



Size: UK 10 (12) - US 6 (8) - EU 36 (38)

Skill Level: advanced

Note: figures in brackets () refer to larger size. Where only one figure is given this refers to both sizes.

How much yarn: 4 (5) balls (each ball 50g and 170m) of Malta yarn (55% Cotton, 35% Silk, 10% Viscose), shade no. 30724

Needles: A 4.00mm circular needle with 80cm and 40cm cables

Hook: A 2.75mm crochet hook

Sewing needle: Yarn needle with rounded point

Other items: 4 stitch-marker. 2 stitch-holders. A safety pin

STITCHES

Needles: STRAIGHT GARTER STITCH (G ST): all rows K. CIRCULAR GARTER ST: 1 round K and 1 round P throughout. STRAIGHT STOCKING STITCH (ST ST): 1 row K (RS), 1 row P (WS); circular stocking stitch: all rows K (RS).

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

TENSION

16 sts and 24 rows or rounds measure 10cm square over st st with 4.00 mm needles.

Take time to check tension before starting work: it is essential to work to the stated tension to achieve success.

INSTRUCTIONS

Work in one piece, starting from neckline and working top down with circular needles in forth-and-back rows for Yoke, Back and Front and in rounds for Sleeves.

Neck-border: using a circular needle with 40cm cable cast on 43 (49) sts and, for border, work 2 rows in garter st, corresponding to 0.5cm.

Yoke: cont to work as follows: **1st row:** 3 sts in g st (front opening border), M1 (make one st = with tip of needle, lift strand between last st knit and next st on left-hand needle and knit into back of it to increase one stitch), K1 (raglan line) and put a stitch-marker on this st (=PM), M1, K7(9) (for sleeve), M1, K1 (raglan line) and PM, M1, K19 (21) (for Back), M1, K1 (raglan line) and PM, M1, K7(9) (for other sleeve), M1, K1 (raglan line) and PM, M1, 3 sts in g st (front opening border). **Note:** when the sts are really many, change to 4.00mm circular needle with 80cm cable. Cont to work first and last 3 sts in garter st for neck border and rem central sts in st st,

inc 1 st every alternate row 9 (10) times at either side of each PM st for raglans and, at the same time, inside the each 3 g st opening border. Then inc only 1 st at either side of each PM st for raglans every alternate row 18 (21) times. When work measures 23.5cm (26.5cm) from beg (measured in the middle of Back) corresponding to 56 (62) rows from neck border, divide Fronts and Back from Sleeves, removing gradually the stitch-markers and working in forth-and-back rows with 4.00mm circular needle with 80cm cable.

Back and Fronts: 3 sts in g st for opening border, work 38 (42) sts in stocking st for Left Front, place next 63 (71) sts on a stitch-holder for Left Sleeve, work next 77 (85) sts in stocking st for Back, place next 63 (71) sts on another stitch-holder for Right Sleeve, work 38 (42) sts in stocking st for Right Front and 3 sts in g st for opening border. When work measures 42.5cm (49.5cm) from beg (measured in the middle of Back) corresponding to 102 (118) rows from neck border, work 8 rows in garter st, corresponding to 2.5cm, for lower border. Cast off evenly all sts.

Left Sleeve: using a circular needle with 40cm cable work 63 (71) sts from first stitch-holder, join sts in the round and place a stitch-marker to mark the beginning of the rounds. Work in circular st st decreasing 1 st, at beg and at end of every round, inside 1 st on 3rd (5th) and on 9th (11th) rounds (SKIP for dec on LH side = slip 1 st, knit 1 st, pass slipped st over K1; and K2tog for dec on RH side). When Sleeve measures 4 (6.5)cm from stitch-holder beg, corresponding to 10 (16) rounds, work 8 rows in garter st, corresponding to 2.5cm, for lower border. Cast off evenly all sts.

Right Sleeve: work as Left Sleeve working sts from other stitch-holder.

Cord: with 2.75mm hook make a chain strip approx 50 (60)cm long, turn and work 1 slip stitch in each ch to end. Fasten off.

FINISHING

Overlap the 3 g st border of Right Front to 3 g st border of Left Front and sew a hidden seam, joining the two Fronts at 3 central g st sides, to create a vertical casing in the middle. Sew a cord end to Front neck base and, with a safety pin, insert cord into casing and let it come out at bottom, to adjust the central gathering.