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## Sizes

Woman's size Small (Medium, Large, XLarge)

## Finished Measurements

Bust: $92(100,108,116) \mathrm{cm} / 36(391 / 2,421 / 2,451 / 2)$ in
Length: $46(49,52,55) \mathrm{cm} / 18\left(191 / 2,201 / 2,21 \frac{1}{2}\right)$ in

## Materials

$200(200,300,300)$ g of Knitting Fever's Painted Desert shade \#20
One pair each sizes 3.5 and 4 mm (US 4 and 6)
One circular needle size 3.5 mm (US 4)
1 button (approx. $2.5 \mathrm{~cm} / 1 \mathrm{in}$ )

## Gauge

19 sts and 44 rows $=4$ in over Garter Stitch, using larger needles. Take time to check gauge, changing needle size if necessary.

## Stitches Used

Garter Stitch (knit every row)

## INSTRUCTIONS

## BACK

With 4 mm needles, cast on $84(92,100,108)$ sts and work in Garter st for $5 \mathrm{~cm} / 2 \mathrm{in}$.

## Side shaping

Inc row (RS): Work 1 st, M1 (insert LH needle into horizontal strand between last st worked and next st on needle, $k$ through back lp of this strand), cont in pat to last st, M1, work 1 st.
Rep Inc row every $10 \mathrm{~cm} / 4$ in once more $=88(96,104$, 112) sts.

Work even until piece measures $27(29,31,33) \mathrm{cm} /$ $10 \frac{1}{2}\left(11 \frac{1}{2}, 12 \frac{1}{4}, 13\right)$ in from beg, end with a WS row.

## Armhole shaping

Bind off $4(5,6,7)$ sts at beg of next 2 rows, $3(4,5,6)$ sts at beg of next 2 rows. Dec 1 st each side on next row, then every other row 6 times more $=60(64,68,72)$ sts. Work even until piece measures $44(47,50,53) \mathrm{cm} /$ $171 / 2(181 / 2,191 / 2,21)$ in from beg, end with a WS row.

## Neck shaping

Next row (RS): K $21(23,25,27)$ sts, place center 18 sts on a st holder, join 2nd ball of yarn and $k$ to end. Working both sides at once, bind off from each neck edge 4 sts once, 3 sts once and 2 sts once.
When piece measures $46(49,52,55) \mathrm{cm} / 18(191 / 2,201 / 2$, $211 / 2)$ in from beg, bind off rem $12(14,16,18)$ sts each side for shoulders.

## LEFT FRONT LOWER PIECE

With 4 mm needles, cast on $88(96,104,108)$ sts and work in garter st for 4 rows.
Center Dec row: K41 (45, 49, 51), k2tog, place marker, k2 (= center 2 sts), SKP (sl 1, k1, pass slip st over k1), k to end.
*Knit 1 row.
Next Dec row: K to 2 sts before marker, k2tog, slip marker, k2, SKP, $k$ to end.
Knit 3 rows.
Next Dec row: K to 2 sts before marker, k2tog, slip marker, k2, SKP, k to end.
Repfrom*(6rows) until thereare6stsonneedle. Bind off.

## LEFT FRONT UPPER PIECE

With 4 mm needles, along one side of the lower piece, pick up $44(48,52,56)$ sts and work in garter st for $4 \mathrm{~cm} /$ $11 / 2 \mathrm{in}$.

## Armhole and neck shaping

Next row (RS): Bind off $4(5,6,7)$ sts (armhole dec), k to last 3 sts, k2tog (neck dec), k1.
Cont to bind off from armhole edge $3(4,5,6)$ sts once and dec 1 st every 2 nd row 7 times, AT THE SAME TIME, dec 1 st at neck edge as established every 4th row 17 times more.
When piece measures $46(49,52,55) \mathrm{cm} / 18(191 / 2,201 / 2$, $21 \frac{1}{2}$ )in from lower edge, bind off rem $12(14,16,18)$ sts for shoulder.

## RIGHT FRONT LOWER PIECE

Work same as left front lower piece.

## RIGHT FRONT UPPER PIECE

Work same as left front upper piece for $4 \mathrm{~cm} / 11 / 2 \mathrm{in}$.

## Armhole and neck shaping

Next row (WS): Bind off $4(5,6,7)$ sts (armhole dec), $k$ to end.
Next row (RS): k1, SKP (neck dec), k1.
Cont to bind off from armhole edge $3(4,5,6)$ sts once and dec 1 st every 2 nd row 7 times, AT THE SAME TIME, dec 1 st at neck edge as established every 4th row 17 times more.
When piece measures $46(49,52,55) \mathrm{cm} / 18(191 / 2,201 / 2$,
$21 \frac{1}{2}$ )in from lower edge, bind off rem $12(14,16,18)$ sts for shoulder.

## FINISHING

Block pieces to measurements. Sew shoulder and side seams. With RS facing and smaller needles, beg at lower edge of right front, pick up $98(103,108,113)$ sts along right front edge, 34 sts along back neck and 60 $(64,68,72)$ sts along left front $=230(240,250,260)$ sts. Place a marker on right front at $1 \mathrm{~cm} / 1 / 4$ in above first neck dec. Work in Garter st for 1 row. K next row,

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| Abbreviations |  |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| beg beginning | rem | remain(ing) |
| cont continue | SKP | slip 1 stitch knitwise, |
| dec decrease |  | k1, pass slipped st |
| inc increase(ing) |  | over k1 |
| k | knit | st(s) |
| stitch (es) |  |  |
| pat pattern | WS | wrong side |


binding off 3 sts at marker for buttonhole. On next row, cast on 3 sts over bound-off sts. Cont in Garter st for 2 rows more. Bind off sts loosely.
With RS facing and circular needle, pick up 80 ( 84,92 , 96) sts evenly along each armhole edge. Join and [knit 1 rnd, purl 1 rnd] 2 times. Bind off sts loosely.
Sew on button. $\mathbb{C}$

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Direction
of work

