



AN ITALIAN STORY

Vera™



VALLE PONCHO

KNITTING



WHAT YOU NEED

RED HEART® Vera™: 1 ball 2311 Latte **A**, 3 balls 2312 Nero **B**, and 4 balls 2342 Pietra **C**.

Susan Bates® Knitting Needles: 6 mm [US 10] 36" [90 cm] and 16" [40 cm] circular needles.

Two stitch holders, stitch marker, yarn needle.

GAUGE: 15 sts = about 4" [10 cm]; 19 rows = about 4" [10 cm] in Stockinette stitch (knit on right side, purl on wrong side) using larger needles. **CHECK YOUR GAUGE. Use any size needles to obtain the gauge.**

BUY YARN



RED HEART® Vera™: Art R181 available in 3.5 oz (100 g) 135 yds (123 m) balls



Designed by Italian Story Design Team

Poncho measures about 38½" [98 cm] wide and 23½" [59.5 cm] long (folded at shoulder line).

Notes

1. Poncho is made in one piece, worked back and forth in rows of Stockinette stitch (knit on right side, purl on wrong side) with Seed stitch borders.
2. Work begins at lower front edge and proceeds up to front neck. Stitches are bound-off to begin neck opening and shoulders are worked separately for 5 rows. Stitches are cast-on again to finish neck opening. Work then proceeds from back neck down to lower back edge.
3. Circular needle is used to accommodate large number of stitches. Work back and forth in rows on circular needle as if working with straight needles.
4. Yarn color is changed to create blocks of color. When changing color, twist strands around each other to prevent holes. Do not cut old yarn color until instructed. Carry color not in use along wrong side of piece.

PONCHO

Beginning at lower front edge with longer circular needle and **A**, cast on 92 sts, then with **B**, cast on an additional 48 sts, for a total of 140 sts.

Lower Front Border

Row 1 (right side): With **B**, [k1, p1] 24 times; with **A**, *k1, p1; repeat from * to end of row.

Row 2: With **A**, [p1, k1] 46 times; with **B**, *p1, k1; repeat from * to end of row.

Rows 4-6: Repeat Rows 1 and 2 twice.

Until otherwise instructed, work **A**-colored sts with **A** and **B**-colored sts with **B**.

Row 7 (right side): K1, [p1, k1] twice for side border, knit to last 5 sts, p1, [k1, p1] twice for side border.

Row 8: P1, [k1, p1] twice, purl to last 5 sts, k1, [p1, k1] twice. Repeat Rows 7 and 8 until piece measures about 10" [25.5 cm] from beginning, ending with a wrong side row.

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Cut A.

In next row, when you reach the first **A**-colored st, join **C**. and work all **A**-colored sts with **C**.

Next Row (right side): Repeat Row 7.

For remainder of poncho, work **B**-colored sts with **B** and **C**-colored sts with **C**.

Next Row: Repeat Row 8.

Repeat Rows 7 and 8 until piece measures about 23" [58.5 cm] from beginning, ending with a wrong side row.

Begin Neck Opening

Row 1 (right side): K1, [p1, k1] twice, k54 for left shoulder, bind off center 22 sts for neck, knit to last 5 sts, p1, [k1, p1] twice for right shoulder—59 sts for each shoulder.

Right Shoulder

Next Row (wrong side): P1, [k1, p1] twice, p54; place the 59 left shoulder sts on a holder.

Next Row: Knit to last 5 sts, p1, [k1, p1] twice.

Next Row: P1, [k1, p1] twice, purl to end of row.

Repeat last 2 rows once more.

Place right shoulder sts on a holder. Cut **C**.

Left Shoulder

Return the 59 left shoulder sts to circular needle so that you are ready to work a wrong side row.

Next Row (wrong side): Rejoin **C** at beginning of left shoulder sts, purl to last 5 sts, k1, [p1, k1] twice.

Next Row: K1, [p1, k1] twice, knit to end of row.

Next Row: Purl to last 5 sts, k1, [p1, k1] twice.

Repeat last 2 rows once more.

Finish Neck Opening

Place right shoulder sts back on circular needle along with the left shoulder sts.

Next Row (right side): K1, [p1, k1] twice, k54, cast on 22 sts, knit to last 5 sts, p1, [k1, p1] twice—140 sts.

Next Row: Repeat Row 8.

Repeat Rows 7 and 8, continuing to work **B**-colored sts with **B** and **C**-colored sts with **C**, until back measures about same length as front to lower seed stitch border, ending with a wrong side row.

Lower Back Border

Row 1 (right side): *K1, p1; repeat from * to end of row.

Row 2: *P1, k1; repeat from * to end of row.

Rows 4-6: Repeat Rows 1 and 2 twice.

Bind off.

FINISHING

With right side facing, shorter circular needle and **C**, pick up and knit 70 sts evenly spaced around neck edge. Place marker for beginning of round and prepare to work in rounds.

Round 1: *K1, p1; repeat from * around.

Round 2: *P1, k1; repeat from * around.

Repeat Rounds 1 and 2 for a total of 9 rounds.

Bind off.

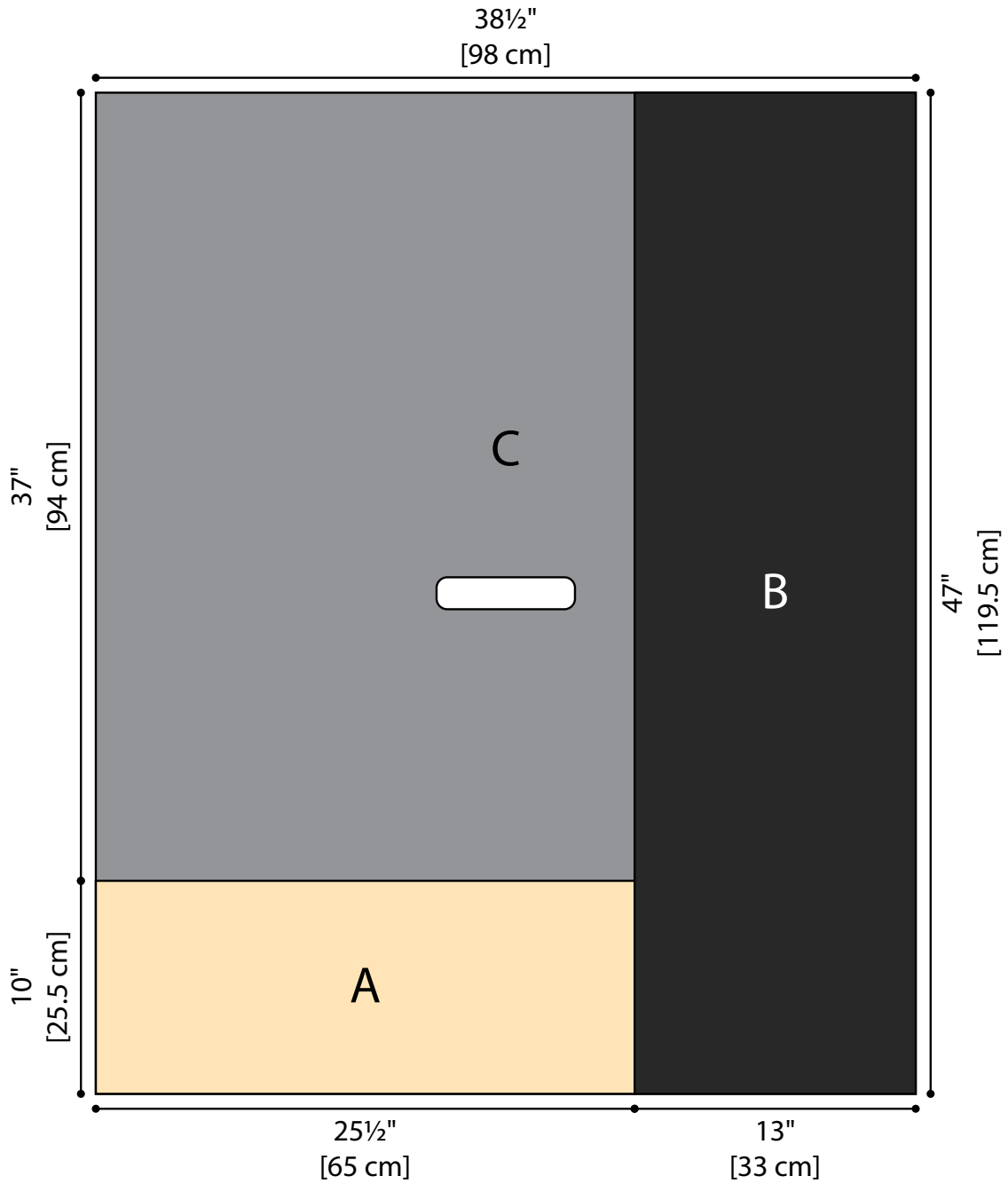
Weave in ends.

ABBREVIATIONS

A, B and C = Color A, Color B, and Color C; **k** = knit; **p** = purl; **st(s)** = stitch(es); **[]** = work directions in brackets the number of times specified; ***** = repeat whatever follows the * as indicated.

See schematics on next page





COLOR KEY	
A	= #2311 Latte
B	= #2312 Nero
C	= #2342 Pietra