Cupcake

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**Size:** approximately 9” from neck edge to bottom and 7 ½ ” wide

**Materials:** One skein of worsted weight cotton such as Sugar ‘n Cream or Peaches & Crème if you are using the bib for meals. If, on the other hand, you want to use it as a “drool” bib, I would recommend using a superwash wool. The cotton has a tendency to absorb the moisture, whereas the superwash wool will wick the moisture and keep baby nice and dry!

Samples were done in Peaches & Crème Baby Blue and Baby Green.

**Needles:** U.S. Size 6/4.0mm or 5/3.75mm. Because this is a “picture” bib, you want your fabric to be fairly dense so the design will pop out. If you are a loose knitter, then you might want to drop down a needle size.

**Gauge:** 4.5 sts. per inch, not critical.

**PATTERN NOTES**

This pattern allows you to choose between two methods of beginning the bib. One uses short rows and the other, more traditional way, requires you to cast on stitches at the beginning of the first few rows of the pattern. The ties are done by making I-cords. It’s helpful, but not necessary, to drop down a needle size when knitting the cords. I like to run a long tail down the center of the cord to finish it off. Be sure to use a straight needle and not one with a bent tip!

**Abbreviations:**
k = knit
p = purl
pssso: pass slipped stitch over
k2tog.= knit 2 stitches together
p2tog.= purl 2 stitches together
sts. = stitches
dec. = decrease
dpn. = double pointed needle

Short Row Version

For this method, you don’t have to wrap stitches or pick up wraps. You just work the stitches to a point and turn your work around and start knitting in the opposite direction. I’ve written out every row for you and I’ve indicated how many stitches you should have remaining at the end of each row. If you lose your count, all you have to do is check on the number of stitches you have left on your needle and you’ll be right back on track. This technique results in a nice smooth edge.

Cast on 37 stitches

Row A: (k1, p1) x 13; turn (11 sts. unworked)
Row B: Slip 1 knitwise; (k1, p1) x 8; k1; turn (8 sts. unworked)
Row C: Slip 1 knitwise; (p1, k1) x 10; turn (8sts. unworked)
Row D: Slip 1 knitwise; (p1, k1) x11; k1; turn (5 sts. unworked)
Row E: Slip 1 knitwise; (k1, p1) x13; turn (5 sts. unworked)
Row F: Slip 1 knitwise; (k1, p1) x14; turn (3 sts. unworked)
Row G: Slip 1 knitwise; (k1, p1) x15; turn (3 sts. unworked)
Row H: Slip 1 knitwise; (k1, p1) x16; turn (1 sts. unworked)
Row I: Slip 1 knitwise; (k1, p1) x17; turn (1 sts. unworked)
Row J: Slip 1 knitwise; (k1, p1) x17; k1.
Row K: (k1, p1) across row.
Continue with *Row 10 of pattern.

OR

Traditional Beginning

Pattern: Cast on 15 sts.
Row 1:  (p1, k1) across row.
Row 2:  Cast on 3 sts., (k1, p1) across row. (18 sts.)
Row 3:  Cast on 3 sts., (k1, p1) across row. (21 sts.)
Row 4:  Cast on 3 sts., (p1, k1) across row. (24 sts.)
Row 5:  Cast on 3 sts., (p1, k1) across row. (27 sts.)
Row 6:  Cast on 3 sts., (k1, p1) across row. (30 sts.)
Row 7:  Cast on 3 sts., (k1, p1) across row. (33 sts.)
Row 8:  Cast on 2 sts., (k1, p1) across row. (35 sts.)
Row 9:  Cast on 2 sts., (k1, p1) across row. (37 sts.)
*Row 10:  (k1, p1) across row.
Rows 11 and 12:  (k1, p1) x2, k1, p3) x4; (k1, p1) x2; k1.
Row 13:  k1; p1; k1; p2; k4 (p1, k1, p1, k5) x2; p1; k1; p1; k4; p2; k1; p1; k1.
Row 14:  (k1, p1) x2; k1; p5; (k1, p7)x2; k1; p5; (k1, p1) x2; k1.
Row 15:  (k1, p1) x3; k25; (p1, k1) x3.
Row 16:  (k1, p1) x3; k1; p23; (k1, p1) x3; k1.
Row 17:  (k1, p1) x4; k5; p11; k5; (p1, k1) x4.
Row 18:  (k1, p1) x3; k1; p6; k1; p1; (k1, p2) x2; k1; p1; k1; p6; (k1, p1) x3; k1.
Row 19:  (k1, p1) x3; k7; p1; k1; (p1, k2) x2; p1, k1; p1; k7; (p1, k1) x3.
Row 20:  (k1, p1) x2; k1; p8; k1; p1; (k1, p2) x2; k1; p1; k1; p8; (k1, p1) x2; k1.
Row 21:  k1; p1; k1; p2; k8; p1; k1; (p1, k2) x2; p1, k1; p1; k8; p2; k1; p1; k1.
Row 22:  (k1, p1) x2; k1; p7; (k1, p2) x4; k1; p7; (k1, p1) x2; k1.
Row 23:  (k1, p1) x3; k6; (p1, k2) x4; p1; k6; (p1, k1) x3.
Row 24:  (k1, p1) x3; k1; p4; k1; p2; k1; p7; k1; p2; k1; p7; (k1, p1) x3; k1.
Row 25:  (k1, p1) x4; k3; p1; k13; p1; k3; (p1, k1) x4.
Row 26:  (k1, p1) x3; k1; p3; k2; p5; k3; p5; k2; p3; (k1, p1) x3; k1.
Row 27:  (k1, p1) x3; k3; p1; k2; (p1, k3) x3; p1; k2; p1; k3; (p1, k1) x3.
Row 28: (k1, p1) x2; k1; p4; k1; p3; k3; p5; k3; p3; k1; p4; (k1, p1) x2; k1.
Row 29: k1; p1; k1; p2; k4; p1; k7; p1; k9; p1; k4; p2; k1; p1; k1.
Row 30: (k1, p1) x2; k1; p4; k1; p1; k1; p15; k1; p4; (k1, p1) x2; k1.
Row 31: (k1, p1) x3; k3; p1; k2; p1; k7; p1; k6; p1; k3; (p1, k1) x3.
Row 32: (k1, p1) x3; k1; p3; k1; p15; k1; p3; (k1, p1) x3; k1.
Row 33: (k1, p1) x4; k2; p1; k4; p1; k7; (p1, k2)x2; (p1, k1) x4.
Row 34: (k1, p1) x3; k1; p4; k1, p13; k1, p4; (k1, p1) x3; k1.
Row 35: (k1, p1) x3; k6; (p1, k5) x2; p1; k6; (p1, k1) x3.
Row 36: (k1, p1) x2; k1; p8; k1; p9; k1; p8; (k1, p1) x2; k1;
Row 37: k1; p1; k1; p2; k9; p9; k9; p2; k1; p1; k1.
Row 38: (k1, p1) x2; k1; p11; k1; p3; k1; p11; (k1, p1) x2; k1.
Row 39: (k1, p1) x3; k10; p1; k2; p2; k10; (p1, k1) x3.
Row 40: (k1, p1) x3; k1; p9; (k1, p1)x2; k1; p9; (k1, p1) x3; k1.
Row 41: (k1, p1) x4; k8; p2; k2; p1; k8; (p1, k1) x4.
Row 42: (k1, p1) x3; k1; p9; k2; p2; k1; p9; (k1, p1) x3; k1.
Row 43: (k1, p1) x3; k10; (p1, k1)x2; p1; k10; (p1, k1) x3.
Row 44: (k1, p1) x2; k1; p11; k1; p2; k2; p11; (k1, p1) x2; k1.
Row 45: k1; p1; k1; p2; k11; p1; k2; p2; k11; p2; k11; p2; k1; p1; k1.
Row 46: (k1, p1) x2; k1; p11; (k1, p1) x2; k1; p11; (k1, p1) x2; k1.
Row 47: (k1, p1) x3; k10; p2; k2; p1; k10; (p1, k1) x3.
Row 48: (k1, p1) x3; k1; p10; k3; p10; (k1, p1) x3; k1.
Row 49: (k1, p1) x4; k10; p1; k10; (p1, k1) x4.
Row 50: (k1, p1) x3; k1; p11; k1; p11; (k1, p1) x3; k1.
Row 51: (k1, p1) x3; k11; p3; k11; (p1, k1) x3.
Row 52: (k1, p1) x2; k1; p12; k3; p12; (k1, p1) x2; k1.
Row 53: k1; p1; k1; p2; k12; p3; k12; p2; k1; p1; k1.
Row 54: (k1, p1) x2; k1; p12; k3; p12; (k1, p1) x2; k1.
Row 55: \((k_1, p_1) \times 3; k_{11}; p_2; k_{12}; (p_1, k_1) \times 3.\)
Row 56: \((k_1, p_1) \times 3; k_1; p_{11}; k_1; p_{11}; (k_1, p_1) \times 3; k_1.\)
Row 57: \((k_1, p_1) \times 4; k_{10}; p_1; k_{10}; (p_1, k_1) \times 4.\)
Row 58: \((k_1, p_1) \times 3; k_1; p_{23}; (k_1, p_1) \times 3; k_1.\)
Row 59: \((k_1, p_1) \times 3; k_{25}; (p_1, k_1) \times 3.\)
Row 60: \((k_1, p_1) \times 2; k_1; p_{5} (k_1, p_7) \times 2; k_1; p_{5}; (k_1, p_1) \times 2; k_1.\)
Row 61: \(k_1; p_1; k_1; p_2; k_4; (p_1, k_1, p_1, k_5) \times 2; p_1; k_1; p_1; k_4; p_2; k_1; p_1; k_1.\)
Rows 62 and 63: \((k_1, p_1) \times 2; k_1, p_{3} \times 4; (k_1, p_1) \times 2; k_1.\)
Rows 64 – 68: \((k_1, p_1) \times 2; k_1.\)
Row 69: \((k_1, p_1) \times 6; k_1.\) Slip sts. just worked onto stitch holder, bind off the next 11 stitches knitwise; work across remaining stitches in established pattern: 13 stitches each side.

**NECK AND SHOULDER SHAPING – LEFT SHOULDER**

**Note:** As you look at the bib with right side facing, the first shoulder worked will be the **left** side. All the decreases are made on **right side** rows.

Row 70: \((k_1, p_1) \text{ across row.}\)

**Neck decreases:**
Row 71: (right side) slip 1 knitwise, k1, psso, (k1, p1) across row. (12 sts.)
Row 72: \((k_1, p_1) \text{ across row.}\)
Row 73: slip 1 knitwise, k1, psso, (p1, k1) across row. (11 sts.)
Row 74: \((k_1, p_1) \text{ across row.}\)

**Shoulder decreases:**
Row 75: (right side) \((k_1, p_1) \times 4; k_1; p_{2\text{to}}.\) (10 sts.)
Row 76: \((p_1, k_1) \text{ across row.}\)
Row 77: \((k_1, p_1) \times 4; k_{2\text{to}}.\) (9 sts.)
Row 78: \((k_1, p_1) \text{ across row.}\)
Row 79: (k1, p1) x3; k1; p2tog. (8 sts.)
Row 80: (p1, k1) across row.
Row 81: (k1, p1) x3, k2tog. (7 sts.)
Row 82: (k1, p1) across row.
Row 83: (k1, p1) x2; k1; p2tog. (6 sts.)
Row 84: (p1, k1) across row.
Row 85: (k1, p1) x2; k2tog. (5 sts.)
Row 86: (k1, p1) across row.
Row 87: slip 1 knitwise, k1, psso, k1, k2tog. (3 sts.)

Slip these 3 sts. to a dpn and work an I-cord for approximately 12 inches. Fasten off and run end down through middle of I-cord. Don't worry if the I-cords look a little wonky. A firm tug will usually straighten them out and after the bib is washed, you won't even notice! A good tutorial for making the I-cords can be found here: http://www.knittinghelp.com/videos/knitting-tips

NECK AND SHOULDER SHAPING – RIGHT SHOULDER
With wrong side facing, slip sts. from stitch holder to left needle and join yarn at neck edge.

Row 70: (wrong side) (k1, p1) across row.

Neck decreases:
Row 71: (k1, p1) x5; k1; p2tog. (12 sts.)
Row 72: (p1, k1) across row.
Row 73: (k1, p1) x5; k2tog. (11 sts.)
Row 74: (k1, p1) across row.

Shoulder decreases:
Row 75: (right side) slip 1 knitwise, k1, psso, (k1, p1) x4; k1. (10 sts.)
Row 76: (k1, p1) across row.
Row 77: slip 1 knitwise, k1, psso, (p1, k1) x4. (9 sts.)
Row 78: (k1, p1) across row.
Row 79: slip 1 knitwise, k1, psso, (k1, p1) x3; k1. (8 sts.)
Row 80: (k1, p1) across row.
Row 81: slip 1 knitwise, k1, psso, (p1, k1) x3. (7 sts.)
Row 82: (k1, p1) across row.
Row 83: slip 1 knitwise, k1, psso, (k1, p1) x2; k1; (6 sts.)
Row 84: (k1, p1) across row.
Row 85: slip 1 knitwise, k1, psso, (p1, k1) x2. (5 sts.)
Row 86: (k1, p1) across row.
Row 87: slip 1 knitwise, k1, psso, k1, k2tog. (3 sts.)

Slip these 3 sts. to a dpn and work an I-cord for approximately 12 inches. Fasten off and run end down through middle of I-cord, as before.

Weave in ends.
Knit on odd numbered rows; purl on even numbered rows

X Purl on odd numbered rows; knit on even numbered rows

Note: Only rows 11 – 63 are shown on chart. For additional rows, please refer to pattern.