



Openwork dress

LANA GATTO®

Size: UK 10 (14) - US 6 (10) - EU 36 (40)

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: 11 (13) balls (each ball 50g and 140m) of Feeling yarn (70% Extrafine Merino Wool, 20% Silk, 10% Cashmere) shade no. 19022

Hook: A 3.75 mm crochet hook

Sewing needle: Yarn needle with rounded point

Other items: Rope knitting mill

STITCHES

Using hook: chain (ch) - Slip stitch (ss)

Double crochet (dc) - Half treble (htr) - Treble (tr)

FANCY STITCH: (work over a multiple of 3 sts plus 2 ch)

1st row (WS of work): ch3 (corresponding to 1st treble), 1 tr into each st to end, turn. **2nd row:** (RS of work) ch3 (corresponding to 1st treble), miss 1 st, * 3 tr into next st (= shell), miss 2 sts; rep from * until to last 3 sts, work 3 tr into next st, miss following st, 1 tr into last st, turn. **3rd row:** rep 1st row. **Note:** while working, keep in mind that the treble row will always be on WS, while the tr3-shell row will always be on RS.

TENSION

19 sts and 11 rows measure 10cm square over fancy st with 3.75 mm hook. Take time to check tension before starting work: it is essential to work to the stated tension to achieve success.

INSTRUCTIONS

Right back bodice: work widthwise, starting from Back center. Ch83 (92) and work in fancy st. When work measures 8 (10)cm corresponding to 9 (11) rows, shape armhole as follows: **10th (12th) row:** 1 ss into each of first 20 (22) sts (= armhole decreased sts), cont to work in fancy st, using htr (instead of tr) for first 2 shells; at end, turn. **11th (13th) row:** work in fancy st until to last 8 sts (= armhole decreased sts), turn. **12th (14th) row:** 1 ss into each of first 4 sts (=armhole decreased sts), cont to work in fancy st to end, turn. **13th and 14th (15th and 16th) rows:** work in fancy st decreasing 2 sts every row on right side: 47(54) sts remain. When work measures 15 (17) cm from beg, corresponding to 17 (19) rows, fasten off.

Left back bodice: work as Right Back Bodice, in mirrored shape.

Back skirt: work on lower edge of Left and Right Back bodice parts. Before starting work, join two Back bodice parts with a chain as follows: join yarn with a ss to lower left corner of Right Back, ch 7 (10), 1 ss into lower right corner of Left Back. Fasten off. Now work along Back lower edge. Work 29(32) tr on Right Back edge, 7 (10) tr on new chains, 29 (32) tr on Left Back edge: there are 65 (74) sts. Cont to work in fancy st, inc 1 st at each end on next and every alternate row 5(7) times and 1 st at each end every row 8 (6) times: there are 91 (100) sts. When

Skirt measures 23(26)cm, corresponding to 25 (29) rows, dec 1 st at each end on next and every following 8th row 3 times. When Skirt measures 45 (50)cm, corresponding to 50 (55) rows, fasten off. There are 85 (94) sts.

Front bodice: ch65 (74) and work in fancy st, inc 1 st at each end on 3rd and every following alternate row 10 times: there are 85 (94) sts. When work measures 25 (28)cm from beg, corresponding to 26 (31) rows, shape armholes: omit 5 sts at each end once, then dec 1 st at each end every row 4 times: 67 (76) sts remain. When work measures 38 (43) from beg, corresponding to 42 (47) rows, shape neck: leave unworked the centre 29 (32) sts, join another ball of yarn and continue separately on either side, dec 1 st at neck edge on alternate row once: 18(21) sts remain on each shoulder. When work measures 43,5 (48,5)cm from beg, corresponding to 46 (51) rows, fasten off.

Front skirt: with RS facing, work 65 (74) dc on opposite side of Front Bodice foundation chains and work as given for Back Skirt.

Sleeves: for each Sleeve, ch41 (50) and work in fancy st, inc 1 st at each end on 5th and every following 5th row 9 times: there are 59 (68) sts. When work measures 45 (49) cm from beg, corresponding to 50 (54) rows, shape top: leave unworked first and last 5 sts and, AT THE SAME TIME, at each end dec 1 st every row 13(16) times, then dec 2 sts every row 3 times: 11 (14) sts remain. When work measures 60 (66)cm from beg, corresponding to 66 (73) rows, fasten off.

Cord: with working yarn and rope knitting mill make a cord approx 260cm long.

FINISHING

Sew shoulder seams (the front shoulder stitches correspond to the sides of the back rows, so they may have slightly different measurements, to be "evened out" during sewing, to make the difference invisible). Set in sleeves. Sew sleeve and side seams. Insert Cord, crossing it between the shells on 2nd row of either Back part, starting from lower edge up to desired height: approx 25(28)cm.

