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stina a sideways, seamless baby kimono

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- **stina** is knitted sideways in two pieces, starting out from centre back
- All edges and finishes are knitted as you go
- The pieces are joined from the RS with a 3-needle BO
- Sleeves are picked up and knitted top-down
- i-cord ties
- The triangle is an ordinary intarsia triangle (chart provided, but not really needed)
- A defiantly easy-peasy Provisional CO is used.

Notes

Sizes: 0 – 3 (9 – 12) months

Measurements:

Width: 26 (31) cm – 10¼" (12¼")

Length: 26 (32) cm – 10¼" (12½")

Sleeve length: 17.5 (20) cm – 7" (8")

Yarn: Any DK

Amounts: 100 g of Colour A (grey)

50 – 100 g of Colour B (black)

scrap of contrast yarn for the triangle

Needles: 4 mm circular needle(s)

3.5 mm dpns

Gauge: 21 sts x 28 rows = 10 cm/4"

Abbreviations:

CO Cast on

BO Bind Off

RS Right Side

WS Wrong Side

st/-s stitch/-es

sl slip

k knit

p purl

k2tog knit 2 together

p2tog purl 2 together

tbl through the back loop

ssk sl1 knitwise, sl1 knitwise, knit slipped sts tog tbl

wyif with yarn in front

wyib with yarn in back

Edge stitches:

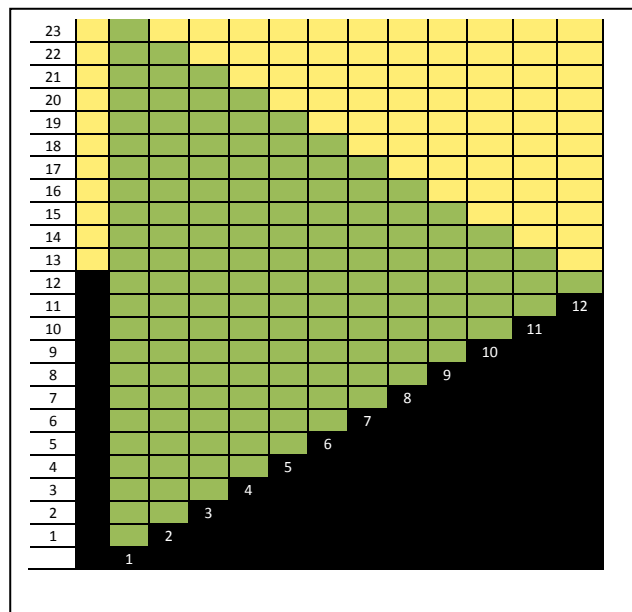
The neckline and hem are knit over the first/last 3 sts:

WS: sl1wyif, k1, sl1wyif

RS: k1, sl1wyif, k1.

3-needle BO: The needle size from which the live sts (the provisional CO sts) are bound off is not important. The size of right-hand needle (i.e. the one you use to knit and BO with) should be 4 mm (or larger if you tend to bind off too tightly). There are instructions here: [Knitty 3-needle BO](#)¹ (NOTE: the **Knitty** example has both RS facing each other – you want to create a visible CO-seam on the RS, so you will have both **WS** facing each other).

Provisional Cast-On: The directions are written for the super-simple [Winding CO](#)² – no twisting, no crocheting, just simple winding around two circular needles. Use any method you like, but you may have to adjust by knitting or purling an extra round to be in step with the pattern. (Adjustments for Romi's version of [Crochet CO](#)³ are given.)



¹ www.knitty.com/ISSUEfall06/FEATfall06TT.html

² asatricosa.wordpress.com/how-to/winding-provisional-cast-on/

³ rosemarygoround.blogspot.com/2007/08/is-it-monday-already.html

directions

Left Half

CO 46 (**60**) sts using (Colour **B**/black) and Provisional CO on 4mm needles.

Winding CO: Knitting the wound sts of the CO makes the first knit row = **RS** (for this initial row knit *all* sts, including edge sts).

[For the Crochet CO: instead of knitting into the crocheted waste-yarn sts on the needle, purl them. Your next row will be the RS below (2.).]

*If you are using another provisional CO your first row will likely be the following purled **WS** row.]*

1. Next row (WS) (starting at bottom/hem):

sl1wyif, k1, sl1wyif, p40 (**p54**), sl1wyif, k1, sl1wyif

2. Next row (RS) (starting at neck):

k1, sl1wyif, k1, k40 (**k54**), k1, sl1wyif, k1

Continue like this in stockinette + edge sts until piece measures 2.5 (**3**) cm – 1" (**1¼"**).

Neck increases:

Make a total of 4 (**5**) increases at neck edge on every **RS** row after the first 4 sts:

k1, sl1wyif, k1 (= 3 edge sts), k1, M1 (= knit into loop below next st, knit next st)

= 50 (**65**) sts

Continue in stockinette (and edge sts) until piece measures – 13 (**15.5**) cm – 5½" (**6"**) from CO (not including the CO sts). Work one WS row purling **also edge** sts at neck (but knitting hem sts as usual) -- you are now at the shoulder edge).

Sleeve opening

Knit holding sts for sleeve opening (see photo below).

Using waste yarn, k20 (**24**) sts. Slip these sts back onto left needle, pick up your working yarn and knit across the sleeve sts again (**knit** also the neck sts, ignoring the neck edge

instructions for this row only, but work bottom edge sts as usual).

Work 11 (**13**) more rows, ending with a WS row.

Intarsia Triangle

On next RS row, begin intarsia Triangle – see chart – 10 (**12**) sts **in** from lower edge.

In other words, knit to last 11 (**13**) sts, k1 with **CONTRAST** yarn, JOIN a second ball of Colour **B**/black and k7 (**k9**), k1, sl1wyif, k1.

The triangle's right side (seen in the direction you are knitting, expands by 1 st on **every** row.

Take care to catch the yarn properly at each change-over to create an even edge without holes – the old yarn should rest on top of the new . (See tips for Intarsia Knitting [here](#)⁴ and a video [here](#)⁵.)

Front decreases

At the same time as you are working the triangle and the change of colours:

At 7 (**8**) cm – 2¾" (**3¼"**) from sleeve marker sts, begin neckline decreases on every RS row: k1, sl1wyif, k2, ssk, knit to hem edge, work edge sts. Continue these decreases on **every RS** row until you have 28 (**39**) sts left.

Change of Colour on Left Front

Complete row 12 of the triangle, a **WS** row. This is the broadest point of the triangle (= 12 triangle sts).

Option 1 Simply change from Colour **B**/black to **Colour A**/grey on both sides of the triangle on the next row (RS).

Option 2 Decorative 3-needle BO change-over:

1. Knit all sts up to the triangle (knit *also* the neck edge sts, ignoring edge pattern) and

⁴ www.sweaterscapes.com/intars.htm

⁵ www.knittinghelp.com/videos/advanced-techniques

then leave these knit sts on needle/place on **1st holder**.

Break yarn but leave enough for BO.

2. Slip the triangle sts to a holder (without knitting them).

3. Knit the 10 (**12**) sts after the triangle, and leave these 10 (**12**) sts on needle or place on **2nd holder** (again, leave enough yarn for BO).

Set aside.

You will now **CO two sets of sts** with **COLOUR A** to be joined to each side of the triangle.

4. Needle 1. Using Winding CO and **COLOUR A/grey**, CO as many sts as you have on the **1st holder** (this counts as row 0) – the stitch count depends on how many, if any, decreases have been made at the neck at this point.

NOTE: Again, if you are using the Crochet CO, purl into the waste-yarn loops on the needle = row 0 (WS). Then knit Row 1:

Row 1 = Knit into the wound sts, working the edge sts as before (k1, sl1wyif, k1 and possibly decreasing if your decreases have begun), and then knit to end of needle.

5. Join Needle 1 to the triangle sts (whose right side diminishes in size from this row onward, and on every following row – so the first triangle stitch is knit with **COLOUR A/grey**.) Knit 11 (**13**) triangle stitches in contrast colour. Set aside momentarily to prepare:

6. Needle 2. Using Winding CO and another skein/bobbin of **COLOUR A/grey**, CO 10 (**12**) sts.

NOTE: If you are using the Crochet CO, purl into waste yarn loops on needle before going to step 7.

7. With **Needle 1** (which holds the triangle sts + the neck-side sts) knit the wound/CO sts from **Needle 2** : k7 (**k9**), k1, sl1wyif, k1.

You now have all working sts on **Needle 1**. (Black/**COLOUR B** sts are on holders on either side of the triangle.)

Continue in stockinette, completing the triangle and also decreasing along neck edge as directed above until there are 28 (**39**) sts remaining. End with a purlled (WS) row (+ edge sts).



Here, (the neck-side) **BLACK** stitches are on **Holder 1**. The (neck-side) **CO GREY** live sts on a circular needle/holder. The black and grey sts below the triangle have been joined with a 3-needle BO. (The grey stripe in the black fabric is the holding stitches for the sleeve opening.)

Note: a few rows after switching colours mid-triangle, you can, if you wish, join the live sts on either side of the triangle. The extra needles/holders tend to be in the way. See **Join Live Stitches of Left Front** below.

i-cord BO

At beg of next row (RS) CO 2 sts (using knitted-on or cable CO).

k3, *slip these 3 sts back to LN, k2, k2togtbl*. Repeat from * to * to the end. At final 3 sts: k1, k2togtbl, pass 1st knit st over. Pull yarn through.

Right Half

Knit a mirror image of **Left Half**, but use **COLOUR A/grey** throughout and omit the triangle.

Your RS rows will now begin at the hem as you knit towards the neck.

Increases for neck:

As for **Left Half** – on RS rows and inside the last 4 sts.

Decreases for front:

At 7 (8) cm – 2¾" (3¼") from sleeve marker, decrease on every RS row: knit to last 6 sts, k2tog, k2, sl1wyif, k1.

i-cord BO Right Half

Beginning at the lower edge/hem (=RS), CO 2 sts and BO as for Left Half until 6 sts remain, then:

ssk, ssk, k2tog, slip these 3 sts back to LN

ssk, slip the "ssk:ed" stitch to the LN, pass left-most stitch over. Pull yarn through.

Joining

Join live sts of LEFT FRONT

Beginning at lower hem, below the triangle:

Needle1: slip the 10 (12) sts of COLOUR A/grey) to this needle.

Needle 2: slip the 10 (12) sts of COLOUR B/black to this needle.

Place **Needle 1** in front of/on top of and parallel to **Needle2**, needles point in the same direction (pointing to the right) and **Wrong Sides** facing each other.



With a 3rd needle, bind off loosely from the RS toward the triangle:

1. Knit 2 sts (one from each needle) together.
 2. Knit 2 sts (one from each needle) together.
 3. BO 1 st
- Repeat steps 2 & 3 until all sts are bound off.

Pull yarn through last st.

Do the same BO for sts on the other side of the triangle – beginning BO at triangle tip and ending at neck. Pull yarn through.

Join the halves at centre back

Make a 3-needle BO with Colour B/black from the neck toward the hem.

Needle 1: GREY sts

Needle 2: BLACK sts

Place **Needle 1** (grey) in front of/on top of **Needle 2** (black), with needles pointing in the same direction – to the right.

Wrong Sides are facing each other



The 3-needle-BO join (bound off with light grey)

BO with a 3rd needles as for Left Front. Pull yarn through.

Sleeves

Using either magic loop *or* 2 circular needles *or* dpns, pick up (but don't knit) 20 (24) sts below and 20 (24) sts above the waste yarn, making sure to catch every loop of body sts.



Remove the waste yarn. Join working yarn (colour matching)

the half you are knitting and leaving a long enough end to sew a very short shoulder seam later).

Knit in plain stockinette, picking up 2 (possibly twisted) sts to close gap under the arm (i.e., not at shoulder edge).

Sleeve decreases

Decrease 4 (6) times on every 8th row on either side of 2 centre sts at under-arm (k2tog, k2, ssk) = 34 (38) sts.

When sleeve measures 17 (19.5) cm – 7" (7¾"), make an attached i-cord BO as for front, but begin by **CO 3** sts. BO the final 3 sts for the i-cord, leaving the resulting little gap as is.

Finish

Sew shoulder seams 7 (8) cm – 2¾" (3") in from sleeve (mattress stitch works well – sew into the bar between the two outermost stitches of edging).

Fasten all loose ends, taking extra care at triangle corners.

Make 4 i-cord ties:

These are knitted on. On overlaying flap (**Left Front**) you will make 2 i-cords, one at the upper tip, one 7 cm – 2¾" below: On **3.5 mm** dpns, pick up **4 sts** at outer edge of the attached i-cord (easier if using a crochet hook, then transferring sts to dpn). Knit an i-cord tie

of desired length (about **20 cm – 8"**).

Knit 2 corresponding i-cords on **Right Front** along the side "seam"/edge, beneath the arm:

Fold kimono at side edge and, on **3.5 mm** dpns, pick up **4 sts** along that edge and in the ladders/bars between sts (again, easier if using crochet hook and then transferring sts to a dpn) and corresponding to the Left Half cords (see photo). For a neater appearance, consider that the tie will fold to the right, so you want the purled/bumpy side of the picked-up sts underneath the tie (poke crochet hook through from the left, going under stitch ladder to the right). Knit i-cords of desired length (or about 20 cm – 8").

Attach or crochet smaller ties to inside flap



(Right Front) and under the arm (on the WS) on Left Front. (I finger-crocheted mine – makes a tie that is both tight and supple.)

Soak and block lightly, taking extra care to stretch diagonal front edges.

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