



# Poncho style



**Size:** fits from UK 8/12 - US 4/8 - EU 34/38

Skill Level: advanced

**How much yarn:** 3 balls (each ball 100g and 300m) of **Vienna** yarn (84% Extrafine Merino Wool SW,

16% Baby Alpaca) shade no. 31066

**Needles:** A 5.00mm circular needle with 60cm cable. A 5.00mm circular needle with 100cm cable.

Sewing needle: Yarn needle with rounded point

Other items: Stitch markers

### **STITCHES**

Using needles: K2, P2 rib - K1, P1 rib

## **TENSION** (after work has been steamed)

26 sts and 30 rows measure 10cm square over K2, P2 rib with 5.00 mm needles without widening rib. Take time to check tension before starting work: it is essential to work to the stated tension to achieve success. **Note:** since rib is elastic, the measurements could be variable.

## **INSTRUCTIONS** (worked in one piece)

Work top-down in one piece, starting from Back neckedge center. Using circular needle with 60cm cable cast on 81 sts and join work in round as follows: slip 1st stitch from right needle to left needle, then pass last st over slipped st. 80 sts remain. Place 1 stitch-marker (SM) on right-hand needle before passed st to indicate round beg, corresponding to Back center. Cont to work 19 rounds in K2, P2 rib, setting up the work as follows: K1 (= center Back), \* P2, K2; rep from \* until to last 3 sts, P2, K1. Then work 20th round as follows: 15 sts in K2, P2 rib (half Back), place 1 SM, 10 sts in K2, P2 rib (shoulder), place 1 SM, 30 sts in K2, P2 rib (Front), place 1 SM, 10 sts in K2, P2 rib (shoulder), place 1 SM, 15 sts in K2, P2 rib (half Back). Cont to work in K2, P2 rib the 10 sts for each shoulder as before, inc 1 st at SM sides every round for 48 times. Cont to work in K2, P2 rib and, when the number of stitches makes it necessary, change to circular needle with 100cm cable: there are 272 sts whose 126 sts for Back, for Front and 10 sts for each shoulder.

Leaving unworked 126 sts for Back, continue to use circular needles to work knitting flat, in back-and-forth rows, as traditional straight needles, not in the round, to work rem 126 sts for Front plus the 10 sts from each shoulder (= 146 sts). On the 1st row, at the 10 sts from the right shoulder, inc 1 in the first 2 sts (= in the same st, work K1 and P1) and work the following 8 sts in K2, P2 rib, while at the 10 sts from the left shoulder, work 8 sts in K2, P2 rib and inc 1 in the following 2 sts (= in the same st, work P1 and K1). On the 150 sts obtained, continue in K2, P2 rib, working the first and last 4 sts in K1, P1 rib for 34 cm, then cast off. Now pick up the 126 sts left unworked and work **Back** as Front, increasing 2 sts at each end, in correspondence to the first and last 2 sts (= 130 sts). **Note:** before starting the increases make sure the 2 initial and final sts of the Back appear as K sts, otherwise move the sts without working them, making a crossover.

### **FINISHING**

Sew about 16cm side seams, leaving an about 18cm opening for arms.

