

Sprudla Easter & Flora Spring



Lady Sprudla Easter is the easiest one to knit. The technique is based on circular knitting with garter stitch and decreases.

Lady Flora Spring is a bit more advanced. Different techniques are integrated, but they can be exchanged with easier technique.

Needle Size: 5mm (US No 8), 80cm circular needle for Magic Loop (or dpns 5 mm). If you wish to knit the legs and arms by making an I-cord, use 2 dpns No 5 mm.

Size: Dress and head approx 18cm. **Full length:** About 28-30cm.

Total yarn consumption: About 32-38g. Number of meters for each part is given in the pattern.

Yarn: Thickness; Bulky. Viking Hobbygarn, Sandnes Fritidsgarn (Alternatively, make a 2-ply wool yarn double). Use colors that you prefer for hat, skirt and leggings and a few meter of yarn in face color.

Curly or straight Yarn in any "hair-color" and thickness you prefer!

White lace yarn to the petticoat.

Other material: a needle, filling (for the head), medium size crochet hook for finishing, beads for necklaces and if you want a sweeping broom, use a flower stick or a BBQ stick.

Gauge: Fairly solid, or about 18 m/10cm.

m= meter/s

MC= Main color

CC= Contrasting color

K=Knit

P=Purl

Sts= stitches

K2tog= Knit 2 sts together

K3tog= Slip 1, K2tog, pass slipped stitch over

YON=Yarn over Needle

dec=decrease

PSSO= Pass slipped stitch over

R=row

(18sts) =number of sts at the end of the row

Yarn consumption: meters in blue text

Green: easy to knit

Orange/red: A bit more advanced

Start by choosing between *Spring hat* (page 3) or *Easter hat* (page 4). Both are available with **a ribbon** or with **a Latvian braid**. (The Spring hat with a ribbon is the easiest hat to knit).

Spring Hat: About 8m in MC. The hat is knitted in the round and in stockinette stitch.

Co 36 sts (if you prefer a more solid edge, use double yarn, but just for the col!).

R 1-2: Knit

R 3: reduce to half the number of sts by knitting together 2 & 2sts. (= 18 sts).

Now it's time to make a choice for hat decoration!

Easier version



Ribbon with rosette: about 1m in CC

R 4: K

R 5-6: K in a contrasting color.
Save both yarn ends at the front of the knitting, they will later be used to make the rosette!

Advanced alternative



Latvian braid: about 1½m in CC

R 4: K every other st in MC and every other in CC. (If you want a rosette, save both yarn ends in CC at the front of the knitting, they will later be used to make the rosette!)

R5: Purl with both yarns in front of the knitting. Put the yarn for the next st **below** the thread you just knitted, knit MC on previous row MC and CC on previous row CC.

R6: Purl with both yarns in front of the knitting. Put the yarn for the next st **over** the thread you just knitted, knit MC on previous row MC-sts and CC on previous row CC-sts.

R 7-11: K

R 12: reduce to half the number of sts by knitting together 2 & 2sts. (= 9sts)

R 13: continue dec in the same way until 5sts remains. Cut the yarn but leave a 25-30cm end, pull the yarn through the remaining stitches. The "tail" will be used later to sew the hat on the head.

Easter Hat: About 9m in black + 1½m in CC



R 1-6: See previous side and the pattern for Spring Hat. Co and Knit R 1-6. Use black yarn as MC!!

R 7-8: K

R 9: decrease every 4th st by * K2, K2tog *, repeat * - * around. (= 14sts)

R 10-12: K

R 13: decrease every 3rd st by * K1, K2tog * repeat * - * around. (= 10sts)

R 14-16: K

R 17: decrease to half the number of sts by *K2tog* repeat * - * around. (= 5sts)

R 18-23: K.

Cut the yarn and leave a 25-30cm end, pull the yarn through the remaining sts. The "tail" will be used later to sew the hat on the head.

Leggings: About 6 m in a color you prefer. Make a twist by folding the yarn four times, make a knot in the end, twist the cord relatively hard, fold it double again and straighten it. If it's too loose, just pull and twist a few more laps. Finish by making a knot in each end. Finished length should be about 30-40cm between the knots.

Sprudla Easter in Daily Dress!



Dress: About 15-20g / 23-30m. Co 34sts in MC, knit around.

R 1-5: K

R 6: Start and end row with a dec by K2tog in the beginning and with a PSSO at the end of the row. (= 32sts).

R 7-10: K

Repeat row 6-10 until 20 sts will remain on your needles. You are now at the armholes!

Armhole: (over one row) K5, YON, k2tog (see figure) K6, k2tog, YON, K5



Armhole (which is really just a hole in the knitting!): Wrap the yarn around the needle, then knit 2 sts together

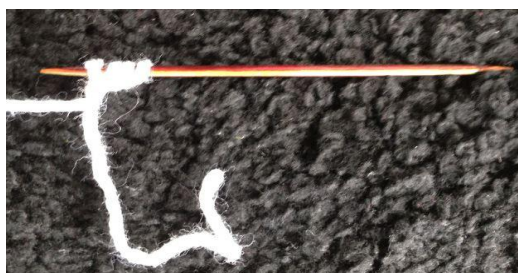
Knit 4 more rows after the armhole. Now it's time to change to yarn in face color.

Head: About 4½-5m. Continue decrease in the same way as on the dress until you got 18 sts. Continue to knit with the yarn in face color in total 9 rows. Start decreasing by k2tog around until 5sts remains (almost 2rows). Pull the yarn through the remaining 5 sts, leave an end of 20 cm yarn (will be used for making the nose).

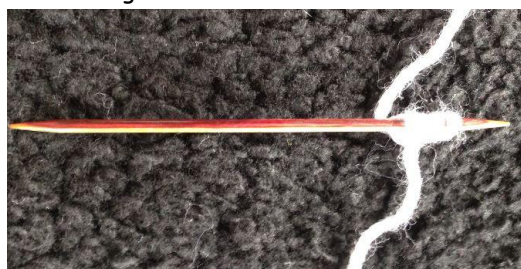


Sleeves: About 5m in MC. Do a twist as for the leggings. Length: about 30cm including the knots. Alternatively, knit a 30 cm I-cord.

I-cord



1. Cast on 4 sts to a dpn.
2. Do not turn the needle! Move the stitches to "back end" of the knitting needle.



3. put the yarn behind the work, tighten it slightly.
 4. Knit the 4 sts as in ordinary garter stitch
- Repeat steps 2-4 to desired length. Don't forget to tighten!

Finish by cutting the yarn, pull yarn end through the 4 stitches and attach ends by threading them inside the I-cord.

Finnish, see page 10-11.

Flora Spring in Party Dress!



Start with a
Latvian braid

To cast on the european way,
(Otherwise please have a look at
Internet/You tube)

Use one strand in MC
and one in CC, hold them
together, make a loop, put the
loop on the needle, take MC over
thumb and CC over
the forefinger, and
cast 34sts.

The first loop (with double yarn)
will not be counted,
put it of the needle before
the circular knitting
starts!

R 1-3: Knit as R: 4-6, in the square for the hat with Latvian braid, described on page 2.

R 4-5: K

R 6: Start and end row with a dec by k2tog in the beginning and with a PSSO at the end of the row. (= 32sts).

R 7-10: K

Repeat row 6-10 until 24 sts will remain on your needles.

Now its three ways to go 1: **continue knitting with the same yarn (solid color dress)** or, if you prefer a belt or "under breast cut", 2: **insert a row in a different color** or 3: **knit the "Estonian chain"** (see below). After you have selected and implemented the option, go further to continue and finish the dress!

A Challenge! Estonian chain over one lap. $1\frac{1}{2}$ -2m in CC



A: k1 in MC, k1 in CC in the same stitch, pull both sts of the needle



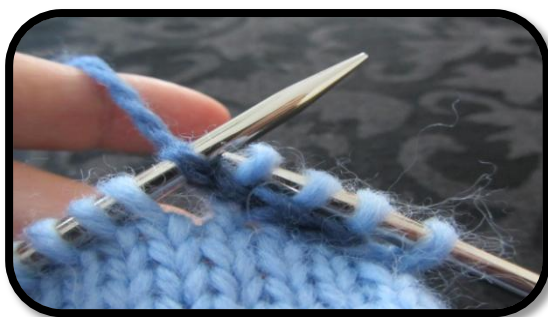
B: Move the last st back to left needle



C: Knit the 2:nd sts on the left needle in MC, Without lifting it of the needle



D: then knit the 1st st in CC, pull both sts of the needle



E: pull the st in CC back on the left needle,



Finished chain

Repeat picture C-E around. (The "tails" in CC will later be used to sew the first and last st together).

Remember to tighten both MC and CC from time to time, the stitches should fit properly to the right needle!

Continue with MC and with dec as in the "back" = repeat row 6-10 until 20 sts remains. Now you are at the armholes!

Armhole: (over one row) k5, YON, k2tog, k6, k2tog, YON, k5

Knit 4 more rows after the armhole. Now it's time to change to yarn in face color and knit the head!

Head: See pattern under Sprudla Easter, page 6.

Arms: **About 5m.** Make an I-cord, about 30cm, over 4 sts. (instruction, page 6)

Petticoat: **About 10m.** Unfold the skirt bottom and at the upper row of the Latvian braid, pick up with thin white lace yarn (same needle size as used for the dress) about 50 sts. (about 2 sts of the skirt will be 3 in the petticoat).

R 1-4: K (make sure the front side of the dress and the petticoat will face outwards).

R 5: make a row of holes by *K2tog, YO *, repeat * - * across row.

R 6: K

R 7: *K1, YO, K3tog, YO, * repeat across row. If the number of sts goes out unevenly, do not worry, knit the last sts together as best as you can!

R 8: Bind off loosely.



Boots: About 2+2m in black. The boots are knitted back and forth. Make two!

Cast on 5 sts.

R 1: P

R 2: K

R 3: cast on 2sts at the beginning of the row, P7

R 4: cast on 2sts at the beginning of the row, K9

R 5: dec 4 sts at beginning of row, P to the end of row (5sts)

R 6: dec 4 sts at beginning of row, K to the end of row (1st = the heel)

R 7: P1

R 8: K1, cut yarn but leave a "tail" for sewing the boot on the leg later. Pull the yarn through the last stitch.

Finnish

Let your imagination run free and improvise or be inspired by the following:

Fill the head with some soft fill. Wind a piece of strong thread or yarn around the neck and pull tight. Finish by pulling out the ends of the yarn at the back of the head, use a needle or crochet hook. (It will be hidden by the hair and hat)



Sew the nose by making a few stitches with the saved thread in face color. Finish by pulling out the yarn at the back of the head and secure easily, cut off ends. (It will also be hidden by the hair and hat)

Choose hair and hairstyle in the appropriate yarn and secure it with a needle or crochet hook upside the head. Suggestion: Wrap yarn around four fingers, cut the yarn but leave an about 25-30 cm end, bind of by wrapping the yarn in one place around the loops, cut the loops at the bottom and then attach the hair upside the head. Or improvise and make any hairstyle you like!

Embroider **eyes and mouth**. The sewing needle is initially inserted in the back of the head and after sewing it's reversed to the back again. Make a knot to fix it safely.

Arrange the hair, put the hat on, take the opportunity to put in all loose ends of yarn into the hat before attaching it to the head with a sewing needle, use the saved end from the top of the hat.

Put in the sleeves and make stop knots on the outside of the dress at the shoulders.

If you want a **bouquet of flowers**, wrap a few rows with appropriate yarn around two fingers, remove gently and wrap green yarn around half of the wrap (=flower stems). Fix (sew) the bouquet between "the hands" with yarn of the same color as the sleeves. A sweeping broom can be made of a flower stick or a BBQ stick with some black or brown yarn glued in the top.

Fold **the leggings** double and poke it around the arms inside the dress, turn the string around itself and pull down the leggings.



(Inside the dress) The principle of how the legs are hung around the arms!

If you made **boots**, attach them on the legs. Start at the top, continue down at the foot front and around the bottom, finish by shaping the heel. Try to get the boots pointing forward by adjust at the top of the leggings!

Fix the remaining yarn ends, and make a **hanging loop** of suitable yarn!

If *Sprudla Easter* or *Flora Spring* are a bit pale in their faces, a little **blush** applied to the cheekbones will help!