

Cuddly, Whimsical Projects You'll Ooh and Aah Over!

At sleep, at play, in the nursery, and on the go, adorable babies need adorable knits. And here are forty one-of-a-kind pieces that manage to be utterly charming, fabulous, and usable all at the same time. Baby sets and toys; jackets and mittens; and a pure and sweet layette are just the tip of the knitting frenzy that is *Itty-Bitty Nursery*. Projects like Peas and Carrots (center) and Dotted Chickens will brighten up any nursery—and induce giddiness in adults. There are easy-to-knit pleasing pacifier clips, stroller blankets (left), appealing sweaters, and cozy slippers for babies and toddlers to wear in comfort, as well as delectable toys for playtime and handy items for parents who cherish their babies.



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flower pacifier clip

yarn

- Rowan Handknit Cotton, 1 skein each in Sugar #303, Gooseberry #219, and Mango Fool #319

tools

- U.S. size 3 set of four double-pointed needles or size needed to obtain gauge
- U.S. size E crochet hook
- One purchased pacifier clip (remove any attached ribbon—leave only the plastic parts)
- Stitch markers
- Scissors
- Yarn needle
- Ruler or tape measure

gauge

- 6 stitches per inch

PETALS (make 5)

Using two double-pointed needles as straight needles and Sugar, cast on 10 stitches.

Rows 1–12: (k1, sl1 as if to purl), repeat to end of row. Cut yarn, leaving a 6-inch tail and thread into a yarn needle. Take the two needles out of the work, form the piece into a tube by gently squeezing. With a yarn needle, thread the tail through the live stitches. Turn inside out so knit side is facing you. Pull the tail through tightly to gather up the stitches, and secure.

Using crochet hook and Mango Fool, single crochet around outside edge of the petal, join with slip stitch. Cut the yarn and invisibly weave in the end on the inside of the petal.

Sew the five petals together at the gathered ends with several small stitches to create the flower.

CENTER

Using double-pointed needles and Mango Fool, cast on 6 stitches and distribute evenly, 2 stitches per needle. Place a stitch marker and join, making sure the stitches aren't twisted.

Round 1: Knit.

Round 2: On each needle, k1, m1, k1. 3 stitches per needle. 9 stitches total.

Rounds 3–5: Knit.

Round 6: On each needle, ssk, k1. 2 stitches per needle remain. 6 stitches total.

Round 7: Knit.

Cut yarn, leaving a long tail, and thread into a yarn needle. Insert needle through the live stitches, removing them from the double-pointed needles. Stuff with fiberfill. Pull tail tightly to close and sew to the center of the petals using a whipstitch.

STEM

Using two double-pointed needles as straight needles and Gooseberry, cast on 4 stitches. Work in garter stitch until piece measures 2½ inches.

Next row: ssk, k2. 3 stitches remain. Work I-cord for 4 inches. Bind off.

LEAVES (make 2)

Using two double-pointed needles as straight needles and Gooseberry, cast on 5 stitches.

Row 1: k2, yo, k2tog, k1. (5 stitches.)

Row 2: Purl.



Rows 3 and 4: Repeat rows 1 and 2.

Row 5: ssk, yo, k2tog, k1. 4 stitches remain.

Row 6: p2tog, p2tog, pass second stitch over first stitch, cut yarn, and pull through remaining stitch. Invisibly weave in end on the back of the leaf. Thread yarn tail from cast-on into a yarn needle, insert needle through cast-on stitches, and pull tightly to gather.

FINISHING

Pull the garter stitch end of the stem through the hole in the pacifier holder and sew down securely with a whipstitch. Sew the flower to the stem just above where the garter stitch changes to I-cord (about 2 inches from the pacifier holder). Sew leaves to both sides of the I-cord stem. Pull the I-cord end of the stem through the clip and sew securely with a whipstitch.