

Little Girl Blue





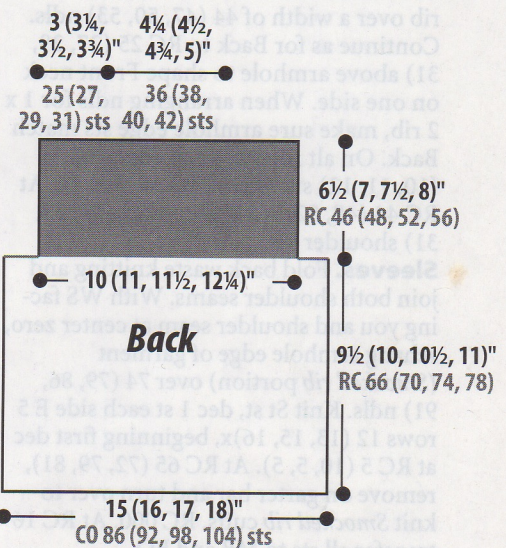
Susan Guagliumi's mock smock can be knit on any simple machine, but two accessories make the rib portions faster and more automatic. With a ribber, knits form on the ribber bed as purls form on the main bed; there's no need to drop and reform the knits with a latch tool. A garter bar is a fast way to turn over an entire piece of knitting. Try both. Also, handknitters will find this pattern to be no stretch.

Sizes. Girls' 4 (6, 8, 10) to fit chest measurement 24 (26, 28, 30)".

Materials. **A.** Hayfield/Cascade's 'Grampian DK' (45% acrylic, 40% nylon, 15% wool; 50g/164 yds): 4 (4, 5, 5) skeins color #626. **B.** Waste yarn same size, contrasting color. **C.** Mid gauge, 6½ mm knitting machine; model was knit on the Studio by White SK-160 with ribber. Or handknitting ndls size 6, or size to obtain gauge. **D.** Optional but suggested: ribber bed and garter bar. Notes include methods for single bed machines. **E.** Six ½" buttons. **F.** Crochet hook, size F. **G.** Handknitters: 2 cable needles (cn); size 4 ndls for 1/1 rib.

Gauge. 23 sts and 28 rows equal 4" over St st, 34 sts and 28 rows equal 4" over *Smocked rib*. Model garment was knit with st size 4 for St st and 4/4 for *smocked rib*. Note that st sizes vary between machines so to insure proper sizing, do swatch first.

Notes. **1.** Back and Fronts begin with ribbing and are knit bottom to top. Sleeves are knit by rehanging the garment arm-hole edge and knitting down. **2.** All garment pieces are turned over after knitting the St st portion. Use 10 rows of waste knitting or garter bar to remove from the machine. **3.** Single bed version requires latching up every third st for *smocked ribs*. This is best done every 4 rows, prior to crossing the cables. The 5 rows of 1 x 1 rib at beginning of garment pieces can be latched up or hand knit, or substitute crochet finish. **4.** Cables are crossed on the ribber bed (RB) because they are easier to see and keep track of. Use the *needle arrangement* shown (p. 44), centering placement on the bed. Make a note of ndl arrangement at edges in order to assure matching Front and Back shoulders. Pattern is 8 rows/6 (+1) sts. Please note that all the cables in Row 2 of the *Smocked rib* cross in the same direction, but that the direction is reversed for the cables in Row

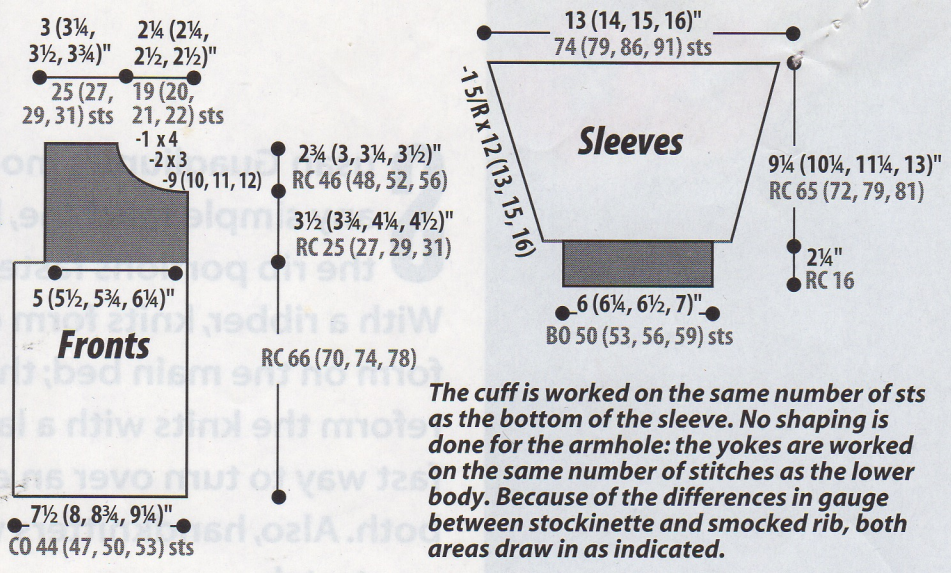


6. Bring ndls to holding position (HP) after crossing cables to help machine knit more easily. **5.** Use *Quick Reference chart* to keep track of cable crossing direction. **6. Handknitters:** CO sts called for; For Back and Fronts, work 5 rows k1, p1 rib. *Next row (WS):* purl. Continue in St st and then *Smocked rib* to lengths shown on schematic if you find that more convenient than the row counts.

Back. CO for 1 x 1 rib over a width of 87 (93, 99, 105) ndls. Knit 5 rows rib with st size 4/4 then transfer all sts to main bed (MB), doubling one edge st to reduce to 86 (92, 98, 104) sts. With st size 4, knit St st to RC 66 (70, 74, 78). Remove knitting on garter bar (or with 10 rows of waste knitting), turn over and rehang on the same ndls with knit side facing you. Raise RB and transfer sts as shown on *needle arrangement*. RC 000. With st size 4/4, knit 1 x 2 rib, crossing cables E 4 rows, to RC 46 (48, 52, 56). Scrap off (S/O) Back sts in 3 sections: 25 (27, 29, 31) sts for each shoulder, 36 (38, 40, 42) sts back neck.



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The cuff is worked on the same number of sts as the bottom of the sleeve. No shaping is done for the armhole: the yokes are worked on the same number of stitches as the lower body. Because of the differences in gauge between stockinette and smocked rib, both areas draw in as indicated.

Fronts. Knit 2 in reverse. CO for 1 x 1 rib over a width of 44 (47, 50, 53) ndls. Continue as for Back to RC 25 (27, 29, 31) above armhole to shape Front neck on one side. When arranging ndls for 1 x 2 rib, make sure armhole edge sts match Back. On alt rows at neck edge, BO 9 (10, 11, 12) sts once, 2 sts 3x, 1 st 4x. At RC 44 (48, 52, 56) S/O rem 25 (27, 29, 31) shoulder sts.

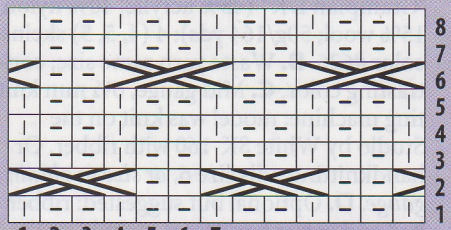
Sleeves. Fold back waste knitting and join both shoulder seams. With WS facing you and shoulder seam at center zero, rehang armhole edge of garment (Smocked rib portion) over 74 (79, 86, 91) ndls. Knit St st, dec 1 st each side E 5 rows 12 (13, 15, 16)x, beginning first dec at RC 5 (10, 5, 5). At RC 65 (72, 79, 81), remove on garter bar and turn over to knit Smocked rib cuffs. RC 000. At RC 16 transfer all sts to MB and BO.

Finishing. L Front band: CO 75 (79, 85, 89) sts for 1 x 1 rib and knit 5 rows rib. With WS facing you rehang center edge of Front on same ndls and BO together. R Front band: Knit same as for Back, making buttonhole in Row 3 by transferring 4th st from top edge then E 6th st to adjacent ndl for a total of 6 buttonholes. Leave empty ndls in working position, knit 1 row. Twist loops just CO as for e-wrap to finish BH then continue band as for L side. Sew side and sleeve seams. Work 2 rows crochet around neck and lower sleeve edges as follows: With WS facing, work 1 row slip st crochet, doubling E 3rd st on sleeve edges and back neck. With RS facing, work second row: sl st 5; chain 4, sl st in same st (picot); rep from*. Remove all scrap. Sew buttons to L Front. Wash and lay flat to dry. ◊

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Knitter's Pattern: Smocked rib

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Legend: Purl Knit

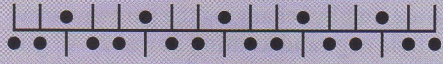
Cross R then L. For example, in row 6, remove sts from Ndl 4 and 7. Place St 7 on Ndl 4, then place St 4 on Ndl 7.

Cross L then R. For example, in row 2, remove sts from Ndl 1 and 4. Place St 1 on Ndl 4, then place St 4 on Ndl 1.

Quick Reference Chart

Cross	L/R	Cross	R/L
RC	2		
RC			6
	10		14
	18		22
	26		30
	(RC 27 front neck)		
	34		38
	42		46
	50		54
	(RC 56 end)		

Needle arrangement



Handknit version

For once machine knitters are looking at the RS of the fabric, so we can all follow the same chart. To duplicate the machine knit, the knit stitches need to cross in front of the purls. (Right: photo of WS of yoke.) 1/3 LC. Sl1 to cn to front, sl2 to cn to back, k1, p2 from cn on back, k1 from cn on front. Or, working stitches out of order as shown on p. 73, sl1 to cn to front, knit 3rd st and leave on ndl, purl 1st and 2nd sts and slip all 3 from ndl; k1 from cn. 1/3RC. Sl3 to cn to back, k1, sl2 from cn to LH ndl, bring cn with rem st to front, p2, k1 from cn. **Smocked rib.** Mult of 6 + 1. Row 1 and all WS rows. *P1, k2; rep from*, end p1. 2. *1/3LC, p2; rep from*, end k1. 4, 8. *K1, p2; rep from*, end k1. 6. K1, *p2, 1/3RC; rep from*.

