



***Free Knitting Pattern***  
**Lion Brand® Mandala®**  
**Shorts and Top Set**  
Pattern Number: L70091  
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## **SKILL LEVEL – Easy**

### **SIZES**

To fit 1 year (2 years)

#### **Top**

**Circumference at Chest** About 22 (23) in. (56 (58.5) cm)

**Finished Length** About 12 1/2 (14 1/2) in. (32 (37) cm)

#### **Shorts**

**Finished Waist** About 26 (28) in. (66 (71) cm), without elastic

**Finished Length** About 7 1/2 (9) in. (19 (23) cm)

**Note:** Pattern is written for smaller size with changes for larger size in parentheses. When only one number is given, it applies to both sizes. To follow pattern more easily, circle all numbers pertaining to your size before beginning.

### **MATERIALS**

- Lion Brand® Mandala® (Art. #525)
  - 209 Gnome 1 (1) ball
- Lion Brand® knitting needles size 6 (4 mm)
- Lion Brand® stitch markers
- Lion Brand® stitch holders
- Lion Brand® large-eyed blunt needle



### **ADDITIONAL MATERIALS**

Circular knitting needle size 5 (3.75 mm), 24 in. (61 cm) long

Sewing needle and thread

One small button

### **GAUGE**

21 sts + 28 rows = 4 in. (10 cm) in St st (k on RS, p on WS) with larger needles.  
**BE SURE TO CHECK YOUR GAUGE.**

### **NOTES**

1. Top is worked in 2 pieces – Back and Front.
2. Decreases are worked on Top to create a cute A-line shape.
3. A slit is made at center Back so the Top will fit easily over baby's head!
4. Garter st (k every st on every row) edging is worked around neck and armholes of Top.
5. Legs of Shorts are worked separately, then joined to work the waistband.
6. End with a WS row means that the last row you work should be a WS row, and the next row that you are ready to work will be a RS row.
7. When you see '– 12 sts' in the instructions, this lets you know how many sts you will have at the end of that specific row.

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## **TOP FRONT**

With straight needles, cast on 68 (70) sts.

**Rows 1-8:** Knit

**Row 9 (Decrease Row) (RS):** K4, k2tog, k to last 6 stitches, k2tog, k to end of row – you will have 66 (68) sts at the end of this row.

**Rows 10-16:** Beg with a WS (purl) row, work in St st (k on RS, p on WS).

**Rows 17-40:** Rep Rows 9-16 for 3 more times – 60 (62) sts when all rows have been worked.

**Row 41:** Rep Row 9 – 58 (60) sts.

Continue in St st until piece measures about 8 (9) in. (20.5 (23) cm) from beg, end with a WS row as the last row you work.

### **Shape Armholes**

**Row 1 (RS):** Bind off 4 sts, k to end of row.

**Row 2:** Bind off 4 sts, p to end of row – 50 (52) sts.

**Row 3 (Decrease Row):** K1, k2tog, k to last 3 sts, k2tog, K1 – 48 (50) sts.

**Row 4:** Purl.

Rep Rows 3 and 4 for 3 more times – 42 (44) sts when all decreases have been completed.

Continue in St st for 2 rows.

Rep Row 3 – 40 (42) sts.

Continue in St st until armholes measure about 2 1/2 (3 1/2) in. (6.5 (9) cm), end with a WS row as the last row you work.

### **Shape Neck**

**Note:** You'll be shaping one side of the front neck at a time.

#### **First Shoulder**

**Row 1 (RS):** K15 (16) and slip these sts onto a st holder for second side, bind off 10 sts, k to end of row – 15 (16) sts rem.

**Rows 2, 4, 6 and 8:** Purl.

**Row 3:** Bind off 3 sts, k to end of row – 12 (13) sts.

**Row 5:** Bind off 2 sts, k to end of row – 10 (11) sts.

**Row 7:** K2tog, k to end of row – 9 (10) sts.

**Row 9:** Rep Row 7 – 8 (9) sts.

**Rows 10-13:** Work in St st.

Bind off.

#### **Second Shoulder**

Return 15 (16) sts from st holder to needles so you are ready to work a WS row.

**Row 1(WS):** Bind off 3 sts, purl to end of row – 12 (13) sts.

**Rows 2, 4 and 6:** Knit.

**Row 3:** Bind off 2 sts, p to end of row – 10 (11) sts.

**Row 5:** P2tog, p to end of row – 9 (10) sts.

**Row 7:** Rep Row 5 – 8 (9) sts.

**Rows 8-11:** Work in St st.

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Bind off.

## **BACK**

Cast on and work same as Front until armholes measure about 1 1/2 (2 1/2) in. (4 (6.5) cm), end with a WS row as the last row you work.

### **Divide for Back Slit**

#### **First Shoulder**

**Next Row (RS):** K 20 (21); sl rem sts to a st holder for second side – 20 (21) sts rem for first shoulder.

Continue in St st until armhole measures about 3 1/2 (4 1/2) in. (9 (11.5) cm), end with a RS row as the last row you work.

#### **Shape Neck**

**Next Row (WS):** Bind off 10 sts, p to end of row – 10 (11) sts.

**Next Row:** K to last 2 sts, k2tog – 9 (10) sts.

**Next Row:** Purl.

**Next Row:** K to last 2 sts, k2tog – 8 (9) sts.

Continue in St st for 4 rows.

Bind off.

#### **Second Shoulder**

Return 20 (21) sts from holder to needles ready to work a RS row.

Continue in St st until armhole measures same as first shoulder to neck, end with a WS row as the last row you work.

#### **Shape Neck**

**Next Row (RS):** Bind off 10 sts, k to end of row – 10 (11) sts.

**Next Row:** Purl.

**Next Row:** K2tog, k to last end of row – 9 (10) sts.

**Next Row:** Purl.

**Next Row:** K2tog, k to last end of row – 8 (9) sts.

Continue in St st for 4 rows.

Bind off.

## **FINISHING**

Sew shoulder seams.

### **Neck Edging**

From RS with circular needle, and beg at left Back slit, pick up and k70 sts evenly spaced around neck edge, ending at right Back slit.

Working back and forth in rows on circular needle as if working on straight needles, knit 2 rows.

Bind off.

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### **Armhole Edging**

From RS with circular needle, and beg at underarm, pick up and k 52 (62) sts evenly spaced around armhole edge.

Work as for neck edging.

Bind off.

Rep edging on opposite armhole.

Sew side seams, including armhole edging.

Sew button to top of one side of Back slit. Button the Top by inserting the button through the knit fabric.

Weave in ends.

### **SHORTS**

**Note:** Legs are worked separately beg at the lower edge. The waistband is then worked in one piece across the top of both legs.

### **FIRST LEG**

With straight needles, cast on 84 (90) sts.

Knit 5 rows.

Beg with a RS (knit) row, work in St st for 10 (14) rows.

### **Shape Crotch**

**Next Row (RS):** Bind off 4 sts, k to end of row – you will have 80 (86) sts at the end of this row.

**Next Row:** Bind off 4 sts, p to end of row – 76 (82) sts.

**Next Row:** K1, k2tog, k to end of row – 75 (81) sts.

**Next Row:** P1, p2tog, p to end of row – 74 (80) sts.

Rep last 2 rows until 70 (74) sts rem.

Continue in St st until piece measures about 4 1/2 (5) in. (11.5 (12.5) from beg of crotch shaping, end with a WS row as the last row you work.

Cut yarn and slip sts for First Leg onto a st holder.

### **SECOND LEG**

Cast on and work same as for First Leg, but do NOT place sts onto a st holder.

### **Waistband**

**Next Row (RS):** With circular needle, knit across sts of Second Leg, then knit across sts of First Leg from st holder – 140 (148) sts.

Place a marker for beg of rnd and join by working the first st on the left hand needle with the working yarn from the right hand needle.

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**1 year size ONLY:**

**Rnd 1:** K1, p1, \*k2tog, p1; rep from \* to end of rnd – 94 sts.

**2 year size ONLY:**

**Rnd 1:** K2tog, p2tog, \*k1, p2tog; rep from \* to end of rnd – 98 sts.

**ALL sizes:**

**Rnds 2-10:** \*K1, p1; rep from \* to end of rnd.

Bind off.

**FINISHING**

Sew leg and crotch seams.

Weave in ends.

**ABBREVIATIONS**

beg = begin(ning)

k = knit

k2tog = knit 2 stitches together

p = purl

p2tog = purl 2 stitches together

rem = remain(ing)

rep = repeat

rnd(s) = round(s)

RS = right side

sl = slip

St st = Stockinette stitch

st(s) = stitch(es)

tog = together

WS = wrong side

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