CABLE MINI DRESS

Size: 12 (16)

NOTE: figures in brackets () refer to larger size. Where only one figure is given this refers to both sizes.

Skill Level: intermediate

How much yarn:
g 550 (650) of Super Soft yarn, in grey shade no. 20206

Needles: Pair of 3.00 mm (no. 11) knitting needles
Pair of 4.50 mm (no. 7) knitting needles

A double-pointed (Dp) needle

Sewing needle: Yarn needle with rounded point

Other items: 4 grey buttons 20 mm in diameter

A small stitch-holder (or a safety pin)

STITCHES

Tubular stitch - Stocking stitch (st st) - Reverse stocking stitch (rev st st) - K1, P1 rib.

BROKEN RIB: work over 3 sts.

Row 1 (RS): P3.

Row 2: K1, P1, K1.

Rep these 2 rows throughout.

CABLE: (work over 12 sts) Rows 1 (RS): K12. Row 2 and every foll even row: P12.

Rows 3: K3, 6 Right crossed stitches (= place next 3 sts onto Dp needle, on backside, K next 3 sts, K3 from Dp needle), K3.

Rows 5: K12. Row 7: 6 Left crossed stitches (= place next 3 sts onto Dp needle, on frontside, K next 3 sts, K3 from Dp needle), 6 Left crossed stitches.

Row 8: P12. Rep these 8 rows throughout. LARGE V-MOTIF: (work over 18 sts)

Rows 1 (RS): 3 Right crossed stitches (= place next st onto Dp needle, on backside, K next 2 sts, K1 from Dp needle), (3 Right crossed stitches) twice, 3 Left crossed stitches (= place next 2 sts onto Dp needle, on frontside, K next st, K2 from Dp needle), (3 Left crossed stitches) twice.

Row 2 and every foll even row: P18. Row 3: K2, (3 Right crossed stitches) twice, K2, (3 Left crossed stitches) twice, K2.

Row 5: K1, (3 Right crossed stitches) twice, K4, (3 Left crossed stitches) twice, K1.

Row 6: P18. Rep these 6 rows throughout.

Small V-motif: (work over 12 sts)

Rows 1 (RS): (3 Right crossed stitches) twice, (3 Left crossed stitches) twice.

Row 2 and every foll even row: P12.

Rows 3: K2, 3 Right crossed stitches, K2, 3 Left crossed stitches, K2.

Row 5: K1, 3 Right crossed stitches, K4, 3 Left crossed stitches, K1.

Row 6: P12. Rep these 6 rows throughout.

TENSION

23 sts and 31 rows measure 10 cm square pat with puff with 4.50 mm (no. 7) needles.

INSTRUCTIONS

Back: with 3.00 mm (no. 11) needles cast on 100 (110) sts. Work 4 rows in tubular st and cont to work in K1, P1 for lower border, until work measures 6 cm from beg. Change to 4.50 mm (no. 7) needles and work as follows: 5 (8) sts in rev st st, 12 sts in Small V-motif, 4 (5) sts in rev st st, 12 sts, cable, 4 (5) sts in rev st st, 3 sts in broken rib, 1 st in rev st st, 18 sts in Large V-motif, 1 st in rev st st, 3 sts in broken rib, 4 (5) sts in rev st st, 12 sts, cable, 4 (5) sts in rev st st, 12 sts in Small V-motif, 5 (8) sts in rev st st. Cont to work throughout as established and, at the same time, when work measures 12 (14) cm from lower border, dec 1 st at each edge every 12th (8th) row 5 (7) times. 90 (96) sts remain. Cont to work straight until work measures 38 (41) cm from lower border. Now inc 1 st at each edge every 18th (16th) row 3 (5) times. There are 96 (106) sts. When work measures 60 (64) cm from lower border, shape raglans: cast off 2 sts at beg of next 2 rows, then dec 1 st at each edge on next and every following alternate row 8 (13) times, 2 sts at each edge every following alternate row 13 (12) times. Cast off rem 24 (28) sts.

Front: work as Back until work measures 60 (64) cm from lower border. Shape raglans: cast off 2 sts at beg of next 2 rows, then dec 1 st at each edge on next and every following alternate row 8 (13) times, 2 sts at each edge every following alternate row 7 (5) times. At the same time, when raglan measures 6 (7) from beg, on RH (right hand) side facing, cast on 8 new sts for opening border: work these 8 sts in K1, P1 rib and dec for raglan inside these 8 sts. On 7th row (RS) of opening border, for buttonhole, work K2tog, (yrn) twice and skp (= slip 1 st, knit 1 st, pass slipped stitch over) on centre 4 sts. Shape neck, casting off 14 (18) centre sts. Cont to work separately on each side, dec on neck edge of either side 1 st every alternate row 5 (6) times. At the same time, for raglans cast to dec 2 sts on side edge of either side every alternate row 6 (7) times. Only 8 sts of opening border remain: leave these sts on a stitch-holder (or safety pin).

Sleeves: with 3.00mm (no. 11) needles cast on 42 (48) sts. Work 4 rows in tubular st and cont to work in K1, P1 for cuff, until work measures 6 cm from beg. Change to 4.50 mm (no. 7) needles and work as follows: 4 (6) sts in st st, 4 (5) sts in rev st st, 3 sts in broken rib, 1 st in rev st st, 18 sts in Large V-motif, 1 st in rev st st, 3 sts in broken rib, 4 (5) sts in rev st st, 4 (6) sts in st st. Cont to work throughout as established and, at the same time, when raglan measures 6 (7) from beg, inc 1 st at each edge every 10th (8th) row 9 (12) times. Work increased sts with cable and, then, in rev st st. There are 60 (72) sts. When sleeve measures 45 (47) cm from cuff, shape raglans: cast off 2 sts at beg of next 2 rows, then dec 1 st at each edge on next and every following alternate row 21 (25) times. Cast off rem 14 (18) sts.

Collar: with yarn needle and working yarn sew raglans but sew right front raglan only below rib opening border, leaving border free. With 4.50 (n. 7) needles and RS facing pick up and rib 8 sts from stitch-holder working a buttonhole on centre 4 sts as before, pick up and K 82 (92) sts evenly all around neckedge: there are 108 (118) sts on needle. Work 33 rows in K1, P1 rib inc 1 st on each edge, inside 10 sts, every 6th row 4 times, working inc sts in rib. Work other 2 buttonholes as previous across 13th and 25th row. There are 116 (126) sts. When Collar measures approx 15 cm from beg, cast off all sts knitwise on WS (the Collar will be folded on RS).

FINISHING

Sew side and sleeve seams. Sew 4 buttons on Front raglan opening in correspondence of buttonholes.