



Size this garment fits from size: UK 10 – US 6 – EU 36
to size UK 14 – US 10 – EU 40

Skill Level: easy

How much yarn: 5 balls (each ball 50g and 225m) of Merengue yarn (63% Wool, 20% Polyamide, 17% Alpaca), shade no. 30867

Needles: A pair of 4.00 mm knitting needles

A pair of 6.00 mm knitting needles

A 6.00 mm additional knitting needle

Sewing needle: Yarn needle with rounded point

Other items: Two stitch-holders

STITCHES

Using needles: K1, P1 rib – STOCKING STITCH (ST ST):
1 row K, 1 row P.

TENSION (after work has been steamed)

12 sts and 20 rows measure 10cm square over st st with 6.00 mm knitting needles. Take time to check tension before starting work: it is essential to work to the stated tensions to achieve success.

INSTRUCTIONS

Back: with 4.00 mm needles cast on 72 sts and, for lower border, work 12 rows K1, P1 corresponding to 4cm; then change to 6.00 mm needles and work in st st, increasing 1 st at each end, inside 3 sts, on next and every following alternate row 8 times: there are 88 sts. For increasing 1 stitch, pick up horizontal yarn between last st worked and next st and knit into the back of it (= M1). When Back measures 62cm from beg, corresponding to 116 rows from border, stop working and leave all sts on additional needle.

Front: with 4.00 mm needles cast on 72 sts and, for lower border, work 12 rows K1, P1 corresponding to 4cm; then change to 6.00 mm needles and work in st st, increasing 1 st at each end, inside 3 sts, on next and every following alternate row 8 times: there are 88 sts. When Front measures 46cm from beg, corresponding to 84 rows from border, shape

V-neck: divide work in half and continue separately on either part, decreasing at neck side 1 st every row twice, then every alternate row 15 times. When Front measures 62cm from beg, corresponding to 116 rows from border, place on a stitch-holder the rem 27 sts for each shoulder.

Sleeves: with 4.00 mm needles cast on 21 sts and, for cuff, work 12 rows K1, P1 corresponding to 4cm; then change to 6.00 mm needles and work in st st, increasing stitches as follows: **1st row:** * K1, M1 (pick up horizontal yarn between last st worked and next st and knit into the back of it = 1 st increased), rep from * ending with K1. There are 41 sts. **2nd row:** purl all sts. **3rd row:** K2, * K2, M1; rep from * 17 more times, K3. There are 59 sts. Cont to work in stocking stitch. When Sleeve measures 40cm from beg, corresponding to 80 rows from border, cast off all sts.

FINISHING

Join right sleeve as follows: place onto a 6.00 mm needle first 27 sts of Back and onto other 6.00 mm needle of pair the right shoulder 27 sts of Front, with right sides facing, and with 6.00 mm additional needle, K2 tog (1 st from front needle and 1 st from back needle), * K2 tog in the same manner (there are 2 sts on right needle), with left needle pass 1st st on right needle over 2nd st and off right needle; rep from * to end. Do not fasten off, cast off the next neck-edge 27 sts of Back, then join left shoulder as given for right shoulder.

Neck border: with 6.00 mm needles pick up 75 sts around neck-edge, starting and ending at Front centre (V lower point) and work 8 rows K1, P1, corresponding to 3cm, beg and end with K1. Cast off knit-wise. Sew border side seam at Front centre, taking a half st every time at on side and, in correspondence, another half st on opposite side, in order to have a knit column at border V centre.

Set in sleeves. Sew side and sleeve seams.

Note: wash garment carefully at low temperatures, with a very little fabric softener. Lay the garment to dry on a flat surface, without ever hanging it.