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Skirt and top

LANA GATTO®

Size: UK 8/10 - US 4/6 - EU 34/36

Skill Level: intermediate

How much yarn: 4 balls (each ball 100g and 250m) of **Kenya** yarn (36% Cotton, 36% Flax, 28% Viscose) shade no. 31024

Hook: A 3.75 mm crochet hook. A 5.00 mm crochet hook

Sewing needle: Yarn needle with rounded point

Other items: Two small snaps. Stitch-markers

STITCHES

Using Hook: chain (ch) – Slip stitch (ss)

Double crochet (dc) – Half treble (htr)

PRAWN STITCH: this stitch is dc worked from left to right. Start at the left-hand end of the row you are working, insert the hook in the first st to the right and complete a dc stitch. Repeat in the next st to the right and continue to the end of the row.

TENSION

19 sts and 17 rounds or rows measure 10cm square over half treble patt with 3.75 mm crochet hook. Take time to check tension before starting work: it is essential to work to the stated tension to achieve success.

INSTRUCTIONS SKIRT

Note: work in one piece. With 3.75mm hook ch154 and join in round with a ss into first ch. Place 1 stitch-marker (SM) to indicate round beg, corresponding to center of Back, then work **6 rounds** of htr in spiral way, working the rounds continuously but without joining each round with a slip stitch, as the round continuing into the next round. Place 1 SM into first dc of each round to indicate beginning. Then work **7th round** as follows: 39 htr (corresponding to Left Back Part), place 1 SM into last st worked (side), work 77 htr (Front), place 1 SM into last st worked (other side), work 38 htr (corresponding to Right Back Part). To shape sides, on **8th round** inc 1 stitch (= work 2 htr into same st) into both side sts marked by 1 SM (there are 156 sts). Rep these 2 incs above previous on 10th, 15th, 18th, 21st, 23rd and 25th rounds. There are 168 sts.

Work **15 more rounds** straight (40 rounds have been worked from beg), then on **41st round** dec 1 stitch (= tog 2 htr) on both sides above previous incs. Rep these 2 decs above previous on 43rd, 45th, 47th and 49th rounds. AT THE SAME TIME, across **46th round** working dec 1 st at Back center (= work Right Part last htr and Left Part first htr closed together). From **next row** continue to work in forth-and-back rows for opening, decreasing 1 st only on RH (right hand) opening side on next and every alternate row 4 times: 153 sts remain. When 12 rows have been worked from Back opening beg, fasten off. Starting at Back opening bottom, work 3 rows dc for a small border along LH (left hand) opening side, and work a row of prawn st. Work a row of dc all round waist-edge, then work a row of prawn st along RH opening side. Sew snaps at beg and at end of Back opening. Work a round of dc all around lower edge.

Laces: (make 2) for each lace, with 2 strands of yarn and 5.00mm hook, work a chain approx 70cm long. Make a knot with tassel at each end. Starting from opening and ending at Front center, insert laces between the stitches of fourth from last htr row of Skirt.

INSTRUCTIONS TOP

Back: with 3.75mm hook ch74 and, starting from 4rd ch from hook, work 72 half trebles for 1st row. Cont to work in half treble patt. When work measures 22 cm, shape armholes omitting 3 sts at end of next 2 rows, then for raglans dec 2 sts at each end on alternate row once and 2 sts every row 10 times. When 15 rows have been worked from armhole, 22 htr remain. Fasten off.

Front: work as Back. Sew side seams. Work a round of dc all around top. Fasten off.

Shoulder straps: (make 2) for each strap cut 3 threads approx 22cm long, keep them together and work a row of dc around them. Make a knot at each end. Sew shoulder straps at upper edge sides of Back and Front, as shown in picture.

