

Coral Mohair Romper Designed by: Amanda Morse

**Materials:** 100-300yds of lace weight (size 0) yarn, size 7 (4.5mm) straight needles, 4 stitch markers, yarn needle, crochet hook (I use a 3.5mm) for ties (or if you don't know how to crochet chain st you can always just braid the ties)

Sizes: newborn (6.5x9ins), 3-6mth (7.5x10.5ins), 6-12mths (8.5x12ins)

Gauge - 4.5sts/ins in stockinette

Gauge is very important!!!!

Stitch Key:

K - knit P - Purl M1 - make one

yo - yarn over ssk - slip slip knit k2tog - knit 2 together

sl - slip st - stitch psso - pass slip stitch over

# **NEWBORN**

For a picture of how your work will look when complete before seams are sewn see the end of the pattern.

#### **Bottom**

Cast on 32 sts.

Work in stockinette st for 2.5ins starting with a knit row and ending after completing a purl row.

Place 1 marker on each end of the end row.

## Decrease rows

Row 1 - k1, ssk, k26, k2tog, k1 (30sts)

Row 2 (and all following wrong side rows) - purl

Row 3 - k1, ssk, k24, k2tog, k1 (28sts)

Row 5 - k1, ssk, k22, k2tog, k1 (26sts)

Row 7 - k1, ssk, k20, k2tog, k1 (24sts)

Row 9 - k1, ssk, k18, k2tog, k1 (22sts)

Row 11 - k1, ssk, k16, k2tog, k1 (20sts)

Row 13 - k1, ssk, k14, k2tog, k1 (18sts)

Work 11 rows in stockinette st starting and ending with a purl row.

#### Increase rows

Row 25 - k1, m1, k16, m1, k1 (20sts)

Row 26 (and all following wrong side rows) - purl

Row 27 - k1, m1, k18, m1, k1 (22sts)

Row 29 - k1, m1, k20, m1, k1 (24sts)

Row 31 - k1, m1, k22, m1, k1 (26sts)

Row 33 - k1, m1, k24, m1, k1 (28sts)

Row 35 - k1, m1, k26, m1, k1 (30sts)

Row 37 - k1, m1, k28, m1, k1 (32sts)

Place 1 marker on each end of the end row.

Work in stockinette st for 2.5ins starting with a purl row and ending after completing a purl row. Do not bind off.

## Bib

Row 1 - Bind off 5sts, k3, yo, ssk, k4, yo, ssk, k4, yo, ssk, k9 (27sts)

Row 2 - Bind off 6sts, purl across (21sts)

Row 3 - k1 (k1, k2tog, yo, k1, yo, ssk) Repeat (to) across to last 2sts, k2

Row 4 (and all following wrong side rows) - purl

Row 5 - k1, k2tog (yo, k3, yo, sl1, k2tog, psso) Repeat (to) across working the final repeat as yo, k3, yo, ssk, k1

Row 7 - (k4, yo, ssk) Repeat (to) across to last 3sts, k3

Repeat rows 3-8 until your work measures 3.5ins ending after completing a purl row.

Bind off. Sew side seams. Weave in ends. Now either cut 3 strand of yarn appx 30ins long. Fold them in half and pull a loop through the front corner of the hood. Pull the ends through this loop and braid. Repeat on the other side. **OR** using your crochet hook, chain st for appx 9-10 ins then chain st across the top of the bib then chain st a further 9-10ins. Finish off. Lightly block your work. For blocking instructions see the end of the pattern.

# 3-6 MONTHS

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#### **Bottom**

Cast on 36 sts.

Work in stockinette st for 3ins starting with a knit row and ending after completing a purl row.

Place 1 marker on each end of the end row.

# Decrease rows

Row 1 - k1, ssk, k30, k2tog, k1 (34sts)

Row 2 (and all following wrong side rows) - purl

Row 3 - k1, ssk, k28, k2tog, k1 (32sts)

Row 5 - k1, ssk, k26, k2tog, k1 (30sts)

Row 7 - k1, ssk, k24, k2tog, k1 (28sts)

Row 9 - k1, ssk, k22, k2tog, k1 (26sts)

Row 11 - k1, ssk, k20, k2tog, k1 (24sts)

Row 13 - k1, ssk, k18, k2tog, k1 (22sts)

Row 15 - k1, ssk, k16, k2tog, k1 (20sts)

Work 11 rows in stockinette st starting and ending with a purl row.

#### Increase rows

Row 27 - k1, m1, k18, m1, k1 (22sts)

Row 26 (and all following wrong side rows) - purl

Row 29 - k1, m1, k20, m1, k1 (24sts)

Row 31 - k1, m1, k22, m1, k1 (26sts)

Row 33 - k1, m1, k24, m1, k1 (28sts)

Row 35 - k1, m1, k26, m1, k1 (30sts)

Row 37 - k1, m1, k28, m1, k1 (32sts)

Row 39 - k1, m1, k30, m1, k1 (34sts)

Row 40 - k1, m1, k32, m1, k1 (36sts)

Place 1 marker on each end of the end row.

Work in stockinette st for 3ins starting with a purl row and ending after completing a purl row. Do not bind off.

## Bib

Row 1 - Bind off 5sts, k5, yo, ssk, k4, yo, ssk, k4, yo, ssk, k11 (31sts)

Row 2 - Bind off 6sts, purl across (25sts)

Row 3 - k3 (k1, k2tog, yo, k1, yo, ssk) Repeat (to) across to last 4sts, k4

Row 4 (and all following wrong side rows) - purl

Row 5 - k3, k2tog (yo, k3, yo, sl1, k2tog, psso) Repeat (to) across working the final repeat as yo, k3, yo, ssk, k3

Row 7 - k2(k4, yo, ssk) Repeat (to) across to last 5sts, k5

Repeat rows 3-8 until your work measures 4ins ending after completing a purl row.

Bind off. Sew side seams. Weave in ends. Now either cut 3 strand of yarn appx 30ins long. Fold them in half and pull a loop through the front corner of the hood. Pull the ends through this loop and braid. Repeat on the other side. OR using your crochet hook, chain st for appx 9-10 ins then chain st across the top of the bib then chain st a further 9-10ins. Finish off. Lightly block your work. For blocking instructions see the end of the pattern.

# 6-12 MONTHS

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#### Bottom

Cast on 40 sts.

Work in stockinette st for 3.5ins starting with a knit row and ending after completing a purl row.

Place 1 marker on each end of the end row.

#### Decrease rows

Row 1 - k1, ssk, k34, k2tog, k1 (38sts)

Row 2 (and all following wrong side rows) - purl

Row 3 - k1, ssk, k32, k2tog, k1 (36sts)

Row 5 - k1, ssk, k30, k2tog, k1 (34sts)

Row 7 - k1, ssk, k28, k2tog, k1 (32sts)

Row 9 - k1, ssk, k26, k2tog, k1 (30sts)

Row 11 - k1, ssk, k24, k2tog, k1 (28sts)

Row 13 - k1, ssk, k22, k2tog, k1 (26sts)

Row 15 - k1, ssk, k20, k2tog, k1 (24sts)

Row 17 - k1, ssk, k18, k2tog, k1 (22sts)

Work 13 rows in stockinette st starting and ending with a purl row.

## Increase rows

Row 31 - k1, m1, k20, m1, k1 (24sts)

Row 32 (and all following wrong side rows) - purl

Row 33 - k1, m1, k22, m1, k1 (26sts)

Row 35 - k1, m1, k24, m1, k1 (28sts)

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Row 37 - k1, m1, k26, m1, k1 (30sts)
Row 39 - k1, m1, k28, m1, k1 (32sts)
Row 41 - k1, m1, k30, m1, k1 (34sts)
Row 43 - k1, m1, k32, m1, k1 (36sts)
Row 45 - k1, m1, k34, m1, k1 (38sts)
Row 47 - k1, m1, k36, m1, k1 (40sts)
Place 1 marker on each end of the end row.
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Work in stockinette st for 3.5ins starting with a purl row and ending after completing a purl row. Do not bind off.

#### Bib

Row 1 - Bind off 6sts, k3, yo, (ssk, k4, yo) repeat (to) 2 more times, k11 (34sts)

Row 2 - Bind off 7sts, purl across (27sts)

Row 3 - k1 (k1, k2tog, yo, k1, yo, ssk) Repeat (to) across to last 2sts, k2

Row 4 (and all following wrong side rows) - purl

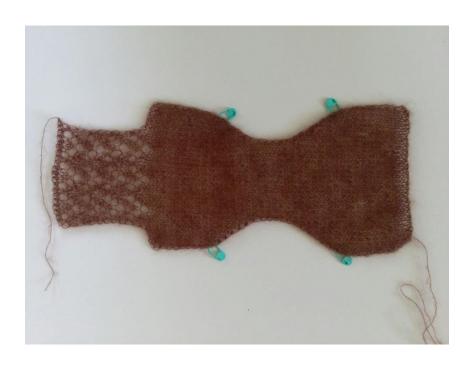
Row 5 - k1, k2tog (yo, k3, yo, sl1, k2tog, psso) Repeat (to) across working the final repeat as yo, k3, yo, ssk, k1

Row 7 - (k4, yo, ssk) Repeat (to) across to last 3sts, k3

Repeat rows 3-8 until your work measures 4.5ins ending after completing a purl row.

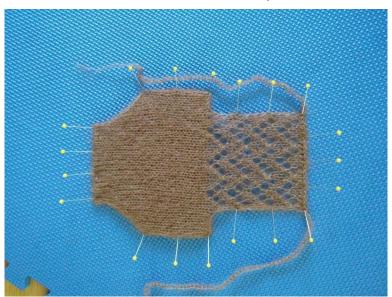
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This is how your work looks upon completing all knitting but before sewing the seams.



# BLOCKING

There are 2 ways to block your work. My favorite way is to pin the work using rust free pins with a gentle amount of tension. I use a large puzzle piece floor tile that I get from the carpet section of home depot. They come in 4 packs. I will then use my clothing steamer. The beauty of using a steamer is it dries instantly and you also can watch the fibers relax so you know its working. Once dry unpin and enjoy your beautiful work. The other way to block is to fill your sink with room temperature water. Without rubbing or wringing GENTLY soak your finished piece in the water. Adding a touch of wool wash (I love kookaburra) will help clean and relax the fiber. Once the finished piece is completely wet through, lay it flat on a dry towel. Gently roll up the towel and GENTLY press out excess water. Now you will pin it down and allow it to dry.



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