



## Openwork dress



Size: UK 8/10 -US 4/6- EU 34/36 Skill Level: intermediate

**How much yarn:** 4 balls (each ball 50g and 200m) of Vip printed yarn (80% Extrafine Merino Wool,

20% Cashmere) shade no. 31003 **Hooks:** A 4.50mm crochet hook

Sewing needle: Yarn needle with rounded point

Other items: Stitch-markers

## **STITCHES**

Chain (ch) - Slip stitch (ss) - Double crochet (dc) Treble (tr)

3TR JOINED TOGETHER (TR3TOG): yarn on hook, insert hook in a stitch (or ch), yarn on hook and pull a loop through, yarn on hook and pull through two loops on hook; yarn on hook, insert hook in next stitch (or ch), yarn on hook and pull a loop through, yarn on hook and pull through two loops on hook; yarn on hook, insert hook in next stitch (or ch), yarn on hook and pull a loop through, yarn on hook and pull through two loops on hook; yarn on hook and pull through two loops on hook; yarn on hook and pull through the 4 loops on the hook. SHELL: tr3tog into a ch (or space), ch2, tr3tog into next ch (or same space, as given in instructions)

## **TENSION**

(tr3tog) 5 motifs and 10 rows/rounds measure approx 10cm square with 4.50 hook. Take time to check tension before starting work: it is essential to work to the stated tensions to achieve success.

## **INSTRUCTIONS**

**Note:** work in one piece until to armholes. With 4.50mm hook chl02, 1 ss into first ch to make a ring. Then work as follows: **1st round:** tr3tog into next ch, ch2, tr3tog into next ch (= shell, upper centre of first cap sleeve), ch3, miss next 3 ch, (1 tr into each of next 3 ch, ch1, miss next ch) 11 times, ch2, miss 2 ch, tr3tog into next ch, ch2, tr3tog into next ch (= shell, upper centre of other cap sleeve),

ch3, miss next 3 ch, (1 tr into each of next 3 ch, ch1, miss next ch) 11 times, ch2; end this round and the following rounds with a ss at top of first motif. 2nd round: a shell into ch2-space of next shell, ch3, 1 dc into next 3chspace, work (ch4,1 dc into next ch1-sp) until to shell of 2nd cap sleeve, ch3, a shell into ch2-space of next shell, ch3, 1 dc into next 3ch-space, work (ch4,1 dc into next ch1-sp) until to shell of 1st cap sleeve, ch3. 3rd round: a shell into ch2-space of next shell, ch2, 3 tr into next 3chsp, work (chl, 3 tr into next ch4-sp) until to ch3-sp before shell of 2nd cap sleeve, 3 tr into this space, ch2, a shell into next ch2-sp of next shell, ch2, 3 tr into next 3ch-sp, work (ch1, 3 tr into next ch4-sp) until to ch3-sp before shell of 1st cap sleeve, 3 tr into this space, ch2. Rep 2nd and 3rd rounds 8 more times (= 19 rounds from beg) to complete sleeves and shape armholes. Fasten off. Count 7 motifs of tr at either side of each cap sleeve and place a stitch-marker. Place each of 4 stitch-markers into a ch1-sp after tr-group. Cont to work in rounds. Insert hook into 1st ch1-space on the right of a cap sleeve (= 1st stitch-marker) and join yarn with a dc, ch4, 1 dc into 1st ch1-space on the left of this cap sleeve (= 2nd stitch-marker), joining work below sleeve in this manner. Cont to work as follows: **1st round:** \* ch4, 1 dc into next 1ch-space; rep from \* all round and make a joining below 2nd cap sleeve working between 3rd and 4th stitch-markers as given for 1st and 2nd stitch-markers. End round with ch4 and a ss. 2nd round: 1 ss and 3 tr into next ch4-sp, \* ch1, 3 tr into next ch4-sp; rep from \* all round ending with ch1 and a ss. Rep last 2 rounds until dress is as long as you desire. If you prefer a dress with a softer line, shape hips, inc any sts above previous incs and work 2nd round rep as follows: into ch4-sp work 3 tr and chl in addition. Distribute the increases evenly, if necessary make a paper pattern to follow step by step.

**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.