



Ribbing dress

LANA GATTO®

Size: UK 10 - US 6 - EU 36

Skill Level: intermediate

How much yarn: 11 balls (each ball 50g and 170m) of Mini Soft yarn (100% Extrafine Merino Wool Machine Washable) shade no. 19034

Needles: A pair of 3.00mm

Hook: A 2.75mm crochet hook. knitting needles

Sewing needle: Yarn needle with rounded point

STITCHES

Using needles: tubular stitch (for beginning) K1, P1 rib.

Using hook: double crochet (dc).

TENSION

47 sts and 42 rows measure approx 10cm square over K1, P1 rib (without stretching ribs) with 3.00 mm knitting needles. Take time to check tension before starting work: it is essential to work to the stated tension to achieve success.

INSTRUCTIONS

Back: with 3.00mm needles cast on 131 sts. For small border, work 2 rows in tubular st and cont in K1, P1 rib, starting and ending with K1. When Back measures 45cm from beg, dec 1 st at each end, inside first and last st, on next and following 18th row (127 sts remain), then every following 16th row 3 times (121 sts rem). When Back measures 85cm from beg, shape armholes: cast off 2 sts at beg of next 2 rows, then work a dec row (RS) as follows: (K1, P1) 3 times, K3(=K1, P1, K1)tog (= 2 decs made), work in rib until to last 9 sts, K3(=K1, P1, K1)tog (= 2 decs made), (P1, K1) 3 times. Work 11 rows K1, P1 rib, then work a dec row as previous (109 sts rem). When armholes measures 18cm, shape shoulders: cast off 5 sts at beg of next 4 rows and 4 sts at beg of following 6 rows. Cast off for neck rem centre 65 sts.

Front: work as Back until Front measures 85cm from beg. Shape armholes as Back but, when armhole measures 2cm, at the same time shape neck by casting off centre 49 sts, join another ball of yarn and cont separately on either side, de-

creasing 2 sts on neck edge (as given for Back) inside 6 sts on next and every following 8th row 3 times then every following 10th row once. Shape shoulders as Back at the same height.

Sleeves: for each sleeve, with 3.00mm needles cast on 61 sts. For small border, work 2 rows in tubular st and cont in K1, P1 rib, starting and ending with K1. Inc 1 st at each end, inside first and last st, on next and every following 10th row 18 times: there are 97 sts. When Sleeve measures 50cm from beg, shape top: cast off 3 sts at beg of next 2 rows, then dec 2 sts (=K3tog as given for Back) at each end, inside 6 sts, on next and every alternate row 3 times, every following 4th row 13 times and every following alternate row twice. When sleeve top measures 15cm, cast off rem 19 sts.

FINISHING

Using yarn needle sew shoulder seams. Set in sleeves. Sew sleeve seams, then sew side seams, leaving 25cm open on left side, with dress worn, to create slit. With crochet hook work a round of dc around neck edge. Fasten off.

