



# Shiny Top



Size: UK 8 (10-12) - US 4 (6-8) - EU 34 (36-38) Note: figures in brackets ( ) refer to two larger sizes. Where only one figure is given this

refers to all sizes. **Skill Level:** easy

**How much yarn:** 4 (5-6) balls (each ball 25g and 195m) of Paillettes yarn (100% Polyester) shade no. 8601

**Needles:** a pair of 3.25mm knitting needles

**Hook:** a 3.00mm crochet hook

Sewing needle: Yarn needle with rounded point

### **STITCHES**

**Using needle:** K1, P1 rib - Stocking stitch (st st) **Using crochet hook:** chain (ch) - Slip stitch (sl st)

DOUBLE CHAIN: ch2. Insert hook in the leftmost loop of the 2nd ch from hook. Yarn over, pull a loop through that same leftmost loop: there are 2 loops on the hook. Yarn over once again. Pull through both loops on the hook, completing one double chain stitch. \* Insert hook under the leftmost loop of previous stitch. Yarn over. Draw up a loop: there are 2 loops on the hook. Yarn over and pull through both loops on the hook, completing the double chain stitch. Rep from \* to end.

## **TENSION**

32 stitches and 40 rows measure 10cm square over stocking stitch using 3.25mm needles. Take time to check tension before starting work: it is es-

sential to work to the stated tension to achieve success.

### **INSTRUCTIONS**

**Back:** with 3.25mm needles cast on 108 (116-124) sts. For border work 0.5cm in K1, P1 rib. Cont to work in stocking st. When Back measures 22 (24-26)cm from beg, work 1cm in K1, P1 rib. Then cast off.

**Front:** with 3.25mm needles cast on 108 (116-122) sts. For border work 0.5cm in K1, P1 rib. Cont to work in stocking st. When Front measures 23 (25-27)cm from beg, shape armholes by casting off 4 sts at beg of next 2 rows. At the same time, divide work in half. Join another ball of yarn and cont separately on either side. On RS rows of both Front parts, dec 1 st at each end (for armhole on outer edge, for neck shaping on inner edge), inside first and last 2 sts, 24 (26-28) times, until 2 sts remain at upper point of each Front cup. When armhole (or neck-shaping) measures 12 (13-14)cm, K2tog, cut working yarn and pull out the last loop to form a little knot.

## **FINISHING**

Sew side seams. **Shoulder straps:** (make 2) for each strap, using hook join yarn to point of a Front cup with a ss and work a double chain 30cm long (or as long as desired). Then join this double chain with a ss below Back border, approx 9 (10-10)cm from side edge.