



KNITTING PATTERN

# The Strawberry Dress

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## MATERIALS

2 (2) 2 (2) 2 (3) skeins of Unicorn Solid col. Dark Red (17)  
1 (1) 1 (1) 1 (1) skein of Unicorn Solid col. Army Green (25)

1-3 buttons

Circular needles size 3 mm, 40 cm and 60 cm


Circular needles size 2,5 mm, 60 cm

Double pointed needles size 3 mm

Double pointed needles size 2,5 mm

Crochet hook size 2,5 mm for finishing

## YARN QUALITY

 **Unicorn Solid**, Hobbii  
75% Merino Wool, 25% Polyamide  
100 g = 400 m

## GAUGE

10 x 10 cm/ 4" x 4" = 28 sts x 40 rows

## ABBREVIATIONS

K = knit

P = purl

St = stitch

CO = cast on

BO = bind off

K2tog = knit 2 together

K2tog tbl = knit 2 together through back loop

M1R = make 1 right (increase leaning to the right)

M1L = make 1 left (increase leaning to the left)

Sc = single crochet

Ch = chain

## QUESTIONS

If you have any questions regarding this pattern, please feel free to email us at [support@hobbii.com](mailto:support@hobbii.com)  
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Happy Crafting!

## SIZE

0-3 months (3-6 months) 6-9 months (9-12 months) 1-2 years (2-4 years)

## MEASUREMENTS

Chest circumference approx.: 50 (53) 55,5 (57) 60 (64) cm/19.7 (20.9) 21.9 (22.4) 23.6 (25.2) inches

Length, neck to hem approx.: 34 (36) 38 (40) 44 (49) cm/13.4 (14.2) 15 (15.7) 17 (19.3) inches

Sleeve length approx.: 14 (16) 18 (20) 23 (26) cm/ 5.5 (6.3) 7.1 (7.8) 9.1 (10.2) inches

## PATTERN INFORMATION

The sweetest strawberry dress worked bottom-up with lice stitch and raglan decreases. The dress features a garter stitch collar and a slit at the back of the neck. The edges are folded.

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# Pattern



## TIPS AND INFO

The strawberry dress is knit from the bottom up in stockinette stitch using two colors. Decreases are made along the sides of the skirt and the yoke is made with raglan decreases. The neckline is shaped by binding off stitches at the front and finally the 'leaves' making up the collar are worked in garter stitch. Sleeves and skirt feature folded edges. Between the lice sts (the strawberry seeds) you will work 5 red sts, you can either let the yarn run along on the backside or work it in using Fair Isle technique, which will be the safest baby and playing choice.

### Tips for the sleeve increases

M1L: Left-leaning increase. Made by picking up the strand between 2 sts from front to back with your left needle and knitting it tbl.

M1R: Right-leaning increase. Made by picking up the strand between 2 sts back to front with your left needle and knitting it.

Let's get going!

## BODY

With circular needles size 2,5 mm, 60 cm, CO 192 (204) 216 (224) 236 (252) sts. Work 8 rounds of stockinette st and purl 1 round. This will be the folded edge. Measurements are made from here and the rest of the body is worked in stockinette stitch. Change to circular needles size 3 mm, 60 cm and work 8 rounds of stockinette st. On the next round you will divide the dress into front and back panel by placing a stitch marker in a st on each side. One of them will also be where your rounds begin, so be sure to mark this as well. The other side of the dress will be 96 (102) 108 (112) 118 (126) sts after your beginning of round. You will work your decreases along the body on each side of the two marked sts, and these marked sts will **always** be knit in the red yarn.

On the next round, join the green yarn. Count from the middle st on the front panel of the dress, the middle st is worked in the green yarn and every 6 st will be worked in green as well. You will repeat the lice stitch every 8 rounds. See chart at the bottom and use Fair Isle technique if you wish. Making notes along the way can be helpful to keep track.

After the first round of lice stitch you will work one round with the red yarn.

After this you will make the first decreases. You will decrease by k2tog after the marked st and k2tog tbl (or slip 1, k1, pass slipped st over) before the marked st. This is done in each side of the dress.

From this point on, you will work decreases every 6 rounds for all sizes and remember to work the lice stitch as well. Do not knit the lice stitch if it is part of a decrease.

Decrease a total of 13 (14) 15 (16) 17 (18) times until you have 140 (148) 156 (160) 168 (180) sts left. Change to circular needles size 3 mm, 40 cm when necessary for sizes 0-3 months (3-6 months) 6-9 months and (9-12 months).

Continue in pattern until the skirt measures 24 (25,5) 27 (28,5) 31,5 (36) cm/9.4 (10) 10.6 (11.2) 12.4 (14.2) inches measured from the folded edge. On the last round, BO 7 sts in each side. The middle st of the 7 sts will be the marked st on each side of which the decreases have been made.

You will now have 126 (134) 142 (146) 154 (166) sts on your round. Let the body rest.

## SLEEVES

With double pointed needles size 2,5 mm, CO 42 (42) 44 (44) 48 (50) sts. Work 8 rounds of stockinette st and purl 1 round. This will be the folded edge. Measurements for the sleeve are made from here.

Change to double pointed needles size 3 mm and work 8 rounds of stockinette st. The rest of the sleeve is worked in stockinette stitch. Work one more round placing a marker on each side of the first st on your round. This stitch will be the back middle of the sleeve and will be knit in the red yarn throughout. Your increases will be made on either side of this stitch.

On the next round you will start working the lice stitch, see chart at the bottom. Find the front middle of your sleeve (not counting the middle back st) and count from this. The middle front st will be green. You will work the lice stitch by knitting every 6 st green on every 8 rounds all along the sleeve. Making notes along the way can be helpful to keep track of which round you are at.

Next round is worked with the red yarn.

Next round is where you will make the first increases. You will make those on either side of the back middle stitch like this: knit the back middle st, M1L, knit until you reach the back middle st, M1R. you will increase every 6 (6) 8 (8) 10 (10) rounds a total of 6 (7) 7 (8) 8 (9) times.

At the end you will have 54 (56) 58 (60) 64 (68) sts.

Continue knitting until the sleeve measures approx. 14 (16) 18 (20) 23 (26) cm/ 5.5 (6.3) 7.1 (7.8) 9.1 (10.2) inches from the folded purled edge. And make sure you end the same place in the pattern as you did on the main body. On the last round, BO the first 4 sts and the last 3 sts.

You will now have 47 (49) 51 (53) 57 (61) left.

Let the sleeve rest and make the other one the same way.

## YOKE

Join sleeves and body on circular needles and knit 1 st from the body together with 1 st from the sleeve the 4 places where they meet = total of 4 times. These 4 sts become your raglan sts. Mark them if you want. You now have 216 (228) 240 (248) 264 (284) sts around and the new beginning point of each round will be by the raglan st on the right side of the back.

Now work 4 rounds in pattern, knitting the raglan sts red every round.

After this, raglan decreases will be made on either side of the 4 raglan sts. You will make decreases like this: After every raglan st k2tog, before every raglan st k2tog tbl (or slip 1, knit 1, pass slipped st over).

Decreases will be worked every second round a total of 18 (19) 20 (21) 23 (24) times but be aware that the dress is split to make the slit in the back after working 4 (5) 6 (7) 9 (10) rounds of decreases. I.e., 12 (14) 16 (18) 22 (24) rounds after joining the sleeves to the body. You will have 184 (188) 192 (192) 192 (204) sts before dividing the back panel for the slit.

### **Back neck slit**

The dress is now divided to make a slit in the middle of the back panel. Note that until this point, your rounds started at the right-side raglan st on the back. Now they will start in the middle of the back panel, you will be working back and forth in rows, still following the chart for the lice pattern. Start by knitting the 2 middle sts on the back panel together.

Make sure that your raglan decreases and lice sts are all worked on right-side rows. This will make it much easier on you.

After dividing the back panel, you will work another 8 rows with decreases. I.e., 12 (13) 14 (15) 17 (18) decreases in total. You will have 120 (124) 128 (128) 128 (140) sts and end with a row without decreases.

### **Neckline**

You will now shape the neckline at the front. You will continue with raglan decreases every other row as well as the pattern described in the chart at the same time as binding off sts for the neck opening.

BO the middle 9 (11) 11 (13) 13 (15) sts on the front panel and knit until end of row. Each side will be worked separately until finished.

Wrong side facing, begin at the slit and purl until you reach the neck. Turn work and BO 3 sts at the beginning of row, knit until end of row while also making raglan decreases. BO another 2, 2 sts in the beginning of every right-side row while also making raglan decrease every other row.

Work another 2 rows without binding off for the neckline, but still working raglan decreases. Finally purl one wrong side row. BO remaining sts on the following right-side row.

You have now made a total of 18 (19) 20 (21) 23 (24) raglan dec, I.e., 40 (42) 44 (46) 50 (52) rounds/rows counting from where body and sleeves were joined.

Work the other side the same way but reversed.

### **COLLAR**

Right side facing, pick up and knit 78 (78) 84 (84) 84 (94) sts with circular needles 2,5 mm. You will now work back and forth in garter stitch, not stockinette stitch as previously. Turn and knit across all sts. Next row increase 10 (10) 14 (14) 14 (16) sts evenly by yarning over. Knit the next row, working all yarn overs through the back loop. On the next row increase

another 10 (10) 14 (14) 14 (16) sts evenly, knitting yarn overs tbl on the following row. You will now have 98 (98) 112 (112) 112 (126) sts.

Now divide sts into 7 groups. Each part/leaf will be worked separately. The leaves are also worked in garter st, i.e., knit on all rows.

### **One leaf**

Knit 14 (14) 16 (16) 16 (18) sts and turn. Next row decrease by working k1, k2tog, k1 until 3 sts remain, k2tog, k1. Work decreases every 8 rounds a total of 3 times for all sizes.

### **Only sizes 6-9 months (9-12 months) 1-2 years (2-4 years)**

Now work 1 row with decreases as described above and 5 rows without, once for size 6-9 months (9-12 months) 1-2 years and twice for size (2-4 years)

### **For all sizes**

Work 1 row with decreases and 3 rows without, twice for all sizes. You will have 4 sts left. K2tog twice. Knit the last two st and then BO.

Repeat for the next leaf.

## **FINISHING**

### **Neckline finish**

You can either make an I-cord and sew it onto your work or you can crochet around the edge of the neck opening. Personally, I think the I-cord gives the better result.

### **I-cord**

A bit untraditionally, you can choose to make an I-cord and attach it to the dress. This way you hide the red edge that can be seen above the green collar and at the same time make a nice finish to the neckline.

With green yarn and double pointed needles size 3 mm, CO 3 sts, knit the 3 sts and instead of turning, slide the sts to the other end of the needle. Knit them again, slide them to the other end of the needle without turning your work and repeat until your I-cord has the length to fit the neck opening. Note that the I-cord is elastic, so rather make it a bit too short than too long.

Sew the I-cord to the neck opening above the leaves, hiding the red edge. Sew with the green yarn. Start at one side of the slit. Insert needle from the wrong side of the dress and pull through the I-cord. Then insert the needle from the outside into the I-cord and through the dress. Continue like this all the way around. If necessary, sew it an extra time along the part of the I-cord facing towards the leaves

### **Crochet edge**

You can also choose to add a crocheted edge. Using two strands of the green yarn held double and crochet hook size 2,5 mm, sc all along the neck opening making a nice finish.

### **Backside closing**

Choose whether you want the slit to be open with just one button at the top or if you want it closed with 3 buttons evenly placed.

Grab a crochet hook size 2,5 mm and the red yarn and sc along the edge of the slit where the button(s) will be attached. In the other side of the slit, you will also work 1 or 3 loops

along the edge like this: At the same time as working sc along the edge, chain a suitable number of sts to make a loop and then continue working sc into the edge of your work again. Place one button at the very top, beneath the collar.

Sew in 1 or 3 buttons.

Fold the edges of the sleeves and hemline at the purled sts and sew from the wrong side. Sew the holes beneath the sleeves and weave in all remaining ends. Gently wash the dress, let it dry flat and it is ready to wear!

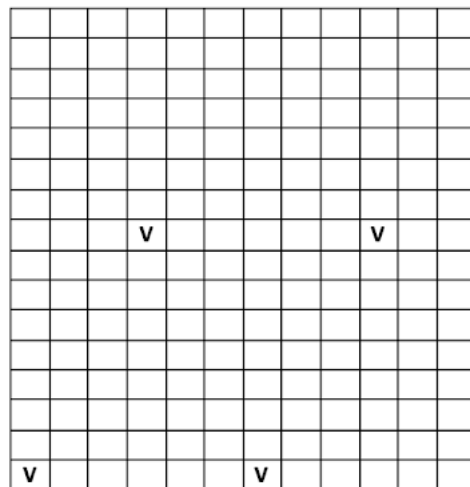
**Enjoy!**


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**CHART**

- Red
- Green



Repeat  Middle of the front of the skirt and middle of the sleeve