



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

How much yarn: 8 balls (each ball 50g and 200m) of Vip yarn (80% Merino Extrafine Wool, 20% Cashmere – Shrinkproof) shade no. 9360 lilac

Needles: Pair of 3.00mm knitting needles
A Double-pointed (Dp) needle

Sewing needle: Yarn needle with rounded point

STITCHES

Using needles: tubular stitch (for casting on and casting off) – Stocking stitch (st st) – K1, P1 rib
Reverse stocking stitch (rev st st) – K2 P2 rib.

CABLE: (worked on 6 sts) **Rows 1– 18:** work in stocking stitch. **Row 19:** 6 Left Crossed stitches (= place next 3 sts onto Dp needle, on frontside, K next 3 sts, K3 from Dp needle). **Row 20:** P6. **Rows 21– 24:** work in stocking stitch. Rep Rows 1–24 throughout.

TENSION (after work has been steamed)

31 sts and 36 rows measure 10cm square over reverse stocking stitch with 3.00 mm needles. Take time to check tension before starting work: it is essential to work to the stated tension to achieve success..

INSTRUCTIONS

Back: start from skirt. With 3.00 mm needles cast on 220 sts and, for border, work 4 rows in tubular st and 9cm K2, P2 rib, decreasing 40 sts evenly across last row: there are 180 sts. Cont to work as follows: 22 sts in rev st st, (6 sts Cable, 20 sts in rev st st) 6 times, 2 sts in rev st st. Cont to work, decreasing 1 st at each end on next and every following 18th row 4 times, then every 10th row twice and, AT THE SAME TIME, dec 1 st at either side of 6 cables on next and every following 26th row 3 times, then on following 14th row once: 120 sts remain. When work measures 29cm from border, corresponding to 104 rows, work 6cm K1,P1 for waistedge, decreasing 6 sts evenly across first row: 114 sts remain. Cont to work Bodice in rev st st, inc 1 st at each end on next and every following 6th row 9 times: there are 132 sts. When Bodice measures 15cm, corresponding to 54 rows, shape armholes: cast off 2 sts at beg of next 2 rows. Then dec 1 st at each end on next and every alternate row 5 times. When armhole measures 18cm, corresponding to 66 rows, shape shoulders: cast off 7 sts at beg of next 2 rows and 8 sts at beg of following 6 rows. Then cast off rem 56 sts.

Front: work as Back until to end of rib waistedge: there are 114 sts. Then cont to work Bodice as follows: 27 sts in rev st st, 6 sts Cable starting from 13th row of this Motif, 13 sts in rev st st, 4 sts in st st, 14 sts in rev st st, 4 sts in st st, 13 sts in rev st st, 6 sts Cable, 27 sts in rev st st. Cont to work, inc 1 st at each end

on next and every following 6th row 9 times: there are 132 sts. When Bodice measures 15cm, corresponding to 54 rows, shape armholes: cast off 2 sts at beg of next 2 rows. Then dec 1 st at each end on next and every alternate row 5 times. AT THE SAME TIME, in correspondence with 5th crossing of first and last cable, work as follows: **1st Cable:** place next 3 sts onto Dp needle, on frontside, K next 3 sts, K1 and K1 tbl into same st (= 1 st increased) and K2 from Dp needle: there are 4 sts. Henceforth, work cable sts separately. Work first 3 sts, now become 4 sts, as 4 Right Crossed stitches (= place next st onto Dp needle, on backside, K next 3 sts, P1 from Dp needle). As shown in picture, move the 3 sts of this cable diagonally to the right throughout the work, crossing the 4 sts every alternate row. When there are 18 sts in rev st st between the two cable parts, work 4 Right Crossed sts with K1 instead of P1 from Dp needle, until to have K4. Work these 4 sts in st st creating a vertical stripe throughout (as shown in picture). Then cont to work the 4 Right Crossed stitches with P1 from Dp needle, as given before. Work in the same manner, but in mirrored shape, **the sts of last Cable**, reversing crossings and moving the 3 cable sts diagonally to the left (= place next 3 sts onto Dp needle, on frontside, purl next st, K3 from Dp needle). When armhole measures 10cm, shape neck: cast off centre 20 sts, join another ball of yarn and work separately each side, casting off on neck-edge every alternate row: 2 sts 6 times and 3 sts twice. When armhole measures 18cm shape shoulders as Back.

Sleeves: with 3.00 mm needles cast on 100 sts and, for cuff, work 4 rows in tubular st and 7cm K2, P2 rib, decreasing 22 sts evenly across last row: there are 78 sts. Cont to work in rev stocking st, increasing 1 st at each end on next and every alternate row 9 times, then every following 4th row 9 times. There are 114 sts. When work measures 17cm (corresponding to 62 rows) from cuff, shape top: cast off 4 sts at beg of next 2 rows. Then dec 1 st at each end every row 43 times. When top shaping measures 12cm, cast off rem 20 sts.

FINISHING

Sew a shoulder seam. **Border:** with 3.00 mm needles and RS of work facing, pick up 160 sts around back-and-front neck-edge and work 8 rows K1, P1 and 4 rows in tubular st. Cast off, grafting sts in darning st with yarn needle. Sew border and other shoulder seam. 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.