

GELA



Sizes : small – medium – large – xlarge

Bust: 82 – 94 – 106 – 118 cm (*in: 32¼ - 37 - 41¾ - 46½*).

Length: 54 - 55 - 58 – 60 cm (*in: 21¼ - 21¾ - 22¾ - 23½*).

Material: 4 – 4 – 5 – 5 balls/skeins of AGRIGENTO - COTONE CORDONETTO, 100 % Egyptian cotton. 1 ball/skein = 100 g - 185 meters (*3½ oz - yardage: 57 yds per oz*).

Or our NOTO, 50 % linen/50 % cotton, to be worked with 3 strands.

Both yarns are manufactured by Campolmi Roberto Filati in Florence in Italy.

Needles: no 4 mm and 4 ½ mm.

Tension/gauge in stocking sts: 17 sts on needles no 4 ½ mm = 10 cm (4 in).

Main pattern: 1st row: knit. **2nd row and all even numbered rows:** work as the sts appear - knit to knit, purl to purl. **3rd row:** *knit 8, purl 2*, repeat from * to * all sts. **4th row:** as 2nd row. These 4 rows make the pattern and are to be repeated.

Rib pattern: 1st row: purl 3, knit 2 alternately. **2nd row and all even numbered rows:** work as the sts appear - knit to knit, purl to purl. **3rd row:**

knit 2, purl 8. **4th row:** as 2nd row. These 4 rows make the pattern and are to be repeated.

Techniques: Plain knitting (stocking sts): knit right side rows, purl wrong side rows. Stocking sts in reverse: purl right side rows, knit wrong side rows.

Garter sts: knit all sts on right side rows as well as wrong side rows. Knitting up sts along edges: for neckbands, sleevebands and sleeves work from top to bottom always knit up from the right side of the work if nothing else is given in the pattern. Casting on knotted edge by thumb method: use double wool on left hand, putting right hand wool around needle between each cast on stitch. Increasing along sideseams: knit up a stitch at the link between the edge stitch and the following/previous stitch. Joining shoulders together from the wrong side: keep each part of shoulder-stitches on separate needles, with a third needle knit 1 stitch from each needle together and cast off immediately.

Where there in the pattern is given only 1 number this applies for all sizes.

Edge sts: first st and last st on the row always to knit and these sts are never part of the pattern but always included in the number of sts on the row.

Execution:

Back: cast on 72 – 82 – 92 – 102 sts on needles no 4 mm and purl 1 row (wrong side row) Then work the rib pattern inside the edge sts. Work 4 cm (*1¾ in*). Change to needles no 4½ mm and work the main pattern and start the shaping by decreasing (knit edge st together with the following/previous st) at both sides. Begin the 3rd row in main pattern knit 3, purl 2 and then from * to * as described. The row ends knit 3. Repeat decreasing every 6 rows another 3 times = 64 - 74 - 84 - 94 sts. Continue straight up in pattern until the work measures 16 - 17 - 18 - 18 cm (*in: 6¼ - 6¾ - 7 - 7*). Increase 1 st each side as told in techniques before. Repeat increasing every 5 cm (*2 in*) another 3 times = 72 - 82 - 92 - 102 sts. To fit the new stitches into the pattern. **NOTE!** **The shaping is optional** meaning that the 3rd row in main pattern starts with knit 4 after the edge st. Continue straight up until the work measures 36 - 35½ - 36 - 36½ cm (*in: 14¼ - 14 - 14¼ - 14½*). Cast off for armhole each side for 6 - 6 - 7 - 7 sts 1 time and then for every 2 rows for 2 sts 1 time, 1 st 2 times = 52 - 62 - 70 - 80 sts.

Continue straight up in main pattern until armhole measures 16 - 17 - 18 - 19 cm (*in: 6¼ - 6½ - 7 - 7½*). Put aside on a stitch-holder for back neck the

central 20 - 22 - 26 - 30 sts and complete each shoulder separately. Cast off at neck side for every 2nd row for 2 sts 3 - 4 - 5 - 5 times. When the armhole measures 18 - 19½ - 22 - 23½ cm (*in*: 7 - 7¾ - 8¾ - 9¼), leave the remaining 10 - 12 - 12 - 13 shoulder-stitches for later. Complete the other shoulder in the same way.

Front: cast on and work as described for the back until armhole measures 7 - 7 - 8 - 8 cm (*in*: 2¾ - 2¾ - 3¼ - 3¼). Put aside on a stitch-holder the central 4 - 6 - 8 - 8 sts for front neck and complete each part separately. Cast off at neck side every 2nd row for 2 sts 2 - 2 - 2 - 3 times and 1 st 10 - 12 - 15 - 15 times. When the armhole has reached the same height as for the back leave the remaining 10 - 12 - 12 - 13 sts for later use. Complete the other part in the same way.

Make up and bands: Neck band: join the right shoulder by knitting together from the wrong side (see techniques). From the right side of the work with needles no 4 mm pick up 54 - 58 - 62 - 68 sts (sts on stitch-holder incl.) along front neck and 36 - 42 - 48 - 52 sts (sts on stitch-holder incl.) along back neck, cast on 1 st in the beginning and end = edge sts. Knit 1 row (wrong side row). Work 4 rows in rib pattern and cast off working 1st row in rib pattern. Join the left shoulder and neck band.

Armhole bands: With needles no 4 mm pick up 58 - 66 - 74 - 82 sts from the right side of the work. the 1st st and the last st = edge sts. Knit 1 row (wrong side row). Then work 4 rows in rib pattern and cast off working 1st row in rib pattern.

Sew the side seams and armhole bands.

