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FOR INTERMEDIATE KNITTERS

SIZES

To fit 32 (34, 36, 38, 40)*/81 (86, 91, 96, 101)cm bust. Directions are for smallest size with larger sizes in parentheses. If there is only one figure, it applies to all sizes.

KNITTED MEASUREMENTS

- Bust at underarm 34 (36, 38, 40, 42)*/86 (91, 96, 101, 106)cm.
- Length 32½ (33¼, 34, 34¾, 35)*/82.5 (84.5, 86, 88, 89)cm.

MATERIALS

Original Yarn

- 4 (4, 4, 5, 5) 2oz/60g balls (each approx 300yds/275m) of Melrose/Stacy Charles *Cravenella* (wool/rayon 1) in sand platinum (grey)

Substitute Yarn

- 9 (9, 9, 11, 11) 1½oz/50g balls (each approx 147yds/135m) of Filatura di Crosa/Tahki•Stacy Charles, Inc. *Sera* (wool/viscose/polyamide 1) in #2 grey
- One pair each sizes 2 and 4 (2.5 and 3mm) needles/standard gauge knitting machine OR SIZE TO OBTAIN GAUGE
- Small size steel crochet hook for finishing
- 6 (6, 7, 7, 7) bags of 1,000 matte grey ¾"/20mm paillettes

Set the stage for a little night magic. This sparkling, loose-fitting chemise features V-neck shaping and knit-in paillettes. Designer Kay Niederlitz reinterpreted this sleeveless evening dazzler for hand- or machine-knitters. Shown in size 36. The Paillette Dress first appeared in the Spring/Summer 1967 issue of the original Vogue Knitting magazine.

Paillette Dress

Note

The original yarn used for this dress is no longer available. A comparable substitution has been made, which is available at the time of printing. Check gauge of substitute yarns very carefully before beginning.

GAUGE

30 sts and 40 rows to 4"/10cm over paillette pat using size 4 (3mm) needles. FOR PERFECT FIT, TAKE TIME TO CHECK GAUGE.

HANDKNIT VERSION

STITCH GLOSSARY

Paillette Pat (multiple of 4 sts + 3)

Rows 1 and 3 (RS) Knit.

Row 2 Purl.

Row 4 *P3, place paillette in next st as foll: slide paillette close to needle and purl next st, then push paillette to front side of work—paillette st; rep from *, end p3.

Rows 5 and 7 Knit.

Row 6 Purl.

Row 8 *P1, work paillette st, p2; rep from *, end p1, work paillette st, p1. Rep rows 1-8 for paillette pat.

Notes

- 1 Thread large number of paillettes on 2nd ball of yarn to work rows 4 and 8.
- 2 When shaping, omit paillettes that fall close to edge.
- 3 Make length changes before first dec row of pat.

BACK

With smaller needles, cast on 151 (159, 167, 175, 183) sts. Work in St st for 7 rows. K next row on WS (turning ridge). Change to larger needles. Work in paillette pat for 14 rows above turning ridge. Cont in pat, dec 1 st each side on next RS row, then every 16th row 6 (6, 6, 6, 0) times, every 14th row 5 (5, 5, 5, 12) times—127 (135, 143, 151, 157) sts. Work even until piece measures 19"/48cm from turning ridge. Mark waistline. Cont in paillette pat until piece measures 26 (26¼, 26½, 26¾, 27)"/66 (66.5, 67.5, 68, 68.5)cm above turning ridge.

Armhole shaping

Bind off 7 sts at beg of next 2 rows, then dec 1 st each side every 4th row 10 (10, 10, 11, 11) times—93 (101, 109, 115, 121) sts. Work even until armhole measures 5 (5½, 6, 6½, 6¾)"/12.5 (14, 15.5, 16.5, 16.5)cm, end with a WS row.

Neck and shoulder shaping

Next row (RS) Work 24 (26, 28, 30, 32) sts, join 2nd ball of yarn and bind off 45 (49, 53, 55, 57) sts, work to end. Working both sides at once, dec 1 st at each neck edge every other row 4 times, AT SAME TIME, when armhole measures 6 (6½, 7, 7½, 7¾)"/15.5 (16.5, 18, 19, 19)cm, bind off 10 (11, 12, 13, 14) sts from each shoulder edge twice.

FRONT

Work as for back until piece measures

same length as back to armhole, marking center st on last WS row.

Neck, armhole, shoulder shaping

Work armhole shaping as for back, AT SAME TIME, work V-neck shaping on next row as foll: Work to center st, join 2nd ball of yarn, k2tog (center st and next st), work to end. Working both sides at once, dec 1 st at each neck edge every 4th row 2 (3, 4, 4, 4) times, every other row 24 (25, 26, 27, 28) times. When same length as back to shoulder, shape shoulder as for back.

FINISHING

Do not press pieces. Sew shoulder seams. Sew side seams. Work 1 rnd of sc evenly around armholes and V-neck. Fold hem at turning ridge to WS and sew in place. Sew on additional paillettes if necessary to fill in.

MACHINE-KNIT VERSION

GAUGE

7.69 sts and 10 rows to 1¹/₂cm over jersey and paillette pat at Tension 7 on standard gauge (4.5mm) machine. FOR PERFECT FIT, TAKE TIME TO CHECK GAUGE.

Note

Use handknit version of paillette pat for reference.

Machine paillette pat set-up

Rows 1-4 Knit.

Paillette row 1 Pull out every 4th needle beg at either edge of needle bed. With 1-prong tool or tappet needle remove st from needle onto tool. Hang paillette on empty needle behind fabric and replace st back onto needle. Lift paillette over hook of needle—paillette is hanging on previously knit row. Cont hanging paillettes across row.

Rows 5-8 Knit.

Paillette row 2 Pull out 2nd needle from edge, and then every 4th needle across row and hang paillettes as above. Work rows 1-8 for pat. When shaping, keep to pat as established, omitting paillettes on end needles.

BACK

Set tension dial to tension 7. With waste

yarn, cast on 155 (163, 171, 179, 187) sts, with extra st to right of 0. K 6 rows. Set RC to 0-0-0 with carriage on right. Change to main yarn. K 7 rows. Change tension to 4. K 1 row. Change to tension 7 and reset RC to 0-0-0.

Beg paillette pat: Work rows 1-7 of paillette pat.

Hem

*Pick up first st above waste yarn (main yarn) and hang on needle; rep from * to end. Cont working in paillette pat, AT SAME TIME at RC 15, dec 1 st each side every 15 rows 12 (12, 12, 0, 0) times, then every 14 rows 0 (0, 0, 13, 13) times—131 (139, 147, 153, 161) sts. At RC 190, mark each edge st for waistband. Cont to knit even until RC 260 (262, 264, 268, 270).

Armhole shaping

Bind off 7 sts at beg of next 2 rows, then dec 1 st each side every 4th row 9 (10, 10, 11, 11) times—99 (105, 113, 117, 125) sts. Knit until RC 310 (318, 324, 332, 336) to beg neck shaping with carriage at right.

Neck and shoulder shaping

Set carriage to hold. Put all but right 28 (29, 31, 32, 35) sts into holding position. At neck edge, hold 1 st every other row 5 times, AT SAME TIME when RC is at 319 (327, 333, 341, 343) shape shoulders over next 4 rows as foll: *Size 32*: hold 12 sts once, 11 sts once; *Size 34*: hold 12 sts twice; *Size 36*: hold 13 sts twice; *Size 38*: hold 14 sts once, 13 sts once; *Size 40*: hold 15 sts twice. K

shoulder sts off on waste yarn. With carriage at left reset to RC 310 (318, 324, 332, 336), hold 22 (24, 26, 27, 28) N's once and rep shaping as for right side. Return center 53 (57, 61, 63, 65) N's to working position and k 1 row with main yarn. K center N's off on waste yarn.

FRONT

Work as for back to armhole shaping—RC 260 (262, 264, 268, 270).

Neck, armhole, shoulder shaping

Work armhole shaping as for back, AT SAME TIME, work V-neck shaping as foll: With carriage on right set to hold, hold all N's to the left of 0. Keeping in pat as established, use 2-prong tool to dec 1 st at center every 4th row 2 (3, 4, 4, 4) times, then 1 st every 2 rows 25 (26, 27, 28, 29) times. At RC 319 (327, 333, 341, 343) shape shoulders as for back. Work left side of piece to correspond to right side as foll: With carriage on left, reset RC to 260 (262, 264, 268, 270). Work armhole shaping as for back and work first neck dec at RC 264 (266, 268, 272, 274). Cont to dec 1 st at neck edge every 4th row 0 (1, 2, 2, 2) times, every 2 rows 25 (26, 27, 28, 29) times. Work left shoulder to correspond to right shoulder.

FINISHING

With crochet hook, sl st shoulder seams tog. Remove waste yarn. Sew side seams. Sl st back neck sts. Remove waste yarn. Work sc edge as for handknit version.

