



Size: UK 10 (12/14) - US 6 (8/10) - EU 36 (38/40)

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

How much yarn: 18 (20) balls (each ball 50g and 90m) of Cupcake yarn (44% Cotton, 28% Silk, 20% Linen, 8% Viscose) shade no. 9591

Needles: A pair of 4.00mm needles
A 4.00mm spare needle

Sewing needle: Yarn needle with rounded point

Other items: a bit of scrap yarn in contrasting colour; 2 large buttons and 1 small button; shoulder pads; 20cm long zip-fastener in the same colour; elastic band 5cm height as long as needed

STITCHES

Using needle: stocking stitch (st st).

TENSION

23 sts and 38 rows measure 10cm square over stocking st with 4.00mm knitting needles.

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

INSTRUCTIONS SKIRT

Front: with a scrap yarn in contrasting colour (that will be unravelled) cast on 106 (114) sts. Cut this yarn leaving a short end and continue to work using main yarn. For border, work 5cm in stocking st, 1 row P on RS of work (to create folding ridge for hem) and other 5cm in st st. Leave sts on needle. Unravel scrap yarn in contrasting colour and place sts on a spare needle. Fold border at ridge on WS and join sts together as follows: **Next row (RS):** with the two needles (working needle on frontside and spare needle on backside) held parallel, * insert other working needle into the first st of each of the two parallel needles and K these 2 sts tog; rep from * across the row until all sts are joined on needle. Work next row P and continue to work in st st. When work measures 32 (34)cm from beg (i.e. folding ridge for hem border) dec 1 st at each end, inside first and last st, on next and following 8th row, then every next 6th row 9 more times: 84 (92) sts remain. When work measures 20 (21)cm from dec beg, work "wrap and turn short rows" as follows: work until centre 42 (48) sts, turn and continue working 21 (22) sts at either side, in order to have 84 (92) sts on needle. Cast off.

Back: commence, working two parts separately.

Right part: with a scrap yarn in contrasting colour

(that will be unravelled) cast on 53 (57) sts. Cut this yarn leaving a short end and continue to work using main yarn. For border, work 5cm in stocking st, 1 row P on RS of work (to create folding ridge for hem) and other 5cm in st st. Leave sts on needle. Unravel scrap yarn in contrasting colour and place sts on a spare needle. Fold border at ridge on WS and join sts together as given for Front, then cast on 10 new sts at end of row (for hem slit). Work 13cm in st st, then cast off these 10 sts and leave on needle rem 53 (57) sts. Fold hem slit on WS of work and, with yarn needle and a thread of main colour, sew using slip stitch. **Left part:** work as Right part reversing shaping and casting on 63 (67) sts instead of 53 (57) sts. Place onto same needle the 53 (57) sts of Right Part and the 63 (67) sts of Left Part, overlapping centre 10 sts and join them tog as given for Front. There are 106 (114) sts. When work measures 32 (34)cm from beg, decrease as given for Front: 84 (92) sts rem. When work measures 20 (21)cm from dec beg, work "wrap and turn short rows" as follows: work until centre 22 (28) sts, turn and continue working 11 (12) sts at either side once and 10 sts twice, in order to have 84 (92) sts on needle. Cast off.

Waistband: with a scrap yarn in contrasting colour (that will be unravelled) cast on 169 (176) sts. Cut this yarn leaving a short end and continue to work using main yarn. Work in stocking st. On 13th row, inside last 3 sts, open a buttonhole: cast off 3 sts and cast on them again, above previous, on next row. When work measures 7cm from beg, open another buttonhole as previous and above it. Work other 12 rows. Leave sts on a spare needle (= 10cm).

INSTRUCTIONS JACKET

Back: cast on 92 (98) sts. Work border as border Skirt Front. Cont to work in st st, inc 1 st at each end, inside first and last 3 sts, on next and every following 18th row 4 times. There are 100 (106) sts. When Back measures 26 (28)cm from beg (i.e. folding ridge for hem border), shape armholes: cast off 3 sts at beg of next 2 rows, then dec 1 st at each end every 4th row twice. There are 90 (96) sts. When armhole measures 19 (20)cm, shape shoulders casting off 12 sts at beg of next 2 rows and 13 sts at beg of following 2 rows. Then cast off rem 40 (46) sts for neck.

Right front: cast on 51 (57) sts. Work border as border Skirt Front, but open 2 buttonholes inside first 5sts: make the first buttonhole on 13th row and the 2nd buttonhole above the previous 12 rows before border end (Note: when border will be folded,

match the 2 buttonholes superimposed to have only one buttonhole). Cont to work in st st, inc 1 st on LH (left hand) side, inside last 3 sts, on next and every following 18th row 4 times. When work measures 19 (21)cm from beg (i.e. folding ridge for hem border), for lapel, inc 1 st on RH (right hand) side, inside first 2 sts, on next and every following 6th row 7 times, then every next 4th row 3 times. Shape armhole on LH (left hand) side as Back and at the same height. When lapel measures 15cm, shape neck: cast off 25 (31) sts, then dec every alternate row: 2 sts 3 times and 1 st 4 times. When armhole measures 19 (20)cm, shape shoulder on LH side as Back.

Right placket: cast on 15 sts and work in st st. When work measures 6cm from beg, open a buttonhole inside last 3 sts. When work measures 19 (21)cm from beg, inc 1 st on LH side, inside last 2 sts, on next and every following 6th row 7 times, then every next 4th row 3 times. When work measures 29 (31)cm from beg, cast off all sts.

Left front and placket: work as Right Front and Placket, reversing shaping and omitting buttonholes.

Sleeves: cast on 62 (68) sts. Work Border as given, but 5cm high, and cont to work in st st. When Sleeve measures 11 (13)cm from beg (i.e. folding ridge for hem border), shape top. Cast off 3 sts at beg of next 2 rows, then dec 1 st at each end, inside first and last 4 sts, on next and every alternate row 6 times, then every following 4th row 5 times and

every alternate row 7 times. When sleeve top measures 14 (15)cm, cast off rem 20 (26) sts.

Collar: cast on 128 (136) sts. Work “wrap and turn short rows” as follows: work until centre 32 (38) sts, turn and continue working 16 sts at either side 3 times. Cont in st st, increasing inside first and last 2 sts (1 st on next alternate row and 1 st on following 4th row) twice, then 1 st on next alternate row. Work 8cm without increasing, then complete collar working up down, reversing shaping. Cast off.

FINISHING

Skirt: sew side seams inserting zip-fastener. Starting from RH (right hand) side of Front and leaving first 3cm free, sew waistedge along upper side of Skirt, dropping sts on needle and sewing one by one in back st on RS of work. Fold waistedge in half on WS, taking care matching buttonholes. Insert elastic band, cut in size, unravel scrap yarn and sew sts on WS as given before for RS. Sew waist-edge ends. With yarn needle, complete buttonhole with embroidery in buttonhole stitch. Sew small button in correspondence. **Jacket:** sew plackets to Fronts, matching buttonholes. With yarn needle, complete buttonholes with embroidery in buttonhole stitch. Sew shoulder seams. Set in sleeves. Sew side and sleeve seams. Sew collar to neckedge, 5cm inside placket, in correspondence. Sew buttons. Sew shoulder pads inside jacket.