

## TOP IN DROP STITCH PATTERN • Lido Size 36/38 (40/42)

Instructions are given for first size. Figure in parenthesis refers to larger size. When only one figure is given, it applies to both sizes.

Materials: Approx. $\mathbf{3 0 0} \mathbf{( 3 5 0 )} \mathbf{g}$ of Lana Grossa Lido (75\% cotton, 15\% polyamide, $10 \%$ polyester; $100 \mathrm{~m} / 50 \mathrm{~g}$ ) in Purple/Copper (col 8); size 6 and 7 mm needles; size 6 mm circular needle, 60 cm long.

Garter st: $K$ every row.
Garter st in rnds: Purl 1 rnd, knit 1 rnd.
Drop stitch pattern A: Row 1 [WS]: K1, * k1, wrapping yarn around needle twice; rep from * to last st, k1. Row 2 [RS]: K1, * k1, dropping extra wraps and pulling st up to elongate; rep from * to last st, k1. Row 3 [WS]: Work same as row 1. Row 4 [RS]: K1tbl, * slip next 2 sts, one at a time, to right needle, dropping extra wraps and pulling sts up to elongate, sl same 2 sts back to left needle and [k2tog tbl, k2tog] these 2 sts; rep from * to last st, k1tbl. Row 5 [WS]: P1, * p1, wrapping yarn around needle twice; rep from * to last st, p1. Row 6 [RS]: Work same as row 4. Repeat rows $1-6$ throughout.

Drop stitch pattern B: Work rows 5 and 4 of drop st pat A.

Full-fashion decreases: At beg of RS row, selvage st, k3tog tbl; at end of RS row, work to last 4 sts, k3tog tbl, selvage st.

Gauge: 13.5 sts and 13.5 rows $=10 \times 10$ cm in drop st pat A on size 7 mm needles; 13 sts and 13 rows $=10 \times 10 \mathrm{~cm}$ in drop st pat $B$ on size 7 mm needles; 13 sts and 14 rows $=10 \times 5 \mathrm{~cm}$ in garter st on size 7 mm needles.

Back: With size 7 mm needles, cast on 80 (86) sts. Beg with a WS row, work in garter st for 14 rows and back measuring 5 cm from cast-on. Next, work in drop st pat A and shape sides as foll: Working full-fashion decs, dec 2 sts at beg and end of 8th row, then every foll 12th row 3 times $=64$ (70) sts. At same time, on last decrease row, shape armholes as foll: Bind off 2 sts at beg of next RS row. Next WS row: Bind off 2 sts at beg of row, work in drop st pat $B$ to end. Next RS row: Work in drop st pat $B$ and dec 2 sts at beg and end of row as foll: Work 2 sts, sl 4 sts to right needle, dropping extra wraps and pulling sts up to elongate, sl

same 4 sts back to left needle and [k4tog tbl, k4tog] these 4 sts $=2$ sts remain and 2 sts decreased, work to last 6 sts, dec 2 sts same as at beg of row, work last 2 sts. Repeat dec row every foll RS row twice $=$ 48 (54) sts. Cont until armhole measures 18 (19.5) cm from beg, ending with a WS row. Shape neck: Bind off center 26 sts. Working each side separately, work even in pat for 2 rows $=2 \mathrm{~cm}$, then bind off remaining 11 (14) sts for each shoulder.

Front: Work same as for back to armhole shaping. Shape armholes same as for back and at same time, on first row of armhole shaping, shape neck: Bind off center 24 sts. Working each side separately, bind off 1 st at each neck edge once. Work even in pat until front measures same length as back to shoulders. Bind off remaining 11 (14) sts for each shoulder.

Finishing: Pin pieces to measurements and block. Sew shoulder seams. With circular needle, pick up and k 102 sts around neck edge. Join for working in rnds and work garter st in rnds as foll: Rnd 1: Purl all sts. Rnd 2: Knit to 1 st before front neck corner, SKP [sl1 kwise, k1, psso]; rep from * once more, knit to end. Repeat last 2 rnds twice more. At same time, on last [= 6th] rnd, bind off all sts. With circular needle, pick up and k 38 (42) sts along straight edge of left armhole. Work in garter st for 9 rows $=3.5 \mathrm{~cm}$, then bind off all sts. Repeat for right armhole edge.


