

## No-Purl Skirt for Pearl

Top of skirt, in inches: 26"

Length of skirt, in inches: 7.5"

I need a row of eyelets near the top, for the drawstring. I'm going to work the body of the skirt in a eyelet mesh called cellular stitch. The eyelets can be decorated with ribbon or left alone for an openwork effect. This will be, very much, a dress-up skirt, since it will need either another skirt or a slip underneath to work.



I want to use garter stitch for the top of the skirt, so I'm going to use a technique for working garter stitch, seamlessly, in the round. However, that requires two ends of the same yarn, so either work from a center-pull ball, use two balls of the same yarn, or cannibalize your gauge swatch.

Gauge: 4.5 stitches/inch in garter stitch, 3 stitches/inch in cellular stitch

Needles: #8, 24" or shorter circular

Yarn: Bernat Baby Coordinates

You will also need: ribbon, or other drawstring, and more ribbon, if desired, for embellishment.

Size: Up to 26" waist, theoretically. Really, it's for a small child.

m1: Lift the thread in-between the stitch you have just worked and the next stitch. Place it on the left needle. Knit into the back of this stitch, twisting it.

Cellular Stitch, in the round (adapted from A Second Treasury of Knitting Patterns, by Barbara Walker)

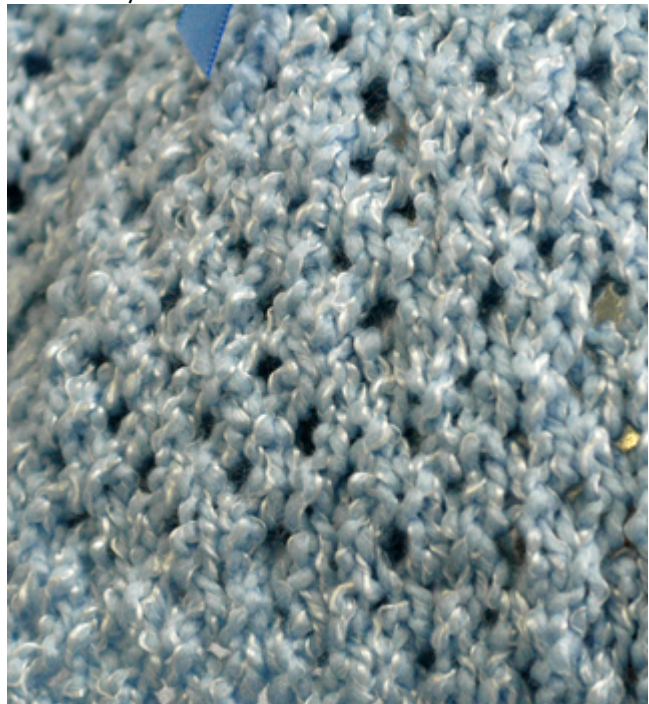
Rounds 1 and 3: Knit all stitches.

Round 2: (knit 2 together, yo, k1) around.

Round 4: (yo, k1, knit 2 together) around.

Cast on 117 stitches. Join, being careful not to twist, and knit one round. If you are using two strands for a long-tail cast on, don't break the second yarn.

Join yarn from other end of ball (I took out the cast-off edge of the gauge swatch and used this yarn for the other end).



\*\*Flip the piece over and work in the other direction, with the yarn you did not just use, knit around.

Repeat from \*\* 3 times so that you have a total of 2 garter stitch ridges, or 4 times around.

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(Knit 2 together, yo, knit 1) around.

Work 2 more garter stitch ridges (4 rounds). Break off one of the yarns and continue with just one. Place marker at start of round.

(Knit 39 stitches, m1) around. (120 stitches)

Work cellular stitch for 8 rounds.

Increase row: (Knit 5, yo) around. (144 stitches)

Work cellular stitch for 8 rounds.

Increase row: (Knit 6, yo) around. (168 stitches)

Work cellular stitch for 8 rounds.

Increase row: (Knit 7, yo) around. (192 stitches)

Work cellular stitch for 8 rounds.

Increase row: (Knit 8, yo) around. (216 stitches)

Work cellular stitch for 8 rounds.

Increase row: (Knit 9, yo) around. (240 stitches)

Work 8 rounds of garter stitch (4 ridges) as from \*\* above.  
Bind off loosely. Darn in ends.

Thread ribbon through first set of eyelets to use as a drawstring. If desired, thread ribbon through other eyelet rows for decoration.

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