MATERIALS

Patons® Alpaca Blend™ (3.5 oz/100 g; 155 yds/142 m)

Celestial (01011)   **1 ball**

Set of 4 sizes U.S. 8 (5 mm) and U.S. 10 (6 mm) double-pointed knitting needles **or size needed to obtain gauge.** Stitch marker.

ABBREVIATIONS:

Alt = Alternate(ing)

Beg = Begin(ning)

Dec = Decrease(ing)

Inc = Increase(ing)

K = Knit

K2tog = Knit next 2 stitches together

P = Purl

PM = Place marker

Rem = Remain(ing)

Rep = Repeat

Rnd(s) = Round(s)

St(s) = Stitch(es)

KNIT | SKILL LEVEL: **EASY**

SIZE
One size to fit average woman.

GAUGE
15 sts and 20 rows = 4" [10 cm] in stocking st with larger needles.

INSTRUCTIONS
Ribbing

With smaller double-pointed needles, cast on 80 sts. Divide among 3 needles. Join to beg working in rnd. PM to indicate beg of rnd.

1st rnd : *K2. P2. Rep from * around.

Rep last rnd of (K2. P2) ribbing for 3" [7.5 cm].

Next rnd: Knit, inc 4 sts evenly around. 84 sts.

Change to larger double-pointed needles and proceed as follows:

1st rnd: *K3. (P1. K1) twice. K5. Rep from * around.

2nd rnd: *K2. (P1. K1) 3 times. K4. Rep from * around.

3rd rnd: *K1. (P1. K1) 4 times. K3. Rep from * around.

4th rnd: As 2nd rnd.

5th rnd: As 3rd rnd.

6th rnd: As 2nd rnd.

7th rnd: As 1st rnd.

8th and 9th rnds: Knit.

10th rnd: *K9. P1. K1. P1. Rep from * around.

11th rnd: *P1. K7. (P1. K1) twice. Rep from * around.

12th rnd: *K1. P1. K5. (P1. K1) twice. P1. Rep from * around.

13th rnd: As 11th rnd.

14th rnd: As 12th rnd.

15th rnd: As 11th rnd.

16th rnd: As 10th rnd.

17th and 18th rnds: Knit. Work 1st to 9th rnds once more, dec 4 sts evenly around last rnd. 80 sts.

Shape top: 1st rnd: *K8. K2tog. Rep from * around. 72 sts.

2nd and alt rnds: Knit.

3rd rnd: *K7. K2tog. Rep from * around. 64 sts.

5th rnd: *K6. K2tog. Rep from * around. 56 sts.

7th rnd: *K5. K2tog. Rep from * around. 48 sts.

9th rnd: *K4. K2tog. Rep from * around. 40 sts.

11th rnd: *K3. K2tog. Rep from * around. 32 sts.

13th rnd: *K2. K2tog. Rep from * around. 24 sts.

14th rnd: *K2tog. Rep from * around. 12 sts. Break yarn, leaving a long end. Thread end through rem sts and draw up tightly. Fasten securely.