

Flower Hottie

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YARN

British Sheep Breeds DK

A = Blueface Leicester Grey Suffolk 784	2	x50gm
B = Brown Bluefaced Leicester 781	1	x50gm

MATERIALS

Buttons

3 x Buttons

NEEDLES

1 pair 4 mm needles

TENSION

21 sts x 40 rows = 10 cm measured over garter stitch using 4 mm needles

Special Abbreviations

p2tog = purl 2 sts together

yrn = yarn round needle [to make a stitch]

NOTES

* 1] **Note for Knitters** – Please check your tension before commencing pattern. Use larger or smaller needles in order to achieve correct tension.

* 2] **Note for Knitters** – Cast on using the thumb method throughout pattern.

FRONT

Using 4 mm needles cast on 33 sts with A

Cont to work from chart for Front as follows:-

Chart row 1 [RS] – K to end

Chart row 2 – as row 1

These 2 rows form garter stitch

Chart row 3 – inc in first st, K to last st, inc in last st.

Chart row 4 – as row 3 – 37 sts

Cont working garter stitch as set out on chart at same time shaping sides

by increasing 1 st at both ends of rows as shown to row 13 – 49 sts on needles

Cont to work garter stitch as set out on chart to row 144 at same time working shapings as shown on chart – 23 sts on needles.

Cast off remaining 23 sts.

* Work should measure 14" [36 cm]. Please check your measurement.

Lower Back

Using 4 mm needles cast on 33 sts with A

Cont to work in garter stitch as set out on chart for Lower Back to row 66, beginning were indicated, and shaping side edges as shown – 49 sts on needles.

Chart row 45 [RS] – p2 * k3, p3; rep from * to last 5 sts, k3, p2

Next row – k2 * p3, k3; rep from * to last 5 sts, p3, k2

These 2 rows form the rib pattern

Work in rib for a further 6 rows ignoring instructions for buttonholes [Upper Back only]

Cast off in rib pattern

Upper Back

Using 4 mm needles cast on 49 sts with A.

Cont to work from chart for Upper Back, beginning were indicated, as follows:-

Row 1 – p2 * k3, p3; rep from * to last 5 sts, k3, p2

Row 2 – k2 * p3, k3; rep from * to last 5 sts, p3, k2

Repeat these 2 rows once more

Row 5 – rib 5 * p2tog, yrn, rib 16; rep from * once more, p2tog, yrn, rib 6 – 3 buttonholes

Work 3 more rows in rib

Beg with a K row, cont to work from remainder of upper back chart in garter stitch, shaping top as shown.

MAKE UP

Lay upper back over lower back so that ribbed sections meet and sew together at side edges. Sew front to back sections along sides,

around shaped top and base seam. Attach buttons to correspond with buttonholes.

FLOWER

Using 4 mm needles cast on 11 sts with B

Work in garter stitch for 2 rows, ending with RS facing for next row:-

Row 3 [RS] – Cast off 8 sts, K to end – 3 sts

Row 4 – k3

Row 5 – Cast on 8 sts and K these 8 sts, then K remaining 3 sts on needle – 11 sts

Row 6 – k11

Repeat rows 3 to 6 28 times more, then row 3 again.

Cast off rem 3 sts.

Roll up strip to form a rosette shape, sewing cast-on edge in place at centre.

Sew flower to centre of upper back, just above ribbing.

