

Baby Rattle



Approx. 5" x 3½" [13 x 9cm]

Materials: Approx. 1 ball each (approx. 99yd/90m each) of Lana Grossa **Organico** (100% organic cotton) in royal (col 49) and ecru (col 6); one set size 6 [4mm] double-pointed needles [dpns]. Small amount of fiber fill. One ½" [15mm] silver bell [by Union Knopf, item 57343, col 82].

Garter st: k every row.

Garter st in rounds: p 1 round, k 1 round.

Gauge: 19 sts and 37 rounds = 4" [10 cm] in garter st.

Note: Piece is worked in rounds, beginning with **tailfin**. Arrow on schematic shows direction of work. With royal, cast on 24 sts. Arrange sts evenly on 4 needles – 6 sts per needle. Join for working in the round and place a marker at beginning of round. Work in Garter st for 3 rounds. Next decrease round: k2tog first 2 sts of first and 3rd needle and k2tog last 2 sts of 2nd and 4th needle – 4 sts decreased. Repeat decrease round every following 4th round twice more – 12 sts.

Next, for **body**, work 1 round even in Garter st. Next increase round: increase [M1r] 1 st after first st of first and 3rd needle and increase 1 st before last st of 2nd and 4th needle – 4 sts increased. Repeat increase round every other round 5 times more – 36 sts. Work even in garter st for 8 rounds. Next, for **head**, continue in Garter st and k2tog first 2 sts of first and 3rd needle and k2tog last 2 sts of 2nd and 4th needle – 4 sts decreased. Repeat decrease round every other round 6 times more and at same time, change to ecru after 2nd decrease round. Cut yarn, draw yarn end through remaining 8 sts, pull tight and weave in end.

Finishing: Pin piece to measurements and block with damp towels. Stuff with fiber fill and place bell inside body. Sew opening close. With royal, blunt yarn needle and using schematic and photo as guide, embroider eyes with french knots or straight sts and embroider mouth with straight sts.



