

RIPPLE BUTTSHORTS

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Ribbed for your pleasure! A sweet & fun coordinate for your favorite ripple bra or top, because every butt is a good butt, and a good butt deserves ripples, too.



SIZES: XS (S, M, L, 1X){2X, 3X, 4X, 5X} to fit a waist measurement of:
23-24 (25-26.5, 28-30, 32-34, 36-38){40-42, 44-45, 46-47, 49-50}"
58.5-61 (63.5-67.5, 71-76, 81.5-86.5, 91.5-96.5){101.5-106.5, 111.5-114, 116.5-119, 124-127}cm
Actual measurement of finished garment at waist:
21 (24, 27, 33, 36){39, 42, 45, 48}"
[53.5 (61, 68.5, 84, 91.5){99, 106.5, 114.5, 122}cm]
Actual measurement of the finished garment at hip:
33 (36, 39, 45, 48){51, 54, 57, 60}"
[84 (91.5, 99, 114.5, 122){129.5, 137, 145, 152.5}cm]
Finished thigh circumference:
19.5 (21, 22.5, 27, 28.5){30, 33, 34.5, 36}"
[49.5 (53.5, 57, 68.5, 72.5){76, 84, 87.5, 91.5}cm]

Ease varies from -4" – 0"/-10cm – 0cm at the waist depending on the size. Choose a size close to or smaller than your waist measurement. If you are between sizes, size down. If you prefer a very fitted pair of shorts, size down further.

Because the shorts are knit in 3x3 ribbing, they are very stretchy. If some of your measurements differ from the measurements above in either direction, that's okay! These will stretch a lot. Even if your hips are significantly larger than the standards listed above for your waist size, these will stretch enough to fit. Based on tester feedback, I do not recommend modifying stitch counts in any part of the pattern for the shorts, as the give in the rib should accommodate most fit concerns. A detailed spreadsheet with tester sizing and yardage notes is included in the notes on the Ravelry pattern page to assist you in choosing a size and planning for yardage.

Materials: DK or worsted weight yarn, circular needles, stitch markers, scrap yarn or stitch holders, removable stitch markers, additional circular needle for fold over waistband, (optional) crochet hook if using crocheted provisional cast on, darning needle

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Suggested Yarn: Modus Operandi Fibers Silky DK, Single Ply DK, 252yd/100g

40% Baby Alpaca, 40% Merino, 20% Silk

Modus Operandi Fibers Worsted, 4 Ply Worsted Weight,
218yd/100g, 100% SW Merino

Some testers had trouble achieving gauge with DK weight yarn, even after sizing up with needles. If you are a tight knitter or want a denser fabric, I suggested using a heavier worsted weight than DK.

While I used a soft single ply for the sample, any ply will work. As always with my designs, you should use any yarn that is accessible to you with which you can achieve gauge. Budget yarn suggestions are included on the pattern page. You could also use fingering held double or any other yarn with which you can get gauge.

Suggested Needles: US 6 – 4.0 mm circular needles
*If you're not using magic loop, choose a circumference that is several inches shorter than the final circumference of the *garment.**

If you are not using magic loop, you will also need a 16-24" circular needle for the legs.

Gauge: 16 sts & 29 rows per 4x4" square in 3x3 ribbing

Note: Gauge measured blocked and unstretched. If you can get close to gauge while stretching it a bit, that's fine. Measuring gauge in ribbing isn't an exact science, as it is very stretchy. As long as you can stretch the swatch to get gauge, your garment will fit, but note that however much you stretch the swatch to get gauge is at least how much the ribbing will be stretched when you wear the garment.

Yardage: 225-275 (260-315, 290-425, 400-500, 440-550)[460-600, 550-650, 575-675, 600-750]yds

206-251 (238-288, 265-388, 366-457, 402-503)[420-548, 503-594, 526-617, 548-686]m

Buttshorts are designed with a high rise intended to hit at the natural waist, and a short leg. If you plan on adding length to the rise or leg, allow for extra yardage.

Techniques: knitting in the round, provisional cast on, i-cord, German short rows, increasing, decreasing, holding stitches, reading knit and purl stitches

Construction: The piece is worked from the top down, beginning with a provisional cast on for a folded waistband. Short rows are worked to increase the area of the seat. Increases are worked at the front and back to the hip. Legs are separated, sts are cast on for the crotch for each leg. Sts are picked up from the crotch of the first leg when knitting the second leg to join.

Abbreviations
BO – bind off
BOR – beginning of round
CO – cast on
CSD - centered single decrease. Sl1 st knitwise. Sl another st knitwise. Take tip of left needle and insert into the two slipped stitches from back to front in order to knit them together. Identify the two stitches you just slipped (below.) Take tip of left needle and insert it into second slipped stitch in the row below from front to back and then move working yarn to the back in order to knit that stitch together with the next stitch on your needle. Video for this technique is available on my IGTV channel.
DS – double stitch (from German short row)
K– knit
K1tbl – knit one st through the back loop
K2tog - knit 2 stitches together (right leaning decrease)
K3togtbl – knit 3 sts together through the back loop
M1l – make 1 left, a left leaning increase. Pick up the bar between the stitch you just knit and the next stitch from front to back. Knit through the back of the stitch.
M1r – make 1 right, a right leaning increase. Pick up the bar between the stitch you just knit and the next stitch from back to front. Knit into the front this stitch.
P – purl
PM – place marker
RS - right side
Sl-gsr - bring yarn to front, slip 1 st purlwise from the left needle to the right needle, and take the working yarn and pull it very tightly over the top of the right needle from the front to the back until you can see both legs of the stitch. This will look like two sts but count as one, and we will refer to this as a double stitch.
SM – slip marker
Ssk - slip one st knitwise, slip another st knitwise. Knit both slipped stitches together through the back loop.
St - stitch
Sts – stitches
WS - wrong side