



Size: UK 10/12 (14/16) - US 6/8 (10/12) - EU 36/38 (40/42)

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: 18 (19) balls (each ball 50g and 83m) of **Nuovo Irlanda** yarn (100% Pure Merino Wool Machine Washable) shade no. 13701

Needles: A pair of 5.00mm knitting needles

A Dp (double-pointed) needle

Sewing needle: Yarn needle with rounded point

Other items: Stitch-markers

STITCHES

Using needles: K1, P1 rib - K2, P2 rib - Garter stitch (g st) STOCKING STITCH (ST ST): 1 row K, 1 row P.

REVERSE STOCKING STITCH (REV ST ST): 1 row P, 1 row K.

KNIT INCREASE: MIK = pick up horizontal yarn between last st and next st and knit into the back of it (K1 increased). PURL INCREASE: MIP = pick up horizontal yarn between last st and next st and purl into the back of it (P1 increased). 6 RIGHT CROSSED STITCHES: 6-st RC = slip next 3 sts to Dp needle and hold to back, K next 3 sts, K3 from Dp needle. 6 LEFT CROSSED STITCHES: 6-st LC = slip next 3 sts to Dp needle and hold to front, K next 3 sts, K3 from Dp needle.

TENSION

(after work has been steamed and with closed cables) approx 23 sts and 23,5 rows measure 10cm square over cable motifs with 5.00 mm circular needle. Take time to check tension before starting work: it is essential to work to the stated tension to achieve success.

INSTRUCTIONS

Poncho is worked in one piece. with 5mm circular needle cast on 150 sts. Work in forth-and-back rows. **Row 1 (RS):** K2, * P1, K1; rep from * to last 3 sts: P1, K2. Cont in K1, P1 rib with 2 sts in g st at each end for 3 rows more (= 2cm). Set up the work as follows: **Row 1 (RS):** K2, P1, (Right Cable Motif: K3, P2, K6, P2) 5 times, K3, P2, pm (= place a stitch-marker), K4, pm, P2, (Left Cable Motif: K3, P2, K6, P2) 5 times, K3, P1, K2. **Row 2:** K3, P3, (K2, P6, K2, P3) 5 times, K2, pm, P4, pm, K2, P3, (K2, P6, K2, P3) 5 times, K3. Rep these 2 rows, crossing Cable Motif 6 K sts on 5th row and every following 8th row as follows: right Cable Motif: K3, P2, 6 Right Crossed sts, P2; Left Cable Motif: K3, P2, 6 Left Crossed sts, P2. AT THE SAME TIME, inc at either side of centre 4 sts (in correspondence to pm) as follows: **1st inc row (RS):** work to marker, MIK or MIP (according to the setting of motif rep), sm (= slip marker), K4, sm, MIK or MIP, work to end (2 sts increased). **2nd row:** work even, i.e. first and last 2 sts in garter st, P centre 4 sts for st st and rem sts as they appear. **3rd inc row:** work to marker, MIK or MIP, sm, K4, sm, MIK or MIP, work to end (2 sts increased). **4th inc row:** work to marker, MIK or MIP, sm, P4, sm, MIK or MIP, work to end (2 sts increased). Rep last

4 rows 20 (25) times more, working increased sts according to motif rep. There are 276 (306) sts.

SMALLER SIZE ONLY - Next inc row (RS): work to marker, MIK or MIP, sm, K4, sm, MIK or MIP, work to end (2 sts increased). **Next row:** work even, i.e. first and last 2 sts in garter st, P centre 4 sts for st st and rem sts as they appear. **Next inc row:** work to marker, MIK or MIP, sm, K4, sm, MIK or MIP, work to end (2 sts increased). There are 280 sts.

LARGER SIZE ONLY - Next row (RS): work even, i.e. first and last 2 sts in garter st, centre 4 sts in st st and rem sts as they appear. There are 280 (306) sts. Cont to work for all sizes. **NECK OPENING - Next row (WS):** work even to marker, sm, P2 (first half worked), join a second ball of yarn and P2, sm, work to end (second half worked). Cont to work even on 140 (153) sts each side for a total of 25cm from beg of opening, ending with a WS row. Rejoin Halves. There are 280 (306) sts. Now work the center decs. **Note:** center decs are worked with first and last st of center 4 sts. Adjust marker placement as necessary to keep center 4 sts marked. **1st dec row (RS):** work to 1 st before 3 marked sts, K2tog, K2, SKIP (slip 1 st, knit 1 st, pass slipped st over K1), work to end (2 sts decreased).

2nd row: work even, i.e. first and last 2 sts in garter st, P centre 4 sts for st st and rem sts as they appear. **3rd dec row:** work to 1 st before 4 marked sts, K2tog, K2, SKIP, work to end (2 sts decreased).

4th dec row (WS): work to 1 st before 4 marked sts, P2tog tbl, P2, P2tog, work to end (2 sts decreased). Rep last 4 rows 20 (25) times more, then rep 1st dec row, 2nd row and 3rd dec row once (0 times) more and work 1 (0) row even on WS. There are 150 sts whose whose 73 sts and 5 cable reps on EACH side of center 4 sts. **Next row (RS):** K2, * P1, K1; rep from * to last 3 sts: P1, K2. Cont in K1, P1 rib with 2 sts in g st at each end for 3 rows more. Cast off in rib.

Collar: with right side facing, pick up and K 102 sts evenly around neck opening. Join work in round and place marker for beg of round. Work 6 rounds in K1, P1 rib; 44 rounds in K2, P2 rib e 6 rounds in K1, P1 rib. Cast off loosely in rib.

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