Free Knitting Pattern
Lion Brand® Lion® Wool
Day-to-Night Felted Soaker
Pattern Number: BK4K-70430

SKILL LEVEL: Easy + (Level 3)

SIZE: Newborn

0-6 mo, 6-12 mo
Crotch depth: 16.5 (20.5) inches, before felting
Hip and waist size are adjustable.

CORRECTIONS: (applied Mar 31, 2008)

Crotch depth: 16.5 (~~20~~ 20.5) inches, before felting

SOAKER
Size 0-6 mos
Rows 15, 17, 19, 21: K2, kfb, knit until there are 3 stitches remaining, kfb, k2. This increases 2 stitches per row, so at row 21, you'll have ~~40~~ 38 stitches.
Rows 23, 25, 27, 29, 31, 33, 35, 37, 39, 41: K2, k2tog, knit until there are 4 stitches remaining, k2tog, k2. This decreases two stitches per row, so on Row 41, you'll have ~~20~~ 18 stitches.
Next row: purl
Rows 43-52: Work in stockinette stitch (knit on RS, purl on WS)
Odd numbered Rows 53 - 83: K2, kfb, knit until there are 3 stitches remaining, kfb, k2 (this adds 2 stitches to the row) Row 83 has ~~52~~ 50 stitches.

SOAKER
Size 6-12 mos
Next ~~18~~ 14 odd-numbered rows (Odd Numbered Rows 25-~~59~~ 51): K2, k2tog, knit until there are 4 stitches remaining, k2tog, k2. This decreases two stitches per row, so on Row ~~59~~ 51, you'll have 20 stitches.
Row ~~60~~ 52: purl
Rows ~~61-70~~ 53-62: Knit in stockinette stitch (knit one row, purl the next)
Next 22 odd-numbered rows (Rows ~~71-101~~ 63-105): K2, kfb, knit until there are 3 stitches remaining, kfb, k2 (this adds two stitches to the row) Row ~~101~~ 105 has 64 stitches.
Row ~~102~~ 106: purl
Rows ~~103 - 126~~ 107-130: Knit in stockinette stitch (knit one row, purl the next)
Rows ~~127 - 138~~ 131-142: Change to A, *k2, p2 rep from * across.
Bind off.

MATERIALS

- 820-110 Lion Brand Lion Wool Yarn: Cadet Blue
  1 Ball (A)
- 820-113 Lion Brand Lion Wool Yarn: Scarlet
  1 Ball (B)
- Lion Brand Knitting Needles- Size 5 [3.75 mm]

*Lion® Wool (Article #820). 100% Wool; package size: **Solids** 3 oz/85 g; 158 yd/144 m balls
Prints 2 oz/78 g; 143 yd/131 m balls

- Additional Materials
  Hook and loop tape

GAUGE:

22 sts x 28 rows = 4 in. (10 cm) in stockinette stitch

BE SURE TO CHECK YOUR GAUGE. When you match the gauge in a pattern, your project will be the size specified in the pattern and the materials specified in the pattern will be sufficient. If it takes you fewer stitches and rows to make a 4 in. [10 cm] square, try using a smaller size hook or needles; if more stitches and rows, try a larger size hook or needles.

SOAKER
Size 0-6 mos
With A, cast on 28 stitches.
Rows 1-12: *K2, p2 rep from * across
Row 13: Change to B. K2, kfb, knit until there are 3 stitches remaining, kfb, k2 - 30 (38) stitches
Row 14 and all even-numbered rows: purl
Rows 15, 17, 19, 21: K2, kfb, knit until there are 3 stitches remaining, kfb, k2. This increases 2 stitches per row, so at row 21, you'll have 38 stitches.
Rows 23, 25, 27, 29, 31, 33, 35, 37, 39, 41: K2, k2tog, knit until there are 4 stitches remaining, k2tog, k2. This decreases two stitches per row, so on Row 41, you'll have 18 stitches.
Next row: purl
Rows 43-52 Work in stockinette stitch (knit on RS, purl on WS)
Odd numbered Rows 53 - 83: K2, kfb, knit until there are 3 stitches remaining, kfb, k2 (this adds 2 stitches to the row) Row 83 has 50 stitches.
Next row: Purl
Rows 85-102: Work in stockinette stitch.
Rows 103-114: Change to A, *k2, p2 rep from * across.
Bind off in pattern, weave in ends.

SOAKER
Size 6-12 mos
With A, cast on 36 stitches
Rows 1-12: *K2, p2 rep from * across
Row 13: Change to B. K2, kfb, knit until there are 3 stitches remaining, kfb, k2 - 38 stitches
Row 14 and all even-numbered rows: purl
Rows 15, 17, 19, 21, 23: K2, kfb, knit until there are 3 stitches remaining, kfb, k2. This increases two stitches per row, so at row 23, you'll have 48 stitches.
Row 24: purl
Next 14 odd-numbered rows (Odd Numbered Rows 25-51): K2, k2tog, knit until there are 4 stitches remaining, k2tog, k2. This decreases two stitches per row, so on Row 51, you'll have 20 stitches.
Row 52: purl
Rows 53-62: Knit in stockinette stitch (knit one row, purl the next)
Next 22 odd-numbered rows (Rows 63-105): K2, kfb, knit until there are 3 stitches remaining, kfb, k2 (this adds two stitches to the row) Row 105 has 64 stitches.
Row 106: purl
Rows 107 - 130: Knit in stockinette stitch (knit one row, purl the next)
Rows 131 - 142: Change to A, *k2, p2 rep from * across.
Bind off.

FINISHING (all sizes)
Cuff
From RS, beginning at the back waistband, pick up and k stitches every row from front to back in an multiple of 4.
Row 1: *K2, p2, repeat to end.
Row 2: *P2, k2, repeat to end.
Rows 3-10: Repeat rows 1-2.
Row 11: Repeat row 1.
Bind off.
Work Cuff on remaining leg.
Weave in ends.

For Hook and loop closure: Position and sew with a sewing machine.

FELTING
Felting is a process whereby the wool is deliberately handled so that it is matted into a fabric. Wool fibers have scales and are also crimped. When these fibers are wetted and softened and then rubbed together they grab each other and are permanently bound together. This happens when you put a wool item in a washer and agitate it -- it comes out much smaller and also denser, because the fibers have bound together.
Finished soaker size depends on how much the piece is felted. Keep in mind that you can always felt more, but once felting is done, it is not reversible.
Wash by machine on a hot wash/cold rinse cycle with detergent and several pieces of clothing to agitate. At the end of the wash cycle measure the soaker. If you like it, stop! Place it flat to shape and let dry. If it is larger than you want, you can felt it additionally, if you dry by machine on a regular setting until almost dry. Remove from dryer and lie flat to shape.
Steam if desired.
If the soaker is still too large, you can felt it additionally by washing again. Felting is often improved by adding about 1/2 cup baking soda to the wash water to increase the alkalinity.

ABBREVIATIONS / REFERENCES	
Click for explanation and illustration	
k = knit	k2tog = knit 2 together
Kfb = knit in front and back of st	p = purl
RS = right side	

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