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TASMAN TUNIC DRESS



A simple thigh length top with beaded hem and a swirly skirt , the threaded ribbon means the bodice can be ruched to your liking.

Sizes: 2, 4, 6, 8 years

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Yarn name I used Atlante by Naturally(100% bamboo, 50g (1.75 oz) 120 metres (131 yards), shade 2110. You can substitute for any non-stretchy e.g. cotton, bamboo, linen 5 ply (sport weight) (12 wraps per inch) yarn

Needle size: 1x 80cm (32 inch) circular 4 mm (size 6 US, 8 UK and CAN) and 1x 80cm (32 inch) circular 3.25 mm (size 3 US, 10 UK and CAN)

Notions: 240 (264, 288, 312) glass beads in size: **8/0 (3mm)** in colour of your choice

6 st markers in one colour

1 st marker in a different colour

4 st holders

Bead needle – I use a big eye needle yarn needle

Medium crochet hook for buttonhole.

1 flat button approximately 1.5 cm (1/2 inch) in diameter

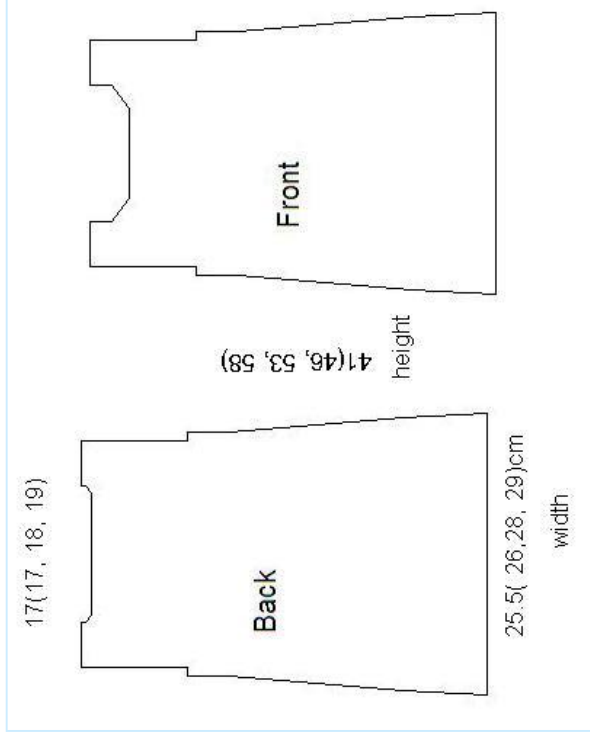
1 metre (1 yard) .75cm (1/3 inch) wide ribbon.

Gauge: 22 sts and 30 rows = 10 cm (4 inches) over stst using larger needles.

Stitch pattern: (RS rows: knit WS rows: purl

Note: Instructions are given for the smallest size, with subsequent sizes following in parentheses. If there is only one figure, it applies to all sizes.

Size	2	4	6	8
chest	55.5 cm	61 cm	66 cm	71 cm
circumference	22 inches	24.5 inches	26.5 inches	28.5 cm
Garment length	41cm	46 cm	53cm	58cm
Yarn requirements	130g	150g	200g	225g



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Work straight for 6 (6, 6, 8) rows.

Join shoulders: using a 3 needle bind off, using a 4mm needle as the right hand needle.

Bands:

Neckband: with RS facing and 3.25 mm needles, starting at left centre back, pick up and knit 88 (90, 92, 98)

Knit 1 row (purl sts show on RS)

Next row: cast off knitwise

Work a 5 st crochet loop at top back neck for buttonhole.

Armbands: work with 3.25 mm dpns or 2 circulars (or magic loop method)

Starting at the centre back of the armhole and RS facing, pick up and knit 71 (76, 82, 94) sts

Work 1 round purl

Next round: cast off knitwise

Finishing:

Darn in all loose ends



Blocking is essential, soak the garment in cool water for 5 minutes, press the water out, then roll in a towel and put weight on it to drive more water out (standing on it is good!) pin out on a board or towel, ensure the points of the skirt are pulled out well and pinned as in photo.

Cable cast on:

Begin with a slip knot on the left needle.

Insert the right needle into the loop as if you are about to knit a stitch
Wrap the yarn around the right needle as if you are going to knit it and pull this loop through the loop on the needle. Place this new stitch on the left needle.

Now insert your right needle in **between** the two stitches on the left needle.

Wrap the yarn around the right needle as if you are about to knit it.

Pull the loop through and place this new stitch on the left needle.

Continue until you have cast on the number of stitches you need.

String 240 (264, 288, 312) beads onto your yarn.

With 4 mm needle cast on 240 (264, 288, 312) sts and work the first row with beads as follows:

work a cable cast on, when you are about to wrap the needle to make the next st, push a bead snug against the left hand needle and make the st.

Method: take a length of sewing thread and double it so you have a loop. Thread a needle with the doubled thread, leaving the loop as the long end. Then take your knitting yarn and pass the end through the loop of the sewing thread. You now have the two threads looped together and you can then thread the beads onto the needle, down the sewing thread and onto the knitting yarn. This way you can string lots of beads onto the sewing thread and push them onto the knitting yarn all together, rather than having to thread them onto the knitting yarn individually.

Place markers as follows: work 20 (22, 24, 26), pm, *work 40 (44, 48, 52), pm repeat from * until 20 (22, 24, 26) sts remain, place a different coloured marker be-

tween first and last sts to show centre back (do not work this marker when working decreases) work to end. Join in the round taking care not to twist.

Purl 1 round

Knit 1 round

Purl 1 round

Continue in stocking stitch



At the same time dec every 3rd round as follows:

Work to 2 sts before marker SSK, slip marker, K2tog, repeat for all but the centre back marker.

Continue to decrease every 3rd round 9 (11, 12, 13) more times, 120 (132, 144, 156) sts remain.

Work straight for 50 (57, 74, 81) rounds (add or subtract rows here to get an alternative length)

80 (93, 113, 123) rounds total

Change to 3.25mm needles

Work 2 rounds

Make eyelets at centre front:

Next round: knit 57 (63, 69, 75) sts from beginning of round, yfwd, k2tog, k2, yfwd, k2tog knit to end.

Next round: knit

Repeat these 2 rounds 3 x more

Total of (10 rounds with 3.25 mm

needles)

Front:

It is time work front and back seperately

Rounds finish at middle back, so you will have to knit another 30 (33, 36, 39) sts to get to the side.

Continue in stst on next 60 (66, 72, 78) sts, place remaining 60 (66, 72, 78) sts on a holder for the back.

Continue to work eyelets at centre front as before.

Shape armholes: Cast off 2 sts beginning next 2 rows



Then decrease 1 st beg. next 4 (4,6,6) rows.^^

Work 14 (14,16,20) rows straight.

Total 20 (20,24,28) rows from start of armhole.

Neck shaping:

Work 15 (18, 20, 20) sts, cast off next 22 (22, 22, 28) sts, work 15 (18, 20, 20) sts Continue on these sts

Dec 1 st at neck edge every row 5 (6, 8, 8)x (10 (12,12 , 12) sts rem)

Work straight for 12 (13, 11, 13) more rows

Place sts on a holder and work other side to match.

Total 38 (40, 44, 50) rows from start of armhole decs.

Back:

Re-join yarn with RS facing

As for front to ^^ (excluding eyelets)

Work 6 (6, 6, 6) rows straight 12(12, 14, 14) rows from start of armhole decs

Centre opening: work 26 (29,

31, 34) to centre back marker, turn and cast off 3 sts work to end.

Continue on these 23 (26, 28, 31) sts for 15 (17, 19, 23) more rows.

Next row: WS facing, cast off 10 (11, 13, 16) sts, work 13 (15, 15, 15) sts, turn and continue on these sts

Left neck shaping: dec 1 st at neck edge every row 3 x (10 (12, 12, 12) sts rem)

Work straight for 5 (5, 5, 7) rows, place on a holder.

Right side: RS facing, rejoin yarn at centre back

Cast off 3 sts (1 pick up the closest cast off st from left neck and knit together with the first st – to avoid a gap)

Work to end

Continue to work straight for 15 (17, 19, 23) more rows

Next row RS facing

Cast off 10 (11, 13, 16) sts, work 13 (15, 15, 15) sts, continue on these sts

Dec 1 st at neck edge every row 3