



Size: UK 10 – US 6 – EU 36

Skill Level: intermediate

How much yarn: 6 balls (each ball 50g and 135m) of **Maracuja** yarn (60% Cotton, 25% Viscose, 8% Metallized Fiber, 7% Nylon) shade no. 31244

Needles: A pair of 4.50mm knitting needles

Two other spare needles

Hook: A 3.00mm crochet hook

Sewing needle: Yarn needle with rounded point

STITCHES

Using needles: GARTER STITCH (G ST): all rows.

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

Using hook: chain (ch) – Double crochet (dc)

TENSION

21 sts and 30 rows worked in stocking st with 4.50mm needles measure 10cm square. Take time to check tension before starting work: it is essential to work to the stated tension to achieve success.

INSTRUCTIONS

Back: with 4.50mm knitting needles and a scrap yarn in contrasting colour cast on 90 sts, then work with Maracuja yarn in stocking st. Dec 1 st at each end, inside first and last 2 sts, on 97th row (= 32cm), and every following 4th row 5 more times: 78 sts remain. Then inc 1 st at each end, inside first and last 2 sts, on 147th row (= 48cm), and every following 10th row 3 more times: there are 86 sts. When work measures 62cm from beg and 186 rows have been worked, shape armholes: cast off 4 sts at beg of next 2 rows, then dec 1 st at each end, inside first and last 2 sts, every foll alternate row 14 times. When armhole measures 10cm and 30 rows have been worked, leave rem 50 sts on a spare needle.

Front: with 4.50mm knitting needles and a scrap yarn in contrasting colour cast on 82 sts, then work with Maracuja yarn in stocking st. When work measures 20cm and 60 rows have been worked, cast on 4 new sts at end of next 2 rows for side slits: there are 90 sts. Cont to work Front as Back until to end.

Slit borders: with 4.50mm knitting needles pick up 45 sts across each slit and work 4 rows in garter st. Then cast off.

Armhole borders: with 4.50mm knitting needles pick up 28 sts across each armhole and work 2 rows in garter st. Then cast off.

Shoulder straps: with 3.00mm crochet hook ch60 and work all around a round of dc. Fasten off.

Neck border: with 4.50mm knitting needles pick up 52 sts across Front and Back neckline (i.e. 50 sts from Front spare needle plus armhole borders and 50 sts from Back spare needle plus armhole borders) and work 4 rows in garter st. Then cast off.

Lower borders: unravel cast-on row in contrasting colour on Front and Back and with 4.50mm knitting needles pick up 98 sts (including Borders) on Back and 90 sts (including Borders) on Front: work 4 rows in garter st. Then cast off.

FINISHING

Sew side seams, overlapping Front slit borders on Back slit borders. Sew the shoulder straps at the sides of Front-and-Back neckline.

