

## Grammy's Bib and Cloth



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My grandchildren are lucky to have two sets of grandparents (at least I think they are!). My husband and I live on the East Coast and Grammy and Gramps live on the West Coast. We don't get to visit with them very often, but on one of their trips out east, Kathy, who is affectionately known as "Grammy", was in the midst of knitting a beautiful blanket for our mutual granddaughter. Kathy explained that it was an old pattern that had been in their family for ages and she offered to send it to me. Since there wasn't any need to knit another blanket, I thought the stitch pattern would lend itself nicely to a bib. I love the fact that the pattern has been handed down and I hope that someday, our granddaughter will take up knitting and pass it on to her own granddaughter.

This is a deceptively simple pattern to knit. Barbara Walker has a version of this in her blue book, but this pattern is the one that was handed down in my daughter-in-law's family. There are lots of slipped stitches, so it knits up very quickly! I have included instructions for knitting a cloth at the end of the pattern.

**Size:** approximately 8½" from neck edge to bottom and 8" wide

**Materials:** One skein of worsted weight cotton. (approximately 88 – 100 yards) Samples were done in Sugar 'n Cream Aloe Vera and Peaches & Cream Lilac Ombre.

**Needles:** US 5/3.75 mm or 6/4.0mm You want the bib to be fairly dense, so if the fabric is too loose, just drop down a needle size.

2 double pointed needles US 5/3.75 mm for the knitted I-cord ties  
or  
Size G crochet hook for the crocheted ties

**Gauge:** 4.5 sts. per inch, not critical.

## **PATTERN NOTES**

**This pattern allows you to choose between two methods of beginning the bib.** One uses short rows and the other, more traditional way, requires you to cast on stitches at the beginning of the first few rows of the pattern. There are also **two** methods for doing the ties. One has crocheted ties and the other method uses knitted I-cords. The crocheted ties are slightly thinner. If you do make the knitted ties, you can drop down a needle size when knitting the cords. I like to run a long tail down the center of the cord to finish it off. Be sure to use a straight needle and not one with a bent tip!

### **Abbreviations:**

k = knit

p = purl

pssso: pass slipped stitch over

k2tog.= knit 2 stitches together

p2tog.=purl 2 stitches together

sts. = stitches

dec. = decrease

dpn. = double pointed needle

wyif = with yarn in front

### **Special stitch:**

LS = lifted strand Slip your right hand needle under the loose strand (made by slipping the three stitches in the previous row) and insert your needle into the next stitch. Knit the stitch and draw your needle out from the stitch and under the slipped stitch. This lifts the strand and places it in back off the knit stitch. You're actually knitting the two stitches together. If it's easier for you, you can also lift the strand and place it in back of the knit stitch on your left needle and then knit them together.

This is an easy stitch to do, but not as easy to translate into clear instructions! I'm including a couple pictures of the stitch to help with executing it.

This shows the three slipped stitches:



Slide your right hand needle under the strand and through the knit stitch.



This picture shows what the stitch looks like after it's completed. You can see the lifted strand sitting neatly behind the knit stitch:



An alternative way of executing the stitch is to lift the strand up and over the knit stitch so it's sitting behind and then knit them together. The results are the same so use whichever method is easier for you.



This shows the completed stitch. I used both methods and you can see that there's no difference!



### **Short Row Version**

For this method, you don't have to wrap stitches or pick up wraps. You just work the stitches to a point and turn your work around and start knitting in the opposite direction. I've written out every row for you and I've indicated how many stitches you should have remaining at the end of each row. If you lose your count, all you have to do is check on the number of stitches you have left on your needle and you'll be right back on track. This technique results in a nice smooth edge.

Cast on 37 stitches

Row 1: (k1, p1) x13; turn (11 sts. unworked)

Row 2: Slip 1 knitwise; (k1, p1) x8; k1.; turn (8 sts. unworked)

Row 3: Slip 1 knitwise; (p1, k1) x10; turn (8 sts. unworked)

Row 4: Slip 1 knitwise; (p1, k1) x11; p1; turn (5 sts. unworked)

Row 5: Slip 1 knitwise; (k1, p1) x13; turn (5 sts. unworked)

Row 6: Slip 1 knitwise; (k1, p1) x14; turn (3 sts. unworked)

Row 7: Slip 1 knitwise; (k1, p1) x15; turn (3 sts. unworked)

Row 8: Slip 1 knitwise; (k1, p1) x16; turn (1 sts. unworked)

Row 9: Slip 1 knitwise; (k1, p1) x17; turn (1 sts. unworked)

Row 10: Slip 1 knitwise; (k1, p1) x17; k1.

Row 11: (k1, p1) across row.

Continue with \*Row 12 of pattern.

OR

### **Traditional Beginning**

Pattern: Cast on 15 sts.

Row 1: (p1, k1) across row.

Row 2: Cast on 3 sts., k1, p1 across row. (18 sts.)

Row 3: Cast on 3 sts., k1, p1 across row. (21 sts.)

Row 4: Cast on 3 sts., p1, k1 across row. (24 sts.)

Row 5: Cast on 3 sts., p1, k1 across row. (27 sts.)

Row 6: Cast on 3 sts., k1, p1 across row. (30 sts.)

Row 7: Cast on 3 sts., k1, p1 across row. (33 sts.)

Row 8: Cast on 2 sts., k1, p1 across row. (35 sts.)

Row 9: Cast on 2 sts., k1, p1 across row. (37 sts.)

Row 10: (k1, p1) across row.

Row 11: (k1, p1) across row.

\*Row 12: (wrong side) (k1, p1) x4; k1; p19; k1; (p1, k1) x4.

Row 13: (k1, p1) x4; (k1, wyif slip the next 3 stitches purlwise) x5; k1; (p1, k1) x4.

Row 14: (k1, p1) x3; k1; p23; k1; (p1, k1) x3.

Row 15: (k1, p1) x3; k4; (LS; k3) x 4; LS; k4; (p1, k1) x3.

Row 16 and all even rows: (k1, p1) x2; k1; p27; k1; (p1, k1) x2.

Row 17: (k1, p1) x2; k3; (wyif slip 3; k1) x6; k2; (p1, k1) x2.

Row 19: (k1, p1) x2; k4; (LS; k3) x6; k1; (p1, k1) x2.

Row 21: (k1, p1) x2; k1; (wyif slip 3; k1) x 7; (p1, k1) x2.

Row 23: (k1, p1) x2; k2; (LS; k3) x6; LS; k2; (p1, k1) x2.

Repeat Rows 17 – 24 three more times.

Repeat Rows 17- 20 one time.

Row 53: (k1, p1) x3; k3 (wyif slip 3; k1) x 5; k2; (p1, k1) x3.

Row 54: (k1, p1) x3; k1; p23; k1; (p1, k1) x3.

Row 55: (k1, p1) x4; k2; (LS; k3) x4; LS; k2; (p1, k1) x4.

Rows 56: (k1, p1) x4; k1; p19; k1; (p1, k1) x4

Rows 57- 62: (k1, p1) across row.

Row 63: (right side) (k1, p1) for 13 sts. Slip sts. just worked onto stitch holder, bind off the next 11 stitches knitwise; work across remaining sts. in established pattern: 13 stitches each side.

#### **NECK AND SHOULDER SHAPING – LEFT SHOULDER**

**Note:** As you look at the bib with the right side facing, the first shoulder worked will be the **left** side. All the decreases are made on **right side** or **odd** numbered rows.

Row 64: (wrong side) (k1, p1) across row.

#### **Neck decreases:**

Row 65: Slip 1 knitwise, k1, pss0; (k1, p1) across row. (12 sts.)

Row 66: (k1, p1) across row.

Row 67: Slip 1 knitwise, k1, pss0; (p1, k1) across row. (11 sts.)

Row 68: (k1, p1) across row.

#### **Shoulder decreases:**

Row 69: (k1, p1) across to last 2 sts., p2tog. (10 sts.)

Row 70: (p1, k1) across row.

Row 71: (k1, p1) across to last 2 sts., k2tog. (9 sts.)

Row 72: (k1, p1) across row.

Row 73: (k1, p1) across to last 2 sts., p2tog. (8 sts.)

Row 74: (p1, k1) across row.

Row 75: (k1, p1) across to last 2 sts., k2tog. (7 sts.)

Row 76: (k1, p1) across row.

Row 77: (k1, p1) across to last 2 sts., p2tog. (6 sts.)

Row 78: (p1, k1) across row.

Row 79: (k1, p1) across to last 2 sts., k2tog. (5 sts.)

Row 80: (k1, p1) across row.

Row 81: Slip 1 knitwise, k1, pss0; k1; p2 tog. (3 sts.)

**For the crocheted ties**, slip your crochet hook through the three stitches and draw your yarn through. Then work a chain for about 12 - 14 inches. The crocheted ties are not as stretchy as the knitted ones, so you might want to make these slightly longer. When you reach the desired length, work back on the chain by inserting your hook in the second chain stitch nearest the end and slip stitch in each chain until you are back to the beginning. Fasten the yarn securely and weave in the ends. I have a “mini-tutorial” for making the crocheted ties on my blog.

<http://downcloverlaine.blogspot.com/2010/05/ties-that-bind.html>

**For the knitted ties**, slip these 3 sts. to a dpn work an I-cord for approximately 12 inches. Fasten off and run end down through middle of I-cord. Don't worry if the I-cords look a little wonky. A firm tug will usually straighten them out and after the bib is washed, you won't even notice! A good tutorial for making the I-cords can be found here: <http://www.knittinghelp.com/videos/knitting-tips>

### **NECK AND SHOULDER SHAPING – RIGHT SHOULDER**

With wrong side facing, slip sts. from stitch holder to left needle and join yarn at neck edge. All the decreases are made on **right side** or **odd** numbered rows.

Row 64: (wrong side) (k1, p1) across row.

#### **Neck decreases:**

Row 65: (k1, p1) across to last 2 sts., p2tog. (12 sts.)

Row 66: (p1, k1) across row.

Row 67: (k1, p1) across to last 2 sts., k2tog. (11 sts.)

Row 68: (k1, p1) across row.



**Shoulder decreases:**

Row 69: Slip 1 knitwise, k1, pss0; (k1, p1) across row. (10 sts.)

Row 70: (k1, p1) across row.

Row 71: Slip 1 knitwise, k1, pss0; (p1, k1) across row. (9 sts.)

Row 72: (k1, p1) across row.

Row 73: Slip 1 knitwise, k1, pss0; (k1, p1) across row. (8 sts.)

Row 74: (k1, p1) across row.

Row 75: Slip 1 knitwise, k1, pss0; (p1, k1) across row. (7 sts.)

Row 76: (k1, p1) across row.

Row 77: Slip 1 knitwise, k1, pss0; (k1, p1) across row. (6 sts.)

Row 78: (k1, p1) across row.

Row 79: Slip 1 knitwise, k1, pss0; (p1, k1) across row. (5 sts.)

Row 80: (k1, p1) across row.

Row 81: Slip 1 knitwise, k1, pss0; k1; p2tog. (3 sts.)

Work tie to correspond with the one you worked for the other side.

Weave in ends.



## Grammy's Cloth



**Size:** approximately 8" X 8 ¼ ".

**Materials:** One skein of worsted weight cotton. Approximately 88 yards. Samples were done in Peaches & Cream Abby Rose and Dark Grape.

Cast on 37 stitches.

(k1, p1) across for 7 rows.

Follow Rows 12 – 56 of the instructions for the bib. (Rows 12 – 56 of the chart) .

(k1, p1) across for 7 rows.

Bind off in k1, p1 and weave in ends.

