

Still Light

With lightweight yarn and fitting upper body this dress flatters many figures. It's perfect for many reasons, easily altered with yarn choices and the pockets are most convenient!





Materials

Yarn: 8 (9, 10, 11, 12) skeins of DROPS Alpaca or approximately 1400 (1600, 1800, 2000, 2200) meters/ 1520 (1750, 2000, 2200, 2420) yards of other fingering weight/4 ply yarn which gives you the gauge.

Needles: 3 mm/US 2½ circular needle (60 cm/24" long) and 3 mm/US 2½ dpn's. Adjust needle size if necessary to obtain the correct gauge.

Other: One small button, tapestry needle, stitch markers, stitch holders/scrap yarn.

Gauge

26 sts and 34 rows in 10 cm/4" on St st.

Sizing

x-s (s, m, l, x-l); sizing is close-fitting

The dress is knitted seamlessly from top down, all in one piece.

Abbreviations

CO: cast on

BO: bind off

st(s): stitch(es)

k: knit

p: purl

St st: Stockinette stitch (in round: knit all rounds; back and forth: k RS rows, p WS rows)

PM: place marker

slm: slip marker

M1L: make one left; lift loop between stitches from the front, knit into back of loop.

M1R: make one right; lift loop between stitches from the back, knit into front of loop.

YO: yarn over

k2tog: knit 2 together

ssk: slip, slip, knit

p2tog: purl 2 together

ssp: slip, slip, purl

TW: turn work

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Ribbing

CO 152 sts. Do not join in round but knit 2X2 ribbing back and forth (*k2, p2* repeat to end). On fifth row (WS) make a buttonhole: k2, p2tog, YO, *k2, p2* to end. Knit ribbing until it measures 2.5 cm/ 1".

On next WS row change to St st, still knitting back and forth:

p25, PM, p2, PM, p19, PM, p2, PM, p56, PM, p2, PM, p19, PM, p2, PM, p25.

RS row; knit short rows to shape the neckline and start raglan-increases:

k24, TW, YO, p to end, TW,

k25 picking up last YO (*knit it together with next st*), M1R, slm, k2, slm, M1L, k10, TW, YO, p to end, TW,

k26, M1R, slm, k2, slm, M1L, k19 (picking up last YO), TW, YO, p to end, TW, k to first marker, M1R, slm, k2, slm, M1L, k to next marker (picking up last YO), M1R, slm, k2, slm, M1L, k to next marker, M1R, slm, k2, slm, M1L, k to next marker, M1R, slm, k2, slm, M1L, k to end, TW,

p24, TW, YO, k to end, TW,

p39 (picking up last YO (*ssp it together with next st*) and slipping markers), TW, YO, k to marker, M1R, slm, k2, slm, M1L, k to end, TW,

p50 (picking up last YO and slipping markers), TW, YO, k to marker, M1R, slm, k2, slm, M1L, k to end. **You have now 168 sts on needle.**

PM, join in round and continue raglan increases:

Round 1: k all sts slipping markers

Round 2: *k to marker, M1R, slm, k2, slm, M1L; repeat from * to end.

Repeat rounds 1 and 2 for 21 (27, 34, 39, 47) times more - 344 (392, 448, 488, 552) sts on needle.

Divide for the body

Knit to first marker, remove it, k2, slm (side marker), put the next 67 (79, 93, 103, 119) sts on holder/scrap yarn (for first sleeve), remove marker, put one st on the *previous* holder/scrap yarn (for first sleeve), k1, remove marker, knit to next marker, remove it, k1, put one st on new holder/scrap yarn (for the other sleeve), remove marker, put the next 67 (79, 93, 103, 119) sts on *previous* holder/scrap yarn (for the other sleeve), slm (side marker), k2, remove marker and knit to end.



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Body

Knit St st for 5 cm/2" slipping side markers. On next round place markers for pocket-pleats: Knit to first marker, slm, k25 (28, 31, 34, 38), PM, k1, PM, k52 (58, 66, 70, 78), PM, k1, PM, k25 (28, 31, 34, 38), slm, k to end.

Increase round 1: k to one st before first marker, M1R, k1, slm, k1, M1L, k to next marker, M1R, slm, k1, slm, M1L, k to next marker, M1R, slm, k1, slm, M1L, k to one st before next marker, M1R, k1, slm, k1, M1L, k to end. (Increased on both sides and pocket-pleats.)

Knit 6 rounds of St st (without increases).

Increase round 2: k to first marker, slm, k to next marker, M1R, slm, k1, slm, M1L, k to next marker, M1R, slm, k1, slm, M1L, k to next marker, slm, k to end. (Only increased on pocket-pleats)

Knit 6 rounds of St st (without increases).

Repeat these 14 rounds for 3 times more.

Increase round 1: as before.

Knit 2 rounds of St st (no increases).

Increase round 2: as before.

Knit 2 rounds of St st (no increases).

Increase round 2: as before.

Knit 2 rounds of St st (no increases).

Increase round 2: as before.

Knit 2 rounds of St st (no increases).

Repeat these 12 rounds for 3 times more.

Divide for pockets

Knit to first marker, slm, put all sts before next marker on holder/scrap yarn (for pocket), CO 10 (13, 16, 19, 23) sts using backward-loop-method, remove marker, place 1 sts on previous holder/scrap yarn, remove marker, k to next marker, remove marker, place 1 sts on new holder/scrap yarn, remove marker, put all sts before next marker on previous holder/scrap yarn (for pocket), CO 10 (13, 16, 19, 23) sts using backward-loop-method, slm, k to end.

You have now 120 (132, 146, 156, 172) sts for both front and back of the body on needle and 58 (61, 64, 67, 71) sts on holders for pockets.

Knit St st for additional 26 cm/10". Change to 2X2 rib (k2, p2; repeat to end) and knit ribbing for another 2.5 cm/1". BO sts loosely in ribbing.



Sleeves

Place the sts of one sleeve on dpn's, place marker in the beginning and join in round. *Knit St st for 2.5 cm/1". Decrease round: k1, k2tog, k until 3 sts before marker, ssk, k1.
Repeat from * 3 (3, 4, 3, 3) more times.

Knit St st until sleeve measures 33 cm/13" from underarm. Change to 2X2 rib and knit ribbing for additional 2.5 cm/1". BO sts loosely in ribbing. Knit the other sleeve similarly.

Pockets

The pockets are knitted on the outside of the dress and turned to the inside after BO.

Right Pocket

With RS facing, place the held sts of right pocket on dpn's and pick up 10 (13, 16, 19, 23) sts from the CO-edge. Join in round and knit St st until the pocket tube is 15 cm/6" deep. Turn the pocket tube inside the dress (St st side now facing) and BO from rev St st side using three needle BO method: divide the sts evenly on two dpn's and start BO from the side seam of the body.

Left Pocket

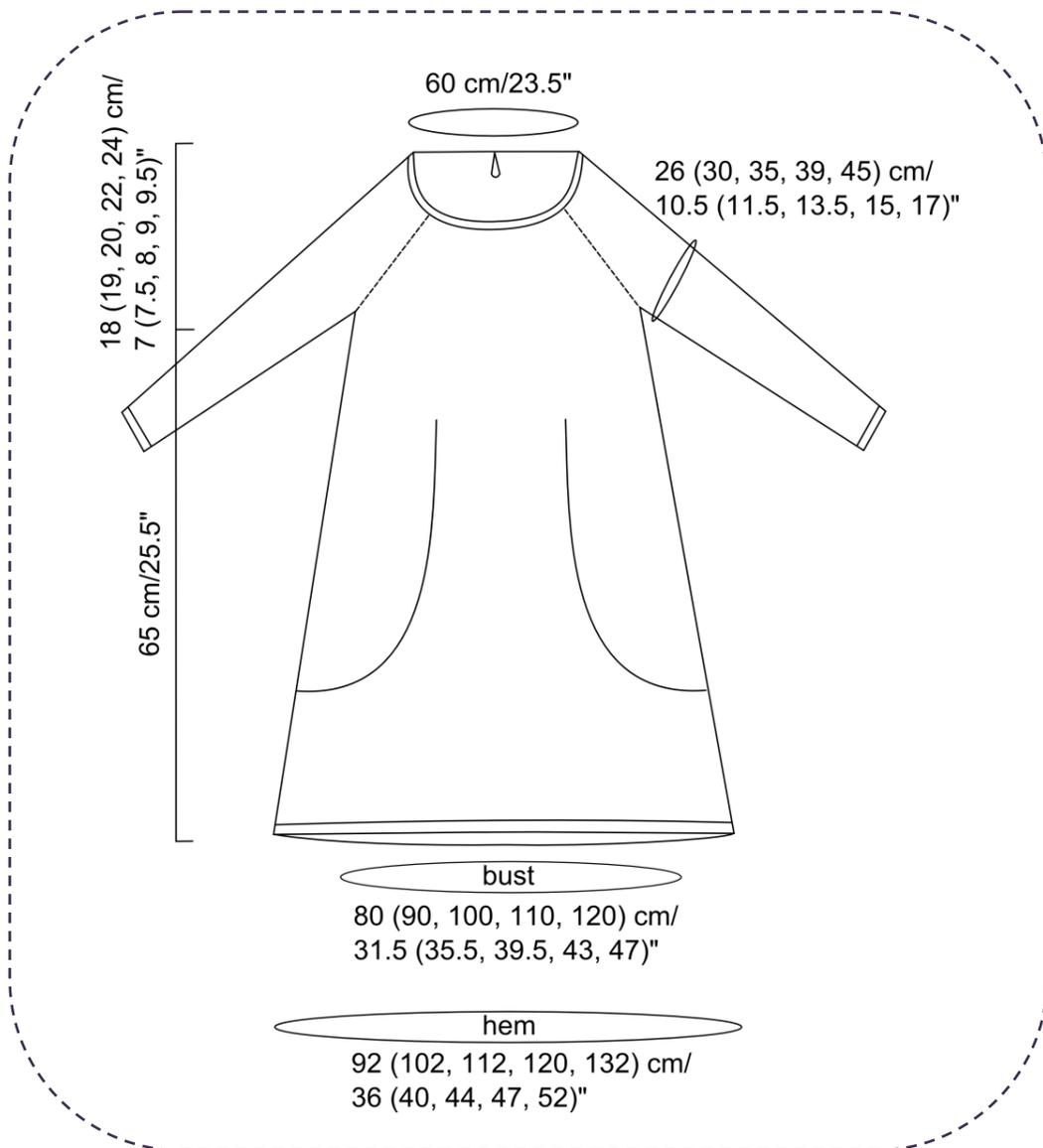
With RS facing, pick up 10 (13, 16, 19, 23) sts from the CO-edge and place the held sts of left pocket on dpn's. Join in round and knit St st until the pocket tube is 15 cm/6" deep. Turn the pocket tube inside the dress (St st side now facing) and BO from rev St st side using three needle BO method: divide the sts evenly on two dpn's and start BO from the side seam of the body.

Finishing

Sew the pocket tubes gently from the three needle BO seam to the dress with few stitches (that prevents the pockets from turning inside-out when wearing the dress). Sew in all ends and sew on button to the back of the neck. Wet block the dress.

Finished Size

Choose a size with 2.5 cm/1" of positive ease.



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