

RIGHT FRONT

Using 2 1/4mm (US 1) needles cast on 34 [42: 50: 58: 68] sts.

Row 1 (RS): K2, *P1, K1, rep from * to end.

Row 2: *P1, K1, rep from * to end.

These 2 rows form rib.

Work in rib for a further 10 [10: 20: 20: 20] rows, ending with RS facing for next row.

Next row (RS): Rib to last 6 sts, K2tog, rib 4.

Working all side seam decreases as set by last row, dec 1 st at end of 6th [6th: 8th: 8th: 8th] and

2 [3: 0: 0: 0] foll 6th [4th: -: -: -] rows. 30 [37: 48: 56: 66] sts.

Work 1 row, dec 0 [1: 0: 0: 0] st at centre of row and ending with RS facing for next row. 30 [36: 48: 56: 66] sts.

Change to 3mm (US 2/3) needles.

Next row (RS): Knit.

Next row: P to last st, K1.

These 2 rows set the sts – front opening edge st worked as a K st on every row with all other sts in st st.

Keeping sts correct as now set, cont as folls:

Work 0 [0: 4: 4: 4] rows, ending with RS facing for next row.

Next row (RS): K to last 6 sts, K2tog, K4.

Working all side seam decreases as set by last row, dec 1 [-: 1: 1: 1] st at end of 4th [-: 8th: 8th: 8th] and

0 [-: 2: 2: 2] foll – [-: 8th: 8th: 8th] rows. 28 [35: 44: 52: 62] sts.

Work 13 rows, ending with RS facing for next row.

Next row (RS): K to last 5 sts, M1, K5.

Working all side seam increases as set by last row, complete to match left front, including the centre front crochet panel.

SLEEVES

Using 2 1/4mm (US 1) needles cast on 51 [53: 57: 57: 59] sts.

Work in rib as given for back for 32 rows, ending with RS facing for next row.

Change to 3mm (US 2/3) needles.

Beg with a K row, now work in st st, shaping sides by inc 1 st at each end of 3rd and every foll 4th row to

73 [77: 77: 89: 97] sts, then on every foll 6th row until there are 95 [99: 103: 107: 111] sts.

Cont straight until sleeve meas 44 [45: 46: 46: 46] cm, ending with RS facing for next row.

Shape top

Cast off 5 [6: 7: 8: 9] sts at beg of next 2 rows. 85 [87: 89: 91: 93] sts.

Dec 1 st at each end of next 3 rows, then on foll alt row, then on 5 foll 4th rows. 67 [69: 71: 73: 75] sts.

Work 1 row.

Dec 1 st at each end of next and every foll alt row until 57 sts rem, then on foll 9 rows, ending with RS facing for next row. 39 sts.

Cast off 5 sts at beg of next 4 rows.

Cast off rem 19 sts.

MAKING UP

Press as described on the information page.

Join shoulder seams, insert sleeves and join side and sleeve seams using mattress stitch.

Neck and front opening edging

With RS facing and using 2.50mm (US B1/C2) crochet hook, attach yarn to cast-on edge of right front, 1 ch (does NOT count as st), work 99 [99: 114: 114: 114] dc evenly up right front opening edge to right shoulder seam, work 55 dc evenly around back neck to left shoulder seam, then work 99 [99: 114: 114: 114] dc evenly down left front opening edge to cast-on edge. 253 [253: 283: 283: 283] dc.

Fasten off.

Join motif strips to right front

With RS facing and using 2.50mm (US B1/C2) crochet hook, attach yarn to first dc at lower edge of right front, 1 ch, ss to corner ch sp of first motif strip, *1 dc into each of next 5 dc on right front, ss to next picot on motif strip; rep from * until all 15 [15: 18: 18: 18] picots up long edge of motif strip have been joined to right front, 1 dc into each of next 5 dc on right front, ss into last corner ch sp at top of motif strip. Fasten off.

Join motif strip to left front

With RS facing and using 2.50mm (US B1/C2) crochet hook, attach yarn to 18th dc from left shoulder seam, 1 ch, ss to corner ch sp of second motif strip, *1 dc into each of next 5 dc on left front, ss to next picot on motif strip; rep from * until all 15 [15: 18: 18: 18] picots down long edge of motif strip have been joined to left front, 1 dc into each of last 6 dc on left front, ss into last corner ch sp at end of motif strip.

Fasten off.

Buttonhole/button edging and neck edging

With RS facing and using 2.50mm (US B1/C2) crochet hook, attach yarn to corner ch loop of motif strip at lower edge of right front, 1 ch (does NOT count as st), 1 dc into this corner ch loop, work up right front opening edge of motif strip as folls: (5 ch, 1 dc into next picot) 15 [15: 18: 18: 18] times, 5 ch, 1 dc into last corner ch loop of motif strip (this is at top of front neck edge of motif strip), work across top of motif strip as folls: (5 ch, 1 dc into next picot) 3 times, 5 ch, 1 dc into (attached) corner ch loop, work 1 dc in each of next 89 dc around neck edge to top of left front motif strip, 1 dc into first (attached) corner ch loop, work across top of motif strip as folls: (5 ch, 1 dc into next picot) 3 times, 5 ch, 1 dc into corner ch loop at left front neck edge of motif strip, work down left front opening edge of motif strip as folls: (5 ch, 1 dc into picot) 15 [15: 18: 18: 18] times, 5 ch, 1 dc into corner ch loop at lower edge of motif strip, turn.

Next row (WS): 1 ch (does NOT count as st), 1 dc into dc at base of 1 ch, (5 dc into next ch sp, 1 dc into next dc) 20 [20: 23: 23: 23] times – last dc will have been worked into dc where motif strip joins side panel, 1 dc into each dc around neck edge, 1 dc into dc where motif strip joins left front side panel, (5 dc into next ch sp, 1 dc into next dc) 20 [20: 23: 23: 23] times – last dc will have been worked into dc at base of left front opening edge, turn.

Next row: 1 ch (does NOT count as st), 1 dc into dc at base of 1 ch, (1 dc into each of next 6 dc, 5 ch, ss to dc at base of 5 ch) 0 [0: 1: 1: 1] times, *1 dc into each of next 5 dc, (2 tr, 3 ch and 2 tr) into next dc (to make a buttonhole), 1 dc into each of next 6 dc, 5 ch, ss to dc at base of 5 ch; rep from * 7 [7: 8: 8: 8] times more – 8 [8: 9: 9: 9] buttonholes made and ss at end of last rep has been worked into dc at top of right front opening edge, **1 dc into each of next 6 dc**, 5 ch, ss to dc at base of 5 ch, rep from ** to end, ending last rep at ***.

Fasten off.

See information page for finishing instructions.