

Knitting for Olive



Lace dress body

Sizes: 3 (6, 9, 12, 24) months

Length: approx 38 (40, 43, 45, 48) cm

Needles: long circular 2½ and 3 mm

Tension / gauge: approx 28 stitches = 10 cm using 3 mm needles

Yarn: Knitting for Olive's merino (light fingering - fingering)

Yarn requirements: approx 100 (100, 150, 150, 200) g

The Lace dress body is knitted from the bottom and up. First the body is knitted, then the skirt, and then both pieces are knitted together and the top is made

Back

Cast on 23 (23, 25, 25, 25) sts on needle 2½ mm

Knit 7 rows garter stitch

Change to needle 3 mm and knit stocking stitch

Knit 2 rows st st

Increase 1 st at each side on every other row 11 times = 45 (45, 47, 47) sts

Cast on 2 (3, 2, 2, 2) sts at the beginning of next two rows

Cast on 2 (3, 2, 3, 3) sts at the beginning of next two rows

Cast on 0 (0, 3, 4, 6) sts at the beginning of next two rows = 53 (57, 61, 65, 69) sts

Break the yarn and set aside

Front

Cast on 23 (23, 25, 25, 25) sts on needle 2½ mm

Knit 3 rows

Knit 6 (6, 7, 7, 7), k2tog yo, knit 7, k2tog yo, knit 6 (6, 7, 7, 7)

Knit 3 rows

Change to needle 3 mm

Knit 14 rows st st

Increase 1 st at each side on every other row 5 times = 33 (33, 35, 35, 35) sts

Cast on 4 (5, 3, 4, 4) at the beginning of next two rows

Cast on 6 (7, 4, 5, 5) sts at the beginning of next 2 rows

Cast on 0 (0, 6, 6, 8) sts at the beginning of next 2 rows = 53 (57, 61, 65, 69) sts

Break the yarn

Now gather both pieces on the same needle

Place a marker at each side between back and front pieces

The round starts center back, move 26 (28, 30, 32, 34) sts from the back to the right hand needle

Place a marker center back = beginning of round

Knit 2 rounds st st

The body is now made fuller on the back side by using the Wrap and turn, wt, short row technique

k7 wt, p13 wt,

k 5 (5, 5, 6, 6) sts past wrapped st, picking up wraps as you go, wt

Work back and forth to complete 5 wt on each side

Knit to center marker

Knit in round to measure 25 (26, 27, 28, 30) cm

Set aside

Skirt

The skirt is knitted in the round.

CO 153 (170, 187, 204, 221) sts

Follow the pattern for the size you are knitting

At the first round after the skirt pattern is knitted, decrease evenly to a total of 106 (114, 122, 130, 138) sts

Knit together the body and the skirt by knitting 1 st from the body and 1 st from the skirt together

Pleat

Knit 6 rounds st st

Using circular needle 2½ mm pick up 106 (114, 122, 130, 138) sts on the back side of the work where the body and skirt were knitted together, just before the 6 rows st st just knitted

Bend the pleat towards the back side and knit 1 st from the pleat and 1 st from the circular needle 2½ mm, together. Continue until all st are knitted together and it forms a pleat

Yoke

Knit in the round st st 2 (2, 3, 4, 4) cm

Armhole

Divide work into front and back with 53 (57, 61, 65, 69) sts on each half

Finish one side at a time knitting back and forth in st st

Back

Bind off 3 sts at the beginning of next 2 rows

Bind off 1 st at the beginning of next 2 rows

Bind off 1 st at the beginning of next 2 rows

Bind off 0 (0, 0, 1, 1) st at the beginning of next 2 rows

Divide the back into two pieces making an opening center back: knit 21 (23, 25, 26, 28) sts

Bind off 1 st, knit 21 (23, 25, 26, 28) sts

Finish one side at a time

Continue back and forth in st st until arm hole measures 7 (8, 9, 10, 11) cm

Neck back

Bind off 9 (10, 11, 12, 12) sts of neck back for 1 row

Bind off 1 st of neck back for 1 row

Bind off 0 (0, 0, 0, 1) st of neck back for 1 row = 11 (12, 13, 13, 14) remaining sts

Continue straight up in st st until armhole measures 10 (11, 12, 13, 14) cm

Let rest and knit the other half of the back opposit

Front

Bind off 3 sts at the beginning of next 2 rows

Bind off 1 st at the beginning of next 2 rows

Bind off 1 st at the beginning of next 2 rows

Bind off 0 (0, 0, 1, 1) st at the beginning of next 2 rows

Continue straight up in st st until armhole measures 5 (6) 7 (8) 8 cm

Neck front

Bind off 13 (15, 17, 19, 21) center sts

Finish one side at a time

Bind off 2 sts of neck front for 1 row

Bind off 1 st of neck front for 1 row

Bind off 1 st of neck front for 1 row = 11 (12, 13, 13, 14) remaining sts

Continue straight up until armhole measures 10 (11, 12, 13, 14) cm

Let rest and knit the other half opposit

Armhole edge

With needle 2½ mm pick up sts along the armhole

Knit 1 round

Make an lcord edge: using needle 3 mm knit 3 sts in the next st

Move these 3 sts back on to the left needle

Knit 2, k2tog

Move these 3 sts back on to the left needle

Knit 2, k2tog
Continue pattern until all sts at the armhole are knitted
Bind off the last 3 sts and sew the edge together under the arm

Neck edge

With needle 2½ mm pick up sts along the neck
Purl 1 row
Make an lcord edge: using needle 3 mm knit 3 sts in the next st
Move these 3 sts back on to the left needle
Knit 2, k2tog
Continue like this until all sts at the neck are knitted
Bind off 2 sts and with the last remaining st, crochet a loop as buttonhole in the back of the neck

Left leg edge

With needle 2½ mm pick up sts along the leg opening
Knit 1 row
Now make a buttonhole like this:
Knit until 4 sts left, yo, k2tog, k2
Purl 1 row
Now make the same lcord edge as on the neck:
Using needle 3 mm knit 3 sts in the next st
Move these 3 sts back on to the left needle
Knit 2, k2tog
Continue pattern until all sts at the leg opening are knitted
Bind off the last 3 sts

Right leg edge

With needle 2½ mm pick up sts along the leg opening
Knit 1 row
Now make a buttonhole like this:
K2, k2tog, yo, knit until the end of the row
Purl 1 row
Now make the same lcord edge as on the neck:
Using needle 3 mm knit 3 sts in the next st
Move these 3 sts back on to the left needle
Knit 2, k2tog
Continue pattern until all sts at the leg opening are knitted
Bind off the last 3 sts

Sew in all ends and sew on bottoms

We hope you enjoy knitting the Lace dress body!

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Abbreviations

 k = knit

 p2tog = purl next 2 sts together

 yo = yarn over needle

 p = purl

 k2tog = knit next 2 sts together

 k2tog tbl = Knit next 2 sts together through the back loops

 s1 k2tog pss0 = slip 1 st, knit 2 sts together, pass slipped sts over

 No longer any st because of decrease on previous rows

st st - stocking stitch = in circular knitting knit all, knitting back and forth, 1 row knit, 1 row purl

st - stitch

sts - stitches

k - knit

p - purl

yo - yarn over

k2tog - knit 2 together

wt - wrap & turn