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COTTONATIONWomen's Long Tunic Dress



To Fit Women's Size: S, (M, L, XL, XXL)

Approximate Finished Chest: 33 ½", (37 ½, 41 ½, 45 ½, 49 ½)

Length: 40", (40 ½, 41, 41 ½, 42)

Materials:

Cottonation: 4, (5, 6, 6, 7)—100G balls, color 776 festival

Gauge: 16 sts, 24 rows= 4" in st st on US Size 10 (6mm) needles *after blocking*. **Needles/Notions:** US Size 10 (6mm) 24" circular, 2 stitch markers, 2 stitch holders.

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The pattern is written for the smallest size, with larger sizes in parenthesis. If only one number is given, it applies to all sizes. A circular needle is used to accommodate the large number of stitches. You will not be working the front and back in the round.

1x1 Rib worked flat

Row 1 (WS): Sl 1 wyib purlwise, *k1, p1; rep from * across to last 2 sts, k2.

Row 2: Sl 1 wyib purlwise, *p1, k1; rep from * across.

Rep these 2 rows for pattern st.

Special Abbreviation

Pso= slip 1 knitwise, k1, pass slipped stitch over.

Begin

Back Hem

CO 77, (85, 93, 101, 109) sts. Work in 1x1 Rib worked flat for 2", end having worked a WS Row.

Pattern Setup

Pm before and after the last 13 sts.

Row 1 (RS): Sl 1 wyib purlwise, p3, yo, k2tog, k2, pso, yo, p3, sl m, k to last 13 sts, sl m, p3, yo, k2tog, k2, pso, yo, p3, k1.

Row 2: Sl 1 wyib purlwise, k2, pso, yo, p4, yo, k2tog, k2, sl m, p to m, sl m, k2, pso, yo, p4, yo, k2tog, k3.

Rep these 2 rows for pattern stitch. When piece measures 3" from CO edge, work the decrease row on next RS row as follows:

<u>Decrease Row (RS):</u> Sl 1 wyib purlwise, p3, yo, k2tog, k2, pso, yo, p3, sl m, k2, ssk, k to 4 sts before next m, k2tog, k2, sl m, p3, yo, k2tog, k2, pso, yo, p3, k1—2 sts dec'd.

Rep the decrease row every 12th row 9 times more. 57, (65, 73, 81, 89) sts on needle.

Work even until body measures 23" from CO edge, end having worked a WS Row.

<u>Increase Row (RS):</u> Sl 1 wyib purlwise, p3, yo, k2tog, k2, pso, yo, p3, sl m, k2, m1, k to 2 sts before next m, m1, k2, sl m, p3, yo, k2tog, k2, pso, yo, p3, k1—2 sts inc'd.

Rep the increase row every 8th row 5 times more. 69, (77, 85, 93, 101) sts on needle.

Work even until body measures 31" from CO edge, end having worked a WS Row.

Shape Armholes

You will be shaping the armholes while working in pattern. If you don't have enough sts to work a coordinating yo (increase) with a decrease (k2tog or pass slipped stitch over), you may work these sts in st st.

 $BO\ 4$, (5, 6, 7, 8) sts at the beg of next 2 rows, $BO\ 2$, (3, 4, 5, 6) sts at the beg of next 2 rows.

57, (61, 65, 69, 73) sts on needle.

Decrease Row (RS): K2, ssk, pattern to last 4 sts, k2tog, k2—2 sts dec'd.

Next Row (WS): P3, pattern to last 3 sts, p3.

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Next Row (WS): P3, pattern to last 3 sts, p3.

Rep the last 4 rows 6 times more. 43, (47, 51, 55, 59) sts on needle.

Shape Neck

When all armhole shaping is complete work the neck as follows:

Next Row (RS): K11, (12, 13, 14, 15), place the next 21, (23, 25, 27, 29) sts onto a holder, attach a new strand of

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yarn, k to end.

11, (12, 13, 14, 15) sts remain for each shoulder

Dec 1 st at neck edge every other row 7, (8, 9, 10, 11) times total.

4 sts remain for each shoulder.

Work even until armhole measures 9", $(9 \frac{1}{2}, 10, 10\frac{1}{2}, 11)$. BO all sts on next row.

Front

Work same as for back.

Finishing

Sew the shoulder seams. Sew the side seams, leaving a slit on one or both sides of the dress—approximately 19" long or desired length.

Armhole Edge: With RS facing, start at center of the underarm, pick up evenly and k 78, (84, 90, 96, 102) sts evenly along the armhole. Join in the rnd and pm.

Rib Rnd: *K1, p1; rep from * across.

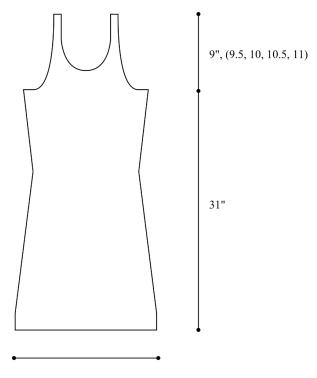
Work 1 more rib rnd. BO all sts in rib on next rnd. Rep for the other armhole.

Neck Edge: Starting at left shoulder, pick up evenly and k 16, (18, 20, 22, 24) sts along the front neck to holder, k across 21, (23, 25, 27, 29) sts from the front holder, pick up evenly and k 32, (36, 40, 44, 48) sts along the front to the shoulder to back holder, k across 21, (23, 25, 27, 29) sts from the back holder, pick up evenly and k 16, (18, 20, 22, 24) sts to the shoulder.

106, (118, 130, 142, 154) sts on needle. Join in the rnd and pm.

Work 2 Rib Rnds same as for armhole. BO all sts on next rnd in rib. Weave in all ends.

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17", (19, 21, 23, 25) at chest 14", (16, 8, 20, 22) at waist 19", (21, 23, 25, 27) at hem

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