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#MADEUNIQUE



LE CHIC
DRESS

INTERMEDIATE
6.5MM (US10.5) NEEDLES

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YOUR ADVENTURE STARTS NOW



IT'S FUN

Making is the new yoga. Free your mind, the rest will follow. Namaste.

WE'LL BE THERE FOR YOU

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YOU'RE GOING TO FEEL GOOD

Nothing will make you happier than holding your finished project.

RECIPE FOR SUCCESS

1

GET YOUR TOOLS READY.

Everything you need to get making.

2

FAMILIARISE YOURSELF WITH THE TECHNIQUES.

Everything from the stitches used to the finishing touches for your project.

3

GET TO KNOW YOUR YARN.

Before you start your piece, play around with your new yarn to get used to it, and to check your tension.

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WOOL SCHOOL

Pick up your needles & yarn and make the magic happen! For a little extra help, check out our Wool School at:

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When you're done - let the world know.

LET'S GET KNITTING

Tool kit

- 1 ball of WATG's Shiny Happy Cotton in colour A
- 2 balls of WATG's Shiny Happy Cotton in colour B
- 1 ball of WATG's Shiny Happy Cotton in colour C
- 2 balls of WATG's Shiny Happy Cotton in colour D
- 1 Le Chic Dress pattern
- 1 pair of 6.5mm (US10.5) knitting needles
- 1 sewing needle

Tension

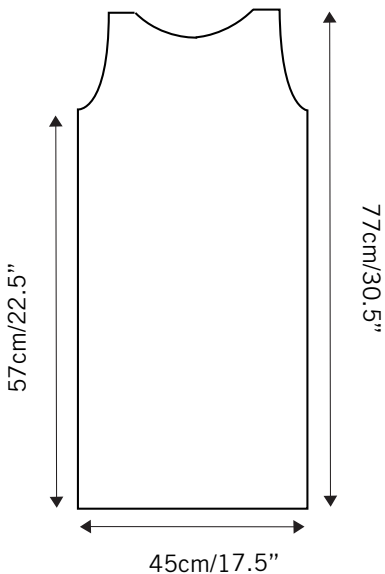
To ensure your knitting has the same measurements as the pattern, it is a good idea to make a tension swatch before you start knitting your project. A tension swatch is a small sample of your knitting where you count the stitches and rows and check them against the tension given in the pattern. If you get MORE stitches/rows than the pattern's tension, it means your knitting is tighter. If you get FEWER stitches/rows than the pattern, your knitting is looser. Sometimes, it works to knit tighter or looser to compensate.

Stocking stitch

- 10 cm/4" = 14 stitches
- 10 cm/4" = 18 rows

All knitting techniques can be found at the back of the pattern.

MEASUREMENTS



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HOW TO KNIT YOUR LE CHIC DRESS

You don't always have to cut the yarn when changing colours - leave the yarns attached unless the pattern tells you to cut.

BACK

1 With colour A, cast on 66 stitches using the cable cast on technique.

2 Work 5 rows in stocking stitch.

3 Change to colour B but don't cut colour A, work 2 rows in stocking stitch. Wrap colour B a full turn around colour A – this prevents big loops from forming at the side of your knitting where you are carrying the yarn that's not in use.

4 With colour B, work 2 rows in stocking stitch. Wrap colour B around colour A.

5 With colour B, work 2 row in stocking stitch.

6 Change to colour A, work 1 row in stocking stitch.

Continue wrapping the yarns together at the end of the row, every 3 rows, for the duration of the stripe pattern.

7 With colour A, work 5 rows in stocking stitch.

8 Change to colour B, Work 6 rows in stocking stitch.

- 9** Change to colour A, work 6 rows in stocking stitch.
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- 10** Change to colour B, work 6 rows in stocking stitch.
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- 11** Repeat steps 9 and 10 once more. Cut all your yarns, leaving 15cm/6" tails for weaving in later.
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- 12** Change to colour C, work 8 rows in stocking stitch.
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- 13** Change to colour B, work 2 rows in stocking stitch.
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- 14** Change to colour C and cut colour B. Work 3 rows in stocking stitch.
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- 15** Change to colour D and cut colour C. Work 15 rows in stocking stitch.
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- 16** Change to colour C, work 3 rows in stocking stitch.
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- 17** Change to colour B, work 1 row in stocking stitch. Wrap colour B around colour D.
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- 18** With colour B, work 1 row in stocking stitch.
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- 19** Change to colour C and cut colour B. Work 3 rows in stocking stitch.
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- 20** Change to colour D and cut colour C. Work 15 rows in stocking stitch.
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- 21 Change to colour C and cut colour D. Work 3 rows in stocking stitch. Now, you will start shaping the armholes.
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- 22 **Decrease row:** Change to colour B, and cut colour C. Cast off 3 stitches, knit to the end of the row. (You now have 63 stitches.)
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- 23 **Decrease row:** With colour B, cast off 3 stitches, purl to the end of the row. (60 stitches.)
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- 24 **Decrease row:** Change to colour C and cut colour B. Cast off 2 stitches, knit to the end of the row. (58 stitches.)
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- 25 **Decrease row:** With colour C, cast off 2 stitches, purl to the end of the row. (56 stitches.)
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- 26 **Decrease row:** With colour C, knit 1 stitch, make a left-leaning decrease, knit until you have 3 stitches left of your row, make a right-leaning decrease, knit the last stitch. (54 stitches.)
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- 27 **Decrease row:** Change to colour B and cut colour C, purl 1 stitch, make a left-leaning purl decrease, purl until you have 3 stitches left of your row, make a right-leaning purl decrease, purl the last stitch. (52 stitches.)
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- 28 **Decrease row:** With colour B, knit 1 stitch, make a left-leaning decrease, knit until you have 3 stitches left of your row, make a right-leaning decrease, knit the last stitch. (50 stitches.)
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29 Purl 1 row.

Now, you will start shaping the neck.

30 Decrease row: Knit 1 stitch, make a left-leaning decrease, knit 19 stitches, make a right-leaning decrease, knit 1 stitch, then turn your work around to work back over these 23 stitches – simply leave the rest of the stitches on the needle for now, you will come back to them later. (48 stitches in total.)

31 Decrease row: Purl 1 stitch, make a left-leaning purl decrease, purl to the end of the section. (22 stitches.)

32 Decrease row: Knit 1 stitch, make a left-leaning decrease, work in stocking stitch until you have 3 stitches left of this section, make a right-leaning decrease, knit the last stitch. (20 stitches.)

33 Repeat step 31. (19 stitches.)

34 Decrease row: Knit until you have 3 stitches left of this section, make a right-leaning decrease, knit the last stitch. (18 stitches.)

35 Decrease row: Purl 1 stitch, make a left-leaning purl decrease, purl to the end of the section. (17 stitches.)

36 Repeat steps 34 and 35 a further 4 times. (9 stitches.)

37 Repeat step 34. (8 stitches.)

38 Purl 1 row.

39 Repeat steps 37 and 38 once more. (7 stitches.)

40 Work 8 rows in stocking stitch.

41 Cast off.

Re-join the yarn to the stitches that have been waiting on your needle.

42 Decrease row: With colour B, knit 1 stitch, make a left-leaning decrease, knit until you have 3 stitches left of your row, make a right-leaning decrease, knit the last stitch. (23 stitches.)

43 Decrease row: Purl until you have 3 stitches left of your row, make a right-leaning purl decrease, purl the last stitch. (22 stitches.)

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45 Repeat step 43. (19 stitches.)

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47 Decrease row: Purl until you have 3 stitches left of your

row, make a right-leaning purl decrease, purl the last stitch. (17 stitches.)

48 Repeat steps 48 and 49 a further 4 times. (9 stitches.)

49 Repeat step 48. (8 stitches.)

50 Purl 1 row.

51 Repeat steps 51 and 52 once more. (7 stitches.)

52 Work 8 rows in stocking stitch.

53 Cast off.

FRONT

1 Follow steps 1 to 29 as given for the back.

2 **Decrease row:** Knit 1 stitch, make a left-leaning decrease, knit until you have 3 stitches left of your row, make a right-leaning decrease, knit the last stitch. (48 stitches.)

3 Purl 1 row.

4 Repeat steps 2 and 3 once more. (46 stitches.)

5 Work 12 rows in stocking stitch.

Now, you will start shaping the neck.

- 6 Decrease row:** Knit 17 stitches, cast off 12 stitches, knit to the end of the row. (34 stitches.)

Next you will be working across only half of your stitches – simply leave the rest of the stitches on the needle for now, you will come back to them later.

- 7** Purl 1 row.
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- 8 Decrease row:** Cast off 3 stitches, knit to the end of the row. (14 stitches.)
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- 9 Decrease row:** Purl until you have 3 stitches left of your row, make a right-leaning purl decrease, purl the last stitch. (13 stitches.)
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- 10 Decrease row:** Knit 1 stitch, make a left-leaning decrease, knit to the end of the row. (12 stitches.)
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- 11** Repeat steps 9 and 10 twice more. (8 stitches.)
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- 12** Repeat step 9. (7 stitches.)
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- 13** Cast off.

Re-join the yarn to the stitches that have been waiting on your needle.

- 14 Decrease row:** Cast off 3 stitches, knit to the end of the row. (14 stitches.)
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15 Knit 1 row.

16 **Decrease row:** Purl 1 stitch, make a left-leaning purl decrease, purl to the end of the row. (13 stitches.)

17 **Decrease row:** Knit until you have 3 stitches left of your row, make a right-leaning decrease, knit the last stitch. (12 stitches.)

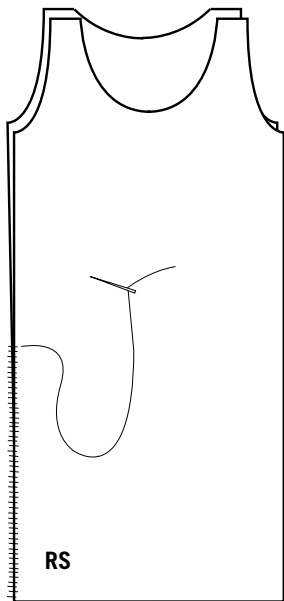
18 Repeat steps 16 and 17 twice more. (8 stitches.)

19 Repeat step 16. (7 stitches.)

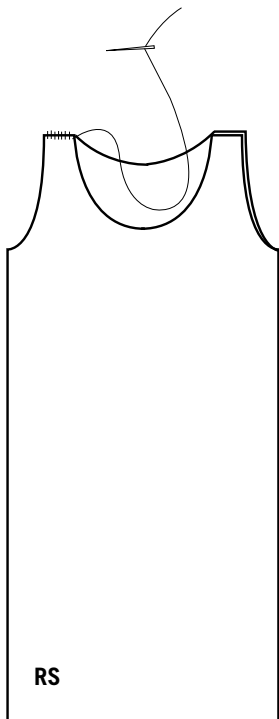
20 Cast off.

ASSEMBLY AND FINISHING

- 1 Place your front and back panels on top of each other, with the wrong sides touching.
- 2 Use the vertical invisible seam technique to sew the side seams from the bottom edge to the underarm.



- 3** Once again thread your sewing needle with a length of yarn and using the horizontal invisible seam technique, sew the shoulder seams.



- 4** Weave in the loose ends.



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KNITTING TECHNIQUES

Work! Work! Work!

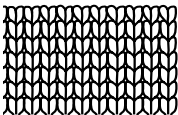
There are two main ways to 'work' stitches: they can be knitted or purled. When the pattern asks you to 'work' a number of stitches/rows/cm, it will always specify which stitch pattern to work in.

Cable cast on / [Online video tutorial](#)

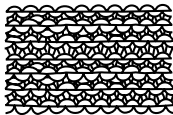
Create a slip knot on the left hand needle. Knit on one stitch, creating two stitches on the left hand needle. Now insert the right needle between the two stitches, wrap and bring through. Transfer the newly created stitch onto the left hand needle. Repeat until you have cast on the number of stitches indicated in the pattern.

Stocking stitch / [Online video tutorial](#)

This is a variation of stocking stitch, where the purled side is used as the 'right' side. The 'right' side of the fabric looks like a series of 'waves' and the 'wrong' side of the fabric looks like a series of 'Vs'. Purl all the stitches of the first row (right side) and knit all the stitches of the second row. These two rows form the pattern.



RIGHT SIDE



WRONG SIDE

Adding a new ball of yarn / [▶ Online video tutorial](#)

When your ball of yarn runs out, or when you need to change the colour, tie a loose knot on to the tail with the new ball of yarn and slide it up to the needle. Tighten the knot. Continue knitting with the new yarn.

Working with stripes

When working with stripes, there is no need to cut the yarn every time you change colour. Instead, you simply carry the yarn up the edge of your knitting - this way you won't have a lot of yarn ends to sew in at the end! To avoid long loops at the edges where the yarn is carried, you simply twist your yarns together every few rows.

Left-leaning decrease / [▶ Online video tutorial](#)

Insert the right needle into the next stitch on the left needle knit-wise (from left to right) and slip the stitch onto the right needle without knitting it. Slip the next stitch in the same way. Now insert the left needle through both these stitches, in front of the right needle, from left to right. Wrap the yarn as for a normal knit stitch and pull the yarn through both loops at once. (If you look at the stitch you just made, you can see that it leans toward the left - hence the name.)

Right-leaning decrease / [▶ Online video tutorial](#)

Instead of knitting only one stitch at a time, knit two stitches together. Insert the front of your right needle through the first two stitches of the left needle, then knit them together as a single stitch.

Left-leaning purl decrease / [▶ Online video tutorial](#)

Insert the right needle through the next two stitches and purl them together as if they were a single stitch.

Right-leaning purl decrease / [▶ Online video tutorial](#)

To make a right-leaning purl decrease, you purl two stitches together through the back of the loops. Holding the yarn ready to work a purl stitch, insert the right needle into the back of the SECOND stitch on the left needle, from left to right (behind the left needle). Then continue by inserting the needle into the first stitch as well (from left to right as before). The right needle is now parallel to the left needle, with the right needle behind the left, and both needle tips pointing in the same direction. Wrap the yarn and complete the stitch as for a normal purl stitch.

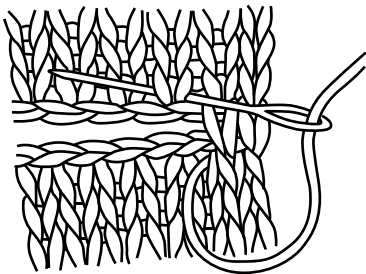
Casting off / [▶ Online video tutorial](#)

To complete your project, you need to cast off your last row of stitches in order to make an edge that won't unravel. For your final row, knit the first two stitches. Using the tip of the left needle, lift the first stitch up and over the second stitch and then slip it off the right needle. Now you have only one stitch on your right needle. Knit the next stitch from the left needle, then lift the previous stitch over it and off the needle as before. Do this with each stitch until there are no stitches on the left needle and just one stitch on the right needle. Cut the yarn, leaving a 15 cm/6" end. Pull on the last loop until the end pops through - you've now secured the last stitch.

FINISHING TECHNIQUES

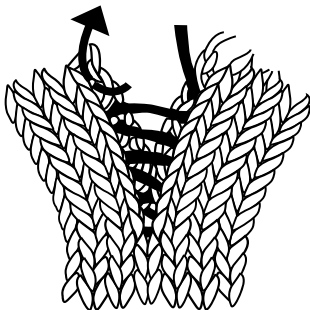
Horizontal invisible seam technique / [▶ Online video tutorial](#)

This technique is used for sewing together horizontal edges (like cast on and cast off edges). Align the two edges so that they are lined up stitch by stitch. Insert the sewing needle under a V stitch and then under the corresponding V stitch on the other side. Continue in this way until the seam is complete.



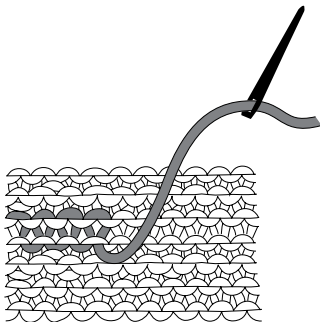
Vertical invisible seam / [▶ Online video tutorial](#)

This technique is used to join two side edges. Line up the edges side by side with the right side of the fabric facing up. Insert your sewing needle under the first horizontal bar between the first two stitches on the edge you want to join. Pull the yarn through and insert the needle through the opposite horizontal bar on the other piece. Sew back and forth through the horizontal bars along the edge. To tighten the stitches, pull the yarn gently - and they will disappear.



Weaving in the ends / [▶ Online video tutorial](#)

Weave the ends of your yarn into your knitting to finish it off and stop it from unravelling. Thread the tail onto the sewing needle. Weave the yarn along the edge of your knitting as shown in the diagram. Weave in approximately 10 cm/4", then cut the tail.



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CRAZY SEXY WOOL
100% Peruvian Wool



SUGAR BABY ALPACA
100% Baby Alpaca



WOOL ME TENDER
100% Peruvian Wool



JERSEY BE GOOD
98% Cotton
2% Elastane



MIXTAPE YARN
80% Cotton
20% Polyester



BILLIE JEAN
100% Upcycled Denim



SHINY HAPPY COTTON
100% Peruvian
Pima Cotton



WOOLY BULLY ALPACA
80% Superfine Alpaca
20% Merino Wool



SHEEPACA YARN
50% Baby Alpaca
50% Merino Wool



TAKE CARE MOHAIR
78% Kid Mohair
13% Wool / 9% Polyamide



FEELING GOOD
70% Baby Alpaca
7% Merino / 23% Nylon

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