

LANA GATTO



NUOVO IRLANDA

LARGE BASKET STITCH VEST

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Size: 12 (16)

NOTE: figures in brackets () refer to larger size. Where only one figure is given this refers to both sizes.

Skill Level: experienced

How much yarn:

g 450 (550) of Nuovo Irlanda yarn, in cream shade n. 13701 (you can use also Asian yarn)

Needles: Pair of 5.50 mm (no. 5) knitting needles

A Double-pointed (Dp) needle

A spare needle

Sewing needle: Yarn needle with rounded point

Other items: Two stitch-holders

STITCHES

Using needles: stocking stitch (st st) - reverse stocking stitch (rev st st) - K6, P4 rib.

LARGE BASKET STITCH:

(work over a multiple of 12 sts)

Row 1 (RS): * place 6 sts on Dp needle frontside; K2, then K the 6 sts from Dp needle, K4; rep from * to end. **Row 2 and foll alternate rows:** Purl all sts. **Row 3:** * K2, place 6 sts on Dp needle frontside; K2, then K the 6 sts from Dp needle, K2; rep from * to end. **Row 5:** * K4, place 6 sts on Dp needle frontside; K2, then K the 6 sts from Dp needle; rep from * to end. **Row 7:** K6, * K4, place 2 sts on Dp needle backside; K6, then K the 2 sts from Dp needle; rep from * to last 6 sts, K6. **Row 9:** K6, * K2, place 2 sts on Dp needle backside; K6, then K the 2 sts from Dp needle, K2; rep from * to last 6 sts, K6. **Row 11:** K6, * place 2 sts on Dp needle backside; K6, then K the 2 sts from Dp needle, K4; rep from * to last 6 sts, K6. Rep these 12 rows throughout.

TENSION

22 sts and 22 rows measure 10 cm square over large basket st with 5.50 mm (no. 5) needles.

INSTRUCTIONS

Back: with 5.50 mm (no. 5) needles cast on 82 (92) sts.

Row 1 (RS): 1 selvedge st, * K6, P4; rep from * to last st, end with a selvedge st. **Row 2:** 1 selvedge st, * K4, P6; rep from * to last st, end with a selvedge st. Rep these 2 rows 5 more times.

Row 13 (RS): 1 selvedge st, * K6, kfb (knit into the front and back of st = 1 st increased), K2, kfb; rep from * to last st, end with a selvedge st. There are 16 (18) sts increased and there are 98 (110) sts on needle. **Row 14:** Purl all sts. Then, working first and last st as selvedge st, work in Large basket st. When Back measures cm 27 (30) from border, shape armholes. Cast off 6 sts at beg of next 2 rows and 2 sts at beg of following 6 rows. 74 (86) sts remain. Continue to work straight until armhole measures cm 25 (27). Shape shoulders, by casting off 13 (16) sts at beg of next 2 rows. Place centre 48 (54) sts for neck on a stitch-holder.

Front: work as Back until front measures cm 21 (22) from armhole beg, ending with a WS row. Cont in Large basket st, shape neck as follows: **next row (RS):** patt 19 (24) sts, turn and leave rem 55 (62) sts on a spare needle. Work 1st

side of neck: cast off 2 sts at beg of next and alternate foll 2 (3) rows. Cast off rem 13 (16) sts at same height of Back shoulder. Return to sts left on a spare needle. Place centre 36 (38) sts on another stitch-holder and work 2nd side of neck as 1st side, reversing shaping. Cast off rem 13 (16) sts at same height of Back shoulder.

Collar: using yarn needle, sew left shoulder seam. With 5.50 mm (no. 5) needles and RS of work facing, pick up and work in K6, P4 rib the 48 (54) sts from stitch-holder on Back as follows: K0 (6), (P2tog, P2, P2tog, K6) 4 times, pick up 6 (8) sts down right Front neck and work as follows: (P2tog) twice (4 times), P2 (0), then work across centre 36 (38) Front sts as follows: (K6, P2tog, P2, P2tog) 3 times, K0 (2), pick up 6 (8) sts up left Front neck and work as follows: K6 (4) and P0 (4). There are 80 (90) sts. Inc 1 selvedge st at each end and work 17 rows in K6, P4 rib as stated. Cast off sts loosely.

Armhole borders (make 2): using yarn needle, sew right shoulder and collar seam. With 5.50 mm (no. 5) needles and RS of work facing, pick up and K approx 78 (92) sts around left armhole and work 3 rows in st st, starting with a P row. Cast off all sts. Work same Border around right armhole.

FINISHING

With yarn needle sew Front and Back side seams. Fold in half armhole borders on WS and sew in position.

