

CONTESA KNITTING PATTERN FOR DK V-NECK JUMPER

To fit chest (26, 28, 30, 32, 34, 36, or 38) ins

Back

With 3.25 or 3.5mm (old size 10) needles cast on (72, 76, 82, 86, 92, 96, 102) sts.

Work in k1p1rib for (12, 12, 18, 18, 24, 24, 24) rows

Change to 4mm (old size 8) needles and work in stocking stitch, increasing 1 st at each end first and 5th rows only. (76, 80, 86, 90, 96, 100, 106 sts)

Continue until work measures (11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 15 ^{1/2}) ins, ending with P row

Shape raglans by casting off 2 sts at beg next 2 rows. ***

Work 2 rows straight then dec 1 st at each end of next and following 4th row (1, 1, 1, 2, 2, 2, 2) times (68, 72, 78, 80, 86, 90, 96 sts).

Now dec 1st at each end of every alt row until 26, 28, 30, 32, 34, 36, 38 sts remain.

Slip remaining sts onto spare needle.

Front

Work as back to ***

Next row k

Divide for neck as follows - *making sure there are 2 left in the middle for the V of the V-neck!*

Next row p (35, 38, 41, 43, 46, 49, 52) sts. Turn and complete first side as follows, leaving remaining sts on spare needle.

Dec 1 st at each end of next row and following 4th row (1, 1, 1, 2, 2, 2, 2) times (31, 34, 37, 37, 40, 43, 46 sts)

Continue dec 1 st at neck edge every 4th row, at the same time dec 1 st at raglan edge every alt row until 7 sts remain. Keeping neck edge straight continue dec at raglan edge alt rows until 2 sts remain.

P 1 row.

Next row K2tog and fasten off.

Slip centre 2 sts onto safety pin. With wrong side facing, rejoin yarn to remaining sts and p to end.

Complete to match first side, reversing shapings.

Sleeves (work 2)

With 3.25 or 3.5mm (old size 10) needles cast on (34, 36, 38, 40, 42, 44, 46) sts.

Work in k1p1 rib for 12, 12, 18, 18, 24, 24, 24 rows

Change to 4mm (old size 8) needles and work in stocking stitch, inc 1 st each end 1st and 3rd rows, then every following (7th, 8th, 8th, 8th, 8th, 8th, 8th) row until there are (54, 58, 62, 66, 70, 74, 78) sts. Work straight until sleeve seam measures (11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17) ins, ending with right side facing.

Shape raglan by casting off 2sts at beg next 2 rows. Work 2 rows straight then dec 1 st at each end of next row and following 4th row twice (44, 48, 52, 56, 60, 64, 68 sts)

Dec 1 st each end every alt row until 6 sts remain, ending with p row. Slip remaining sts on to safety pin.

To make up

Join raglans, leaving right back open.

Neck border

With right side facing and 3.25 or 3.5mm (size 10) needles knit sts from back and sleeve 1, pick up and knit (43, 47, 51, 55, 59, 63, 67) sts down left front slope, knit 2 sts from safety pin centre front, pick up and knit (43, 47, 51, 55, 59, 63, 67) sts up right front slope, and 6sts sleeve 2.

Working on these sts and keeping 2 knit sts at centre front, work in k1p1 rib for 8 rows dec 1st each side of centre front sts on each row.

Cast off in rib.