Knit Manga Spirit Dress and Rompers  
baw 4-11-12

Materials:
- Sportweight (3) yarn. The models used Universal Bella DK yarn, 110ys/oz or 3.56m/g
- Size 4 (3.5mm) single point knitting needles, plus size C crochet hook for buttonhole loops.
- 1/4 inch buttons

Knit Gauge: 6 sts = 1 inch

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**Knit sleeveless dress:** cast on 69 sts; begins at the bottom edge of the dress.

Skirt:
1: P each st  
2: K each st  
3-5: Repeat rows 1 and 2 for stockinette st  
6: K2 (yarn-over-needle, K2tog) across to the last st, K last st. This will create a picot hemline when you finish and turn up the hem.  
7: P each st  
8: K each st  
9-13: Repeat rows 7 and 8 for stockinette st  
14: K3, *K2tog, yarn-over-needle, K4, repeat from * to the end. This create eyelets in the knit fabric.  
15-19: Repeat rows 7 and 8 for stockinette st  
20: K2tog *yarn-over-needle, K4, K2tog, repeat from * to the last stitch, yarn-over-needle, K1  
21-23: Repeat rows 7 and 8 for stockinette st.  
24: (Sl first st, knit the next st, pass the slipped stitch over the knit stitch) across to the last st, K the last st. 35 sts. I like this decrease better than K2tog, but if you prefer you can use it instead.

Waistband:  
25: K each st. 35 sts

Bodice:  
26: K each st.  
27: P each st.  
28-30: Repeat rows 26 and 27 for stockinette st

First back side:  
31: P next nine sts, turn (leave the remaining sts unworked on the needle)  
32: K nine sts, turn.  
33-37: Repeat rows 31 and 32 for stockinette st. Bind off after row 37

Front: With back side facing you, join yarn in the first unworked st,

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31: P next 17 sts, turn (leave the remaining sts unworked on the needle)
32: K 17 sts, turn.
33-34: Repeat rows 31 and 32 for stockinette st.

First shoulder:
35: P next four sts, bind off next nine sts, P last four sts.
36: K next four sts, turn
37: P 4

Second shoulder: join yarn to the wrong side of the second shoulder, begin work with right side facing you.
36: K four sts, turn.
37: P 4

Second back: with wrong side facing, join yarn in first unworked st of second back.
31: P last nine sts, turn
32: K nine sts, turn.
33-37: Repeat rows 31 and 32 for stockinette st. Bind off after row 37

To finish the dress, first turn up the hem so that the row of eyelet stitches on row six form a picot edging. Stitch this hem up by hand carefully; you don't want to pull the knit fabric.

With the right sides together, stitch up the center back seam from the hemline to the waistline with backstitches.

Stitch the front to the back at the four shoulder stitches.

For the buttonhole loops, use a size C crochet hook and make one ch5 loop at the neck edge. Sew a button to the opposite side. If you like, you can neaten the neckline by working one row of sc stitches around the neck.

Done!

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Knit Rompers: legs are worked separately, then combined by stitching across the second leg, then the first leg, and then the bodice is worked. These use three colors of yarn, one of each for the legs and a third for the bodice. Or they can be made in one solid color; you choose!

Cast on 16 sts for first leg:
1: K16
2: K16
3: P 16
4: (K next st, K2 in the next st) across. 24 sts
5: P each st. 24 sts
6: K each st. 24 sts
7-17: Repeat rows 5 and 6 for stockinette st. At the end of row 17, cut the yarn and place the first leg on a double point needle.

Second leg: cast on 16 sts and repeat rows 1 through 17. At the end of row 17 change to your bodice color and continue:

Bodice:
18: K next 24 sts, K next 24 sts on the first leg. The two legs are now joined as one piece of knitting. 48 sts
19: K each st. 48 sts
20: K each st. 48 sts
21: P each st.
22-23: Repeat rows 20 and 21
24: (K1, slip next st, knit the next st, pass slipped stitch over last knit st) across. 32 sts
25: P each st. 32 sts
26: K each st.
27-32: Repeat rows 25 and 26 for stockinette st.

First back side:
33: P next five sts, K next three sts, turn (leave the remaining sts unworked on the needle)
34: K eight sts, turn.

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35-40: Repeat rows 33 and 34. Bind off after row 40

Front: With back side facing you, join yarn in the first unworked st,
33: K next three sts, P next 10, K next three sts, turn (leave the remaining sts unworked on the needle)
34: K 16 sts, turn.
35-36: Repeat rows 33 and 34.

First shoulder:
37: K next three sts, bind of next ten sts, K last three sts.
38: K three sts, turn.
39: K3
40-41: Repeat rows 39. Bind off after row 41.

Second shoulder: join yarn to the wrong side of the second shoulder.
38: K three sts, turn.
39: K 3
40-41: Repeat rows 39. Bind off after row 41.

Second back: with wrong side facing, join yarn in first unworked st of second back.
33: K first three sts, P last five sts, turn
34: K eight sts, turn.
35-40: Repeat rows 33 and 34. Bind off after row 40

To finish the Rompers:

With the right sides together, backstitch the leg inseams up to the crotch. Backstitch the center back seam from the crotch up about an inch.

Turn Rompers right side out and stitch the shoulder seams together for three stitches.

With C hook, make a 5 chain buttonhole loop on one side of the back neck edge. Sew a button to the opposite side.

Finished!

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