





# Nature Calls

Whether you choose to go with cloth or disposable diapers for your wee one, wool soakers are both fashionable and functional. These shorties are made from thrifted wool that's been gently cleaned and hand-dyed naturally in the kitchen. They're quick to whip up and you can feel good knowing that your little cutie's clothing is free of chemical dyes.

**Skill Level** ★★

## Size

0–3 months (3–6 months, 6–12 months)

## Finished Measurements

Hip: 14 (15, 17)"/36 (38, 43)cm

Leg opening: Stretches to fit 7 (8, 9)"/18 (20, 23)cm thigh

## Materials and Tools

Recycled, worsted weight wool—approx 100 (110, 130)yd/91 (100, 118)m of worsted weight yarn, (4)

For girlie version only, scraps of worsted weight wool in contrasting color, (4)

Knitting needles: 3.75mm (size 5 U.S.) 12"/30.5cm circular and dpns and 4mm (size 6 U.S.) 12"/30.5cm circular or size to obtain gauge

Crochet hook: 5mm (size H U.S.)

Stitch holder

Tapestry needle

## Gauge

16 sts and 24 rows = 4"/10cm in St st using larger needles

Always take time to check your gauge.

## Instructions

Using smaller circular needles, CO 56 (60, 68) sts. Join, taking care not to twist the sts.

Rounds 1–2: \*K2, p2; rep from \* around.

**Round 3 (create eyelets):** \*Yo, k2tog, p2; rep from \* around.

Rounds 4–6: \*K2, p2; rep from \* around.

Change to larger needles.

Work in St st for 4 (5, 7)"/10 (13, 18)cm more.

**Next round:** K16 (18, 20), place 24 (24, 28) front sts on holder, leave remaining sts on needle.

From now on, work back and forth in rows on 32 (36, 40) sts.

**Next row (WS):** Purl—32 (36, 40) sts.

**Next row:** P2tog twice, knit to last 4 sts, k2tog twice—28 (32, 36) sts.

**Rep last 2 rows 4 times more—12 (16, 20) sts.**

**Next row:** Ssk, knit to last 2 sts, k2tog—10 (14, 18) sts.

**Next row:** Purl.

Rep last 2 rows 1 (2, 3) times more—8 (10, 12) sts.

Work 2 rows in St st.

**Next row (RS):** K1, M1, knit to last st, M1, k1—10 (12, 14) sts.

**Next row:** Purl.

Place 10 (12, 14) sts on holder. Cut yarn.

With WS facing, place 24 (24, 28) sts on holder back on needle. Join yarn. Purl 1 row.

**Next row:** Ssk twice, knit to last 4 sts, k2tog twice—20 (20, 24) sts.

**Next row:** Purl.

**Rep last 2 rows twice more—12 (12, 16) sts.**

**Next row:** Ssk, knit to last 2 sts, k2tog—10 (10, 14) sts.

**Next row:** Purl.

Rep last 2 rows 1 (0, 1) times more—8 (10, 12) sts.

Work until front measures same as for back, ending with a WS row.

**Next row (RS):** K1, M1, knit to last st, M1, k1—10 (12, 14) sts.

Place sts on holder back on needle. Hold so front and back are parallel; graft crotch tog using Kitchener st.

### LEG BANDS

With dpns, pick up and knit 28 (32, 36) sts around leg opening. Work in k1, p1 rib for 5 rounds. BO in pat. Note: For "chunkyriffic" baby thighs, use larger needles for leg ribbing. Rep for other leg.

### FINISHING

Weave in ends.

Ruffle, for girlie version only

Hold soaker upside down. With RS facing, using larger needles and contrasting wool, pick up and knit 24 sts horizontally across bottom, about 3–4<sup>1</sup>/<sub>8</sub>–10cm above crotch.

**Row 1 (WS):** Purl.

**Row 2:** K1, \*yo, k1; rep from \* across.

**Row 3:** Purl—47 sts.

**Rows 4–5:** Rep last 2 rows—93 sts. BO using main color of wool.

Rep ruffle once more, 2<sup>1</sup>/<sub>5</sub>cm above the first.

### Tie

With crochet hook, ch for 27 (28, 30)<sup>1</sup>/<sub>69</sub> (71, 76)cm. Fasten off.

Weave tie through eyelet row.

