SUPER SOFT
Size: One Size  
Skill Level: experienced

How much yarn:  
g 950 of Super Soft yarn, in grey shade n. 20439

Needles:  
3mm (no 11) and 4mm (no. 8) circular needles, 100cm or 150cm long (used straight)  
A Double-pointed (Dp) needle

Crochet hooks:  
3mm (no 11) and 4mm (no. 8) crochet hooks

Sewing needle:  
Yarn needle with rounded point

Other items:  
A stitch-marker 4 buttons 25mm in diameter

STITCHES
Using needles: tubular stitch - stocking stitch (st st) - reverse stocking stitch (rev st st) - K1, P1 rib - K2, P2 rib.

LARGE RIB AND CROSSED STITCHES PATTERN:  
(work over a multiple of 14 sts plus 12)

Row 1 (RS):  
K12, * P2, K12; rep from * 13 more times. Row 2 and foll alternate rows:  
Purl the p sts and knit the k sts.

Rows 3, 5, 7, 9 and 11:  
work as Row 1. Row 13:  
K12, * P2, K6, 6 Right Crossed Stitches (= place 3 sts on Dp needle backside; K3, then K the 3 sts from Dp needle), P2, K12; rep from * 6 more times. Row 15:  
K12, * P2, K3, 6 Right Crossed Stitches, K3, P2, K12; rep from * 6 more times. Row 17:  
K12, * P2, 6 Right Crossed Stitches, K6, P2, K12; rep from * 6 more times. Rows 19, 21 and 23:  
work as Row 1. Rep Rows 1-24 throughout.

Using crochet hook: double crochet (dc)

TENSION  
23 sts and 35 rows measure 10cm square over large rib and crossed sts pattern with 4.00 mm (no. 8) needles.

INSTRUCTIONS
Note: use circular needles to work knitting flat, in back-and-forth rows, as traditional straight needles, not in the round.

Back: with 3.00 mm (no. 11) circular needle cast on 417 sts. Work 4 rows in tubular st and 4 rows in K1, P1 rib. Change to 4.00 mm (no. 8) circular needle. Place a stitch-marker on central st and work as follows: 208 sts in large rib and crossed sts pattern (first half piece), 1 st in st st (central st) and 208 sts in large rib and crossed sts pattern (second half piece). On RS rows, dec 1 stitch at each end every other row (i.e. at beg of first half piece and at end of second half piece) 82 times and, at the same time, dec 1 st at centre (skp = slip 1 st before central st, K central st, pass slipped st over). On WS rows, dec 1 st at centre, purling 2 sts tog (the stitch before central st and central st). When 164 rows of large rib and crossed sts pattern with decs are worked and piece measures cm 47 from rib border, there are 89 sts (whose: 44 on first half piece, 1 central st and 44 on second half piece). Work 24 more rows as follows: continuing to dec 1 st at centre every row (skp on RS and P2 tog on WS), cast off 3 sts at beg of next 8 rows, 2 sts at beg of following 8 rows and 3 sts at beg of last 8 rows. Only 1 st remains. Cut yarn and, with yarn needle, weave end on WS. Using 3.00 mm (no. 11) crochet hook, work a dc row along each diagonal dec side. Fasten off. Using 4.00 mm (no. 8) crochet hook and double strand of yarn, work a dc row along upper edge. Fasten off.

Front: work as Back.

Collar: with 3.00 mm (no. 11) circular needle cast on 266 sts. Work 4 rows in tubular st. Then work in K2, P2 rows as follows: Row 1: (RS) P2, * K2, P2; rep from * to end. Row 2:  
k2, * P2, K2; rep from * to end. Rows 3-20: Rep first 2 rows 9 more times. Row 21:  
(buttonhole and dec row) P2, K2, P2, K2, cast off next 4 sts, P2, K2, P2, place next 4 sts (= 2 k sts and 2 p sts) on Dp needle backside; K2 tog (next st and 1st st on Dp needle), then K2 tog (foll st and 2nd st on Dp needle), P2 tog (3rd st on Dp needle and next st), P2 tog (4th st on Dp needle and foll st) – a Right quadruple dec made = 4 sts are decreased – cont to work K2,P2 rib until to last 26 sts, place next 4 sts (= 2 p sts and 2 k sts) on Dp needle frontside; P2 tog (next st and 1st st on Dp needle), then P2 tog (foll st and 2nd st on Dp needle), K2 tog (3rd st on Dp needle and next st), K2 tog (4th st on Dp needle and foll st) – a Left quadruple dec made = 4 sts are decreased – cont to work K2, P2 rib until to end. Row 22:  
work K2, P2 rib as stated, casting on 4 new sts over 4 cast-off sts for buttonhole. Rep these 22 rows 3 more times, then work 22 rows in k2, P2 rib and 4 rows in tubular st. Graft in kitchener st the sts.

FINISHING  
With yarn needle and working yarn embroider buttonholes in buttonhole stitch. Sew 4 buttons on Collar, on RS of work, corresponding to buttonholes on opposite side. Sew Front and Back side seams. Join cast-off edge of Collar to upper side of Front on Back, with RS of Collar inside. Start from right seam and put button side over buttonhole side, to correspond. Then turn RS of Collar outside.