

## Barbie Dress

### You will need:

Double knitting yarn  
4mm (Size 8) needles

### Abbreviations

**Inc** Increase one stitch by knitting into front and back of stitch on the left hand needle

**skpo** Slip one stitch, knit the next and pass the slipped stitch over the one just knitted

**K2tog** Decrease one stitch by knitting two stitches together

**yfwd** Yarn forward. (Pass the yarn under the right hand needle from back to front and then back over the needle – in the next row treat this loop as a regular stitch)

### Skirt

Cast on 40 stitches (don't make the stitches too tight).

**1st row:** Knit

**2nd row:** Purl (these two rows form the hem)

**Eyelet row:** K1, [yfwd, K2tog] 19 times, K1 (40 stitches)

Starting with a Purl row, work in Stocking Stitch for 37 rows (long dress) or 21 rows (short dress).

Mark each end of the last row with a coloured thread.

**1st decrease row:** [K1, skpo, K1] 5 times, [K1, K2tog, K1] 5 times (30 stitches)

**Next row:** Purl

**Next row:** [K1, skpo] 5 times, [K2 tog, K1] 5 times (20 stitches)

### Bodice

Starting with a Purl row, work 5 rows in Stocking Stitch

**Next row:** K7, inc in next stitch, K4, inc in next stitch, K7 (22 stitches)

Continue in Stocking Stitch for 3 more rows.

**Next row:** Cast off 5, K to end of row (17 stitches)

**Next row:** Cast off 5 in purl, P to end of row (12 stitches)

**Next row:** Knit

**Next row:** Purl

**Next row:** skpo, K2, Cast off 4, K1, K2tog (2 sets of 3 stitches)

### Straps

Working with the 2nd set of 3 stitches, work 11 rows in Stocking Stitch, starting with a Purl row.

Cast off.

(Leave the first set on the needle until needed, or transfer them to a stitch holder or safety pin if you prefer.)

Rejoin yarn to 1st set of 3 stitches. Work 11 rows in Stocking Stitch, starting with a Purl row.

Cast off.

### Make up

Fold the hem to the wrong side so the eyelet row forms a zig-zag edge. Sew the hem in place.

Join the back seam, matching the coloured threads to get the bodice level.

Sew the straps to the bodice at the back.

### Hair band

Cast on 3 stitches. Work in Stocking Stitch until just long enough to fit Barbie's head. Cast off. Sew together the cast on and cast off rows.

