k2tog) to last 11sts, k11 to make 94 sts
62 (68, 73, 82, 88, 94) sts
Continue straight for a further 2.5cm, 1inch

Shape Armholes

Cast off 6sts at beginning of next 2 rows 50 (56, 61, 70, 76, 82) sts
Decrease each end of next and every following alternate rows until 46 (50, 55, 64, 70, 76) sts remain
Work even until armhole measures 5 (6, 8, 9, 10, 11) cm, 2 (2.5, 3, 3.5, 4, 4.5) inches, ending on a purl row

Back Neck Opening

Row 1: (RS) k23 (26, 27, 32, 35, 38) sts, turn and work on these sts only for first side of neck shaping leaving remaining sts on stitch holder
Row 2: Cast on 2sts (to create gusset), p to end
Row 3: knit
Row 4: k2, p to end
Repeat last 2 rows until armhole measures 9 (10, 11, 13, 14, 15) cm, 3.5 (4, 4.5, 5, 5.5, 6) inches, ending on a purl row

Shape Neck and Shoulders

Row 1: knit 16 (17, 18, 22, 24, 26), turn and leave remaining 9 (11, 11, 12, 13, 14) sts on holder
Row 2: p1, p2tog, p to end
Row 3: k to last 3sts, k2tog, k1, to make 14 (15, 16, 20, 22, 24) sts
Purl 1 row
Cast off.

Second Shoulder

With RS facing, rejoin yarn and knit across remaining 23 (26, 28, 32, 35, 38) sts
Row 1: p to last 2sts, k2
Row 2: k
Repeat last 2 rows until armhole measures 9 (10, 11, 13, 14, 15) cm, 3.5 (4, 4.5, 5, 5.5, 6) inches, ending on a knit row
Next row: purl 16 (17, 18, 22, 24, 26), leave remaining 7 (8, 8, 10, 11, 12) sts on holder
Next row: k1, k2tog, k to end
Next row: p to last 3sts, p2tog, p1, to make 14 (15, 16, 20, 22, 24) sts
Cast off.

Front

Work as for back to **
Smocking set up row: decrease 4 (10, 9, 6, 4, 2) sts evenly across the next row, to make 76 (80, 88, 100, 108, 116) sts
Next row: purl
Ribbed Stitch for smocking:
Row 1 (RS): (p3, k1) repeat to end
Row 2: (k1, p3) repeat to end
Repeat these 2 rows for 2.5cm, 1 inch

Shape Armholes

Cast off 6sts at beginning of next 2 rows, leaving 64 (68, 76, 88, 96, 104) sts
Continuing in ribbed stitch, decrease each end of next and every following alternate rows until 60 (64, 70, 82, 90, 98) sts
Work even until armhole measures 5 (6, 8, 9, 10, 11) cm, 2 (2.5, 3, 3.5, 4, 4.5) inches, ending on a WS row

Shape Neck and Shoulders

Pattern in ribbed stitch for 20 (21, 23, 28, 31, 34) sts,



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turn and work on these sts only, leaving remaining sts on holder
Decrease 1 st on neck edge on next and every following alternate rows until 18 (19, 20, 22, 26, 28) sts
Work even in ribbed stitch pattern until armhole measures 9 (10, 11, 13, 14, 15) cm, 3.5 (4, 4.5, 5, 5.5, 6) inches, ending on a WS row
Cast off
With RS facing, slip centre 20 (22, 24, 26, 28, 30) sts onto a holder and pattern across remaining 20 (21, 23, 28, 31, 34) sts
Decrease 1 st on neck edge on next and every following alternate rows until 18 (19, 20, 22, 26, 28) sts remain
Work even in ribbed stitch pattern until armhole measures 9 (10, 11, 13, 14, 15) cm, 3.5 (4, 4.5, 5, 5.5, 6) inches, ending on a WS row
Cast off.

Sleeves (make 2)

Using 2.75mm needles, cast on 51 (51, 53, 53, 55, 57) sts
Beginning with a k row, work 2 rows in stocking stitch
Eyelet Row: k1, (yf, k2tog) repeat to end of row
Work 3 more rows in stocking stitch

Change to 3.25mm needles and increase for puff as follows:
Increase Row: k0 (0, 2, 2, 1, 0), (k2, kfb), repeat brackets to end, to make 68 (68, 70, 70, 73, 76) sts
Work even in stocking stitch for 2.5 (2.5, 4, 4, 5, 5) cm, 1 (1, 1.5, 1.5, 2, 2) inches, ending on a WS row

Shape Armholes

Cast off 6sts at beginning of next 2 rows, to leave 56 (56, 58, 58, 61, 64) sts
Work even until sleeve cap measures 7 (8, 8, 9, 9, 10) cm,



2.75 (3, 3, 3.5, 3.5, 4) inches, ending on a WS row
Decrease puff as follows: k0 (0, 0, 0, 1, 0), (k2tog) repeat brackets to end, to leave 28 (28, 29, 29, 31, 32) sts
Decrease each end of next and every following row to 20 (20, 23, 23, 25, 26) sts
Cast off.

Finishing

Darn in loose yarn ends and steam pieces into shape.

Hand Smocking:

With a tapestry needle and either the main colour or a contrast yarn, draw alternate k1 ribs together at every 8-10 rows. Stagger the rows like brickwork using the photo as a guide.
Join shoulder seams.

Neckband

Using 2.75mm needles, with RS of back facing and beginning at left side of neck, knit across the 7 (8, 8, 10, 11, 12) sts of holder, pick up and knit 10sts down left front neck, knit across 20 (22, 24, 26, 28, 30) sts of front stitch holder, pick up and knit 10sts up right front neck, knit across the 9 (10, 11, 12, 13, 14) sts of right back holder, to make 56 (60, 63, 68, 72, 76) sts
Work 3 rows in garter stitch

Buttonhole row: knit to last 5sts, k1, yf, k2tog, k2
Work a further 3 rows
Cast off loosely in garter stitch
Sew on button.

Hems and seams: fold up picot edging on sleeves and slip stitch to wrong side of work. Pin and sew sleeves into armholes. Sew sleeve and side seams of tunic.
Fold up picot edging of lower hem and slip stitch to wrong side of work.

Care advice: Hand wash in cool water using a liquid wool wash. Spin dry. Do NOT tumble dry. Spread to dry on a towel or drying rack, hand pressing garment to shape and correct size. Garments may be hung to dry on a hanger or over a clothes or ceiling airer once they have been spun, but with a hanger you may get hanger marks at the shoulders and the garment may "grow" if too damp before hanging; and with bars you should move a little several times to avoid dent marks.
Stocking stitch garments may benefit from light pressing (never press rib areas as they will lose their stretch!).
Store folded.

Dungaree variation for leggings: you can omit the picot edgings and add a stocking stitch front bib and garter stitch straps to make a pair of dungarees. In this case, on one of the pieces, work 15 sts, leaving on a stitch holder, then the bib upwards on the centre 30 (38, 42) sts, leaving the other 15 sts on a holder, then work the 6 row stocking stitch casing for the elastic on the two sets of 15 sts from the stitch holders and thread elastic around leaving front/bib flat. Why not finish the bib with a sewn-on sheep motif or use the sheep design from our Feeling Sheepish pullover pattern? You can use one sheep on the smallest size but two will fit on the larger sizes.

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