



Size: one size fits all for women

Skill Level: intermediate

Measurements: approx 56cm wide after the K1, P1 rib border 48cm after decreases, 22cm on each side after increases, 19.5cm after decreases for the nape and 42cm high at the highest point.

How much yarn: 6 balls (each ball 25g and 75m) of **Prestige** yarn (100% Cashmere) shade no. 13757

Needles: A 5.00mm circular needle

Sewing needle: Yarn needle with rounded point

Other items: Stitch-markers. Stitch-holders
Knitting rope mill. Label (optional)

STITCHES

Using needles: K1, P1 rib.

STRAIGHT STOCKING STITCH (ST ST): 1 row K, 1 row P.

CIRCULAR STOCKING STITCH (ST ST): all rows K.

TENSION

17 sts and 25 rows measure 10cm square over stocking stitch with 5.00 mm needles and double yarn. Take time to check tensions before starting work: it is essential to work to the stated tensions to achieve success.

INSTRUCTIONS

Note: work using 2 strands of yarn held together throughout.

With 5.00mm circular needle cast on 97 sts and, making sure that sts aren't twisted, join to work in the round as follows: slip 1st stitch from right needle to left needle, then pass last st over slipped st. 96 sts remain. Place stitch-marker on right-hand

needle to indicate round beg and center of Back. Work 4 rounds K1, P1 rib, corresponding to 2cm, and cont to work in stocking st. On **9th round** dec 7 sts: work (12 sts and K2tog) 5 times and (11 sts and K2tog) twice. Rep decs, superimposed on the previous ones, on **17th round** (82 sts rem). On **37th round**, for Front opening, leave 19 sts on stitch-holder, then cont to work in forth-and-back rows of stocking st on rem 63 sts. Inc 1 st at either side of central stitch (= Back center) on **39th row** and every following 4th row 6 more times: there are 77 sts. Work 17 rows straight, then shape nape, dec 1 st at either side of central stitch, working K2tog on RH side and SKIP (slip 1 st, knit 1 st, pass slipped st over K1) on LH side. Rep these decs every alternate row 4 more times, then knit tog the 2 central sts: 66 sts remain. Divide work in half and continue separately on either side, working "wrap and turn short rows" as follows: work 33 sts, turn work, work 23 sts, turn work, work 23 sts, turn work, work 12 sts, turn work, work 12 sts, turn work, then work a row on all sts. Divide the work in half by putting the stitches on 2 needles and, with a yarn needle, join stitches of upper part in correspondence, grafting them in darning st.

Finishing Border: with 5.00mm circular needle pick up approx 116 sts, including the 19 sts on stitch-holder for Front opening and work 6 rounds of stocking st. On 1st round, make a hole at either side of Front opening 3 central sts: on RH side work K2tog and yarn forward and on LH side work yarn forward and SKIP. At end, fold border in half and sew stitches one by one evenly in back stitch.

Cord: using knitting rope mill work a 4 st cord as long as necessary, plus approx 35cm for each lace. Insert cord into Finishing Border, starting from RH side hole and ending at LH side hole. Sew a label on border (optional).