

FREE

Joy Skirt

seamless ~ ribbon embellished



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Abbreviations:

k2tog: knit 2 stitches together (makes a decrease of 1 stitch)

yo: yarnover (makes an increase of 1 stitch)

yo2x: bring the yarn in front (like a yarnover) then wrap it around again (double yarnover)

drop yarnover: the yarnover is the slanting stitch, just slide it off the needle (makes an elongated stitch--perfect for weaving!)

Joy is a wonderful, little, light and airy anytime skirt. Weave in some beautiful ribbon or some simple lace to make it your own! The following instructions are for the Joy Skirt as pictured, feel free to add more or less 'yarnover' rows as desired.

Cast on 256 (272, 288) stitches using either the long-tail cast on or the knitted cast on, being careful not to twist stitches (see tip), place marker and work as follows:

tip all those stitches...and all that twisting...If you prefer, work the first 4 rows flat, then connect to work in-the-round, use the tail to the stitch those few rows together)

Row 1: knit

Row 2: knit (if you're knitting 'flat', you'll want to purl this row)

Row 3: *knit 1, yo* for the entire round

Row 4: *knit one, drop the yarnover* for the entire round (purl instead of knit, if you're working 'flat')

Row 5: knit

Row 6: *knit 1, yo2x* entire round

Row 7: *k1, drop both yo's* entire round

Row 8: knit

Row 9: knit

Row 10: decrease round: *knit 14, k2tog* entire round

Row 11: knit

Row 12: *knit1, yo* entire round

Row 13: *knit 1, drop yarnover* entire round

Row 14: knit

Row 15: purl entire round

Row 16: *yo2, purl 1* entire round

Row 17: *drop both yarnovers, purl 1* entire round

Row 18: decrease round: *knit 13, k2tog* entire round

Row 19: knit

Row 20: knit

Row 21: knit

Row 22: knit

Row 23: *knit 1, yo* entire round

Row 24: *knit 1, drop yarnover* entire round

Row 25: small and medium only: final decrease round: *knit 12, k2tog* entire round.

large: knit entire round

The wrong side of the Joy looks really cute now, too--the yarnovers and purl side makes a great "track" in which to lay the ribbon. Feel free to turn her inside-out and start knitting (stockinette) in the opposite direction!!

Continue working in stockinette stitch (knit all rounds) for another 12-13 inches. Stop when skirt is a few inches short of desired length and do some 'pre-blocking' to make sure you get the perfect length. If you're using metal needle, just put some rubber bands at the end of each needle, if using wood--you'll have to slip the stitches onto waste yarn. Hand wash the skirt gently, and lay her out to dry. This extra step is well worth the effort if the 'perfect length' is important to you. It allows the natural fibers in the yarn to relax and stretch, insuring a great fit!!

Continue working in stockinette stitch until skirt is 1.5 inches short of desired length. Switch to #1 needles and work for 1.5 inches (or width of your elastic). Purl one row (this is the "folding row" of the waistband). Knit for another 1.5 inches, **do not bind off**. Cut yarn leaving a 25-30" tail

Cut elastic the desired size and stitch the ends together (no, this doesn't have to be very neat...) Instead of binding off and sewing the waistband, a sewn bind off provides much more stretch. Work the sewn bind off as follows:

With wrong side facing, lay the elastic in the waistband area you've made and instead of a normal bind off, you'll use a sewn bind off. Using the tapestry needle, and the tail end of yarn, take one stitch off your needle and loosely stitch it to one at the bottom of the waistband. Continue across the whole waistband, until elastic is fully encased. This method keeps the waistband very elastic.

Weave lace or ribbon thru the yarnover sections as desired, secure inside by weaving or stitching down ends.

Block, weave in any ends and enjoy! Joy would be great for cold weather made with a soft, light weight wool-- or try her with a beautiful, laceweight mohair and a vintage slip

Don't forget the matching Joy Tank; with ribbon and bead embellishment-- the tank completes to make a beautiful one-of-a-kind, anytime outfit!!

The Joy Skirt is available as a free download from c2knits.com.
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JOY SKIRT

(visit www.c2knits.com for the Joy Tank)

sizes: (hip measurement)

33-35 (length: 18")

36-39 (length: 20")

40-43 (length: 21")

(length is certainly "as desired", feel free to make Joy as long or short as you would like, just remember to get enough yarn)

materials:

600 (700, 800) yards #2 or #3 lightweight or dk yarn

4-32" circular needles

1- 24" or 32" circular needles

6-10 yards ribbon or lace

1.5 inch wide elastic (for waist)

darning needle

stitch marker

gauge: 20 x 4"



Some suggested yarn:

Berroco NaturLin

Cascade Ultra Pima

Cascade Cotton Rich dk

Elsebeth Lavold Hemplathy (pictured)

Louet Mooi

Louet Euroflax



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