



Size: UK 10 – US 6 – EU 36 – **Skill Level:** intermediate

How much yarn: 2 balls (each ball 100g and 300m) of Porto Rico yarn (40% Linen, 30% Cotton, 30% Viscose) shade no. 30448

Needles: A pair of 4.00mm knitting needles

Hook: A 4.00mm crochet hook

Sewing needle: Yarn needle with rounded point

Other items: A transparent plastic ring 5mm in diameter. A stitch-holder

STITCHES

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

Using hook: DOUBLE CHAIN: ch2. Insert hook in the leftmost loop of the 2nd ch from hook. Yarn over, pull a loop through that same leftmost loop: there are 2 loops on the hook. Yarn over once again. Pull through both loops on the hook, completing one double chain stitch. * Insert hook under the leftmost loop of previous stitch. Yarn over. Draw up a loop: there are 2 loops on the hook. Yarn over and pull through both loops on the hook, completing the double chain stitch. Rep from * to end.

TENSION

20 sts and 30 rows measure 10cm square over stocking stitch with 4.00mm needles. Take time to check tensions before starting work: it is essential to work to the stated tensions to achieve success.

INSTRUCTIONS

Lower part (= Skirt): work Back and Front together, top down. With 4.00mm needles cast on 30 sts. Starting from Centre Front, work 8 rows in stocking st. Cont to work in st st, increasing 1 st at each end, inside first and last st, every row 23 times (to increase, make 1 st as follows: pick up horizontal yarn between last st and next st and knit into the back of it = 1 st increased). Then work “wrap and turn short rows” to create darts, as follows: work 22 sts and leave next 54 sts unworked, turn and work 8 sts, turn and work 9 sts, turn and work 9 sts. Leave sts on a stitch-holder. Then work on previous

54 sts left unworked and complete row to end. Work first 22 sts, turn and work 8 sts, turn and work 9 sts, turn and work 9 sts. Then work on all 76 sts obtained, casting on 38 new sts at beg of next 2 rows. Work 2 rows K1, P1 on these 38 sts at each end and, at the same time, work in st st on centre 76 sts. Cont in st st on all sts as follows: **next row (RS):** K22, M1 (= make 1 st as given before), K1, M1, K106, M1, K1, M1, K22. **Next row:** P to end. Work 6 more rows in st st. **Next row (inc row – RS):** K to end, inc 4 sts (M1 for each increase) above previous incs. Commencing with a P row, work 7 more row in st st. Rep last 8 rows once more. **Next row (inc row – RS):** K to end, inc 4 sts (M1 for each increase) above previous incs. Commencing with a P row, work 3 more row in st st. Rep last 4 rows twice more. There are 176 sts. When skirt measures 40cm from beg, work a row P on RS, then cast off all sts.

Bodice: it consists of two triangular parts.

First triangular part: with 4.00mm needles cast on 15 sts. Work 8 rows in st st. Cont to work in st st, inc 1 st on RH (right hand) side, inside first st, on next (RS) and every following 4th row 12 times; at the same time, inc 1 st on LH (left hand) side, inside last st, on next (RS) and every alternate row 41 times. When 50 rows have been worked, leave 4 sts unworked on RH side on next and every alternate row 17 times, then on all sts work a row K on WS. Cast off the 68 sts obtained.

Second triangular part: work as First triangular part, reversing shapings.

Laces: with crochet hook work two double chains approx 25cm long to obtain shoulder straps, then other two double chains approx 45cm long to obtain strings on the Back.

FINISHING

Sew lower part (= skirt) seam at Back centre. Sew Laces to bodice sides, in position. Then sew first 8 rows of each part (Bodice Triangular Parts and Skirt) around transparent plastic ring, as shown in picture.