

CHIC TOP



Size: 10/12-12/14 (14/16-16/18) UK **Size:** 6/8-8/10 (10/12-12/14) USA **Size:** 36/38-38/40 (40/42-42/44) EU

Note: figures in brackets () refer to larger size.

Where only one figure is given this refers to both sizes.

Skill Level: intermediate

How much yarn: 9 (11) balls of 25g (195m) of Paillettes yarn, in pink shade no. 8933

(100% Polyester)

Needles: A pair of 3.25mm (no. 10) needles **Sewing needle:** Yarn needle with rounded point

STITCHES

Using needle: stocking stitch (st st)
Reverse stocking stitch (rev st st) – K2,P2 rib.
EYELET STITCH NO. 1: (work over 14 sts)

Rows 1: P2tog, yon (= yarn on needle), K10, yfwd (= yarn forward), SK1P (= slip 1 st, knit 1 st, pass slipped st over K1). **Row 2:** P13, K1. Repeat these 2 rows throughout.

EYELET STITCH NO. 1 WITH DECS: (work over 16 sts)

Rows 1: P3tog, yon (= yarn on needle), K10, yfwd (= yarn forward), SK2P (= slip 1 st, K2tog, pass slipped st over K2tog). **Row 2:** P13, K1.

EYELET STITCH no. 2: (work over 14 sts)

Rows 1: K2tog, yfwd, K10, yfwdrn (= yarn forward and round needle), P2tog. **Row 2:** K1, P13. Repeat these 2 rows throughout.

EYELET STITCH no. 2 WITH DECS: (work over 16 sts)

Rows 1: K3tog, yfwd, K10, yfwdrn (= yarn forward and round needle), P3tog. Row 2: K1, P13.

TENSION

27 sts and 39 rows measure 10cm square over stocking stitch with 3.25mm (no. 10) needles. Take time to check tension before starting work: it is essential to work to the stated tension to achieve success.

INSTRUCTIONS

Back: with 3.25mm (no. 10) needles cast on 124 (138) sts. Work as follows: 18 (21) sts in rev st st, 14 sts in

eyelet st no. 1, 60 (68) sts in st st, 14 sts in eyelet st no. 2, 18 (21) sts in rev st st. When work measures 4cm, i.e. 16 rows, work next 2 rows as follows: 1st row: 17 (20) sts in rev st st, 16 sts in eyelet st no. 1 with decs, 58 (66) sts in st st, 16 sts in eyelet st no. 2 with decs, 17 (20) sts in rev st st. There are 120 (134) sts. 2nd row: Knit the K sts and purl the P sts. Then work 14 rows in patt as given before, at beg of work, without decs, remembering that there is 1 st less in rev st st at each end and 2 sts less in st st at centre. Work next 2 rows as follows: 1st row: 16 (19) sts in rev st st, 16 sts in eyelet st no. 1 with decs, 56 (64) sts in st st, 16 sts in eyelet st no. 2 with decs, 16 (19) sts in rev st st. There are 116 (130) sts. 2nd row: Knit the K sts and purl the P sts. Rep last 16 rows 4 more times, noting that in each dec row there is 1 stitch less in rev st st at each end and 2 sts less in st st at centre. At end of decs there are: 12 (15) sts in rev st st, 14 sts in eyelet st no. 1, 48 (56) sts in st st, 14 sts in eyelet st no. 2, 12 (15) sts in rev st st. When work measures 40 (45) cm from beg, i.e. 156 (176) rows, shape armholes by casting off 6 (8) sts at beg of next 2 rows. Continue to work as follows: 6 (7) sts in rev st st, 14 sts in eyelet st no. 1, 48 (56) sts in K2,P2 rib starting and ending with P3, 14 sts in eyelet st no. 2, 6 (7) sts in rev st st. When 4 rows in this manner have been worked from armhole beg, dec 1 st at each end of centre rib sts on next and every following 4th row 10 (11) times: 28 (34) rib sts remain at centre of work. When Back measures 60 (67)cm from beg, i.e. 234 (262) rows, cast off rem sts.

Front: work as Back until Front measures 49 (55)cm from beg, i.e. 192 (214) rows, and centre rib sts have been decreased 8 (9) times overall. Shape neck: cast off centre 36 (40) sts, join another ball of yarn and continue separately on either side, decreasing 1 st on neck edge, inside 3 sts in st st, every alternate row 8 times. When Front measures 60 (67)cm from beg, i.e. 234 (262) rows, cast off rem 10 (12) sts on each shoulder strap.

FINISHING

Sew side and shoulder strap seams.

Note: wash garment carefully at low temperatures, with a very little fabric softener. Lay the garment to dry on a flat surface, without ever hanging it.