

Water Sprite

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MATERIALS

A.M.C. Albion Sewings, 83, or other thread in *fast colours*; five 1 oz. spools each of a light and dark colour are needed; 2 knitting needles, No. 12; steel crochet hook, No. 1½; stitch-holder.

TENSION

Over st.-st., about 9 sts. to one inch in width; 11 rows to one inch in depth. Over patt. unstretched, about 21 sts. to 2 inches in width; 12 rows to one inch in depth.

MEASUREMENTS

To fit a 33 to 35-inch bust; length at centre front, about 20 inches.

ABBREVIATIONS

K., knit; p., purl; st., stitch; sts., stitches; tog., together; dec., decrease, by taking 2 sts. tog.; inc., increase, by working into back as well as front of same stitch before slipping it off left-hand needle; st.-st., stocking-stitch, which is k. on the right side and p. on the wrong; w.fd., wool forward; w.b., wool back; s., slip; rep., repeat; rem., remain; beg., beginning; cont., continue; m., make; alt., alternate; patt., pattern; d.c., double crochét. Instructions in () must be worked the number of times stated immediately after, or until the given number of stitches remain, or to the end of row.

Right Side of Front

With light, beg. at front edge, casting on 90 sts. **1st row**—P. **2nd row**—Cast on 5, k. 94, inc. **3rd row**—Cast on 7, p. till 1 rem., inc. **4th row**—Cast on 3, k. till 1 rem., inc. **5th row**—Cast on 4, p. till 1 rem., inc. Rep. 4th row. **7th row**—Cast on 3, p. till 1 rem., inc. **8th row**—Cast on 2, k. till 1 rem., inc. Rep. last 2 rows twice. **13th row**—Cast on 2, p. till 1 rem., inc. **14th row**—Inc., k. till 1 rem., inc. Rep. last 2 rows 12 times. Cont. in st.-st., inc. one st. at beg. and end of next 6 rows. **45th row**—Inc., p. to end. **46th row**—K. till 1 rem., inc. Rep. 45th row. **48th row**—Dec. (this starts shaping at top—neck edge), k. till 1 rem., inc. Rep. 45th and 46th rows. **51st row**—Inc., p. till 2 rem., dec. Rep. 46th row. **53rd row**—Cast on 2, p. to end. **54th row**—Dec., k. to end. Work 2 rows st.-st. **57th row**—P. till 2 rem., dec. **58th row**—K. **59th row**—P. **60th row**—Dec., k. till 1 rem., inc. **61st row**—P. Rep. 46th, 57th and 46th rows respectively. Rep. last 6 rows once, then rep. 45th and 60th rows respectively. **73rd row**—Cast on 2, p. to end. Rep. 46th row. **75th row**—Cast on 2, p. till 2 rem., dec. Rep. 46th row. **77th row**—Cast off 13, p. to end. This row starts shaping for leg opening. **78th row**—Dec., k. 103, slip these sts. on to st.-holder, cast off 15, k. 94, dec. **79th row**—Cast off 7, p. till 2 rem., dec. **80th row**—Cast off 3, k. till 2 rem., dec. **81st row**—Cast off 5, p. till 2 rem., dec. Rep. 80th row. **83rd row**—Cast off 3, p. till 2 rem., dec. **84th row**—Dec., k. till 2 rem., dec. Rep. last 2 rows once. **87th row**—Cast off 2, p. till 2 rem., dec. Rep. 84th row. Rep. last 2 rows once. Cont. in st.-st., dec. one st. at beg. and end of next 18 rows, then beg. and end of each alt. row, 6 times. **Next row**—P. 3. **Next row**—K. 1, dec. **Next row**—P. 2, cast off. Slip sts. from st.-holder to needle, and with wrong side of work facing, join on thread. **1st row**—Cast off 3, p. to end. **2nd row**—K. till 2 rem., dec. **3rd row**—Cast off 3, p. till 2 rem., dec. Rep. 2nd and 1st rows respectively. **6th row**—Dec., k. till 2 rem., dec. Rep. 1st row. *Rep. 2nd row. **9th row**—Dec., p. till 2 rem., dec. Rep. 2nd row. **11th row**—Dec., p. to end**. Rep. 6th and 11th rows respectively. Rep. from * to ** once, then rep. 2nd and 11th rows respectively. **Next row**—K. Cast off. This cast off edge forms the armhole edge.

To Make Up

Press front pieces on wrong side, using a hot iron over a damp cloth, then press back lightly. Press border. Gather shaped front edge of each front piece to about 17½ inches, arranging slightly more fullness over the bust line. Join front pieces together down centre front. Using steel hook and light thread, make a chain same length as centre front, then work d.c. along each side of this chain. Sew over join down centre front. With light, work a row of d.c. along each side of neck. Join side seams, then sew back gusset portion to shaped piece between front leg openings. Sew border along armhole edges and top of back, leaving ends to tie round back of neck. Work d.c. round each leg opening, using dark over dark and light over light. Press all seams.

Left Side of Front

Work as for right side of front, but always reading k. for p. and p. for k.

Back

With dark, beg. at gusset, casting on 11 sts. **1st row**—K. 2, (p. 1, k. 2) to end. **2nd row**—Cast on 2, (p. 1, k. 2) 4 times, inc. **3rd row**—Cast on 2, (k. 2, p. 1) 5 times, inc. **4th row**—Cast on 2, (p. 1, k. 2) 6 times, inc. **5th row**—Cast on 2, (k. 2, p. 1) 7 times, inc. Cont. in this patt., inc. one st. at beg. and end of next 5 rows, then at beg. and end of each alt. row until there are 39 sts. Work 2 rows patt. Mark beg. and end of last row for completion of gusset. Now inc. one st. at beg. and end of next row and every alt. row after, 3 times. Work 1 more row. Inc. one st. at beg. and end of next 11 rows. **Next 28 rows**—Cast on 2, patt. till 1 rem., inc. **Next row**—Cast on 4, patt. till 1 rem., inc. **Next row**—Cast on 4, patt. to end (162 sts.). Cont. on 162 sts. for 23 rows. Dec. one st. at beg. and end of next row and each alt. row after, until 114 sts. rem. Cont. on 114 sts. until side seam, measured on the straight, is 8 inches. Now inc. one st. at beg. and end of next row and every 4th row after, until there are 130 sts. Work 1 more row. Shape top. **1st row**—Patt. 44, slip these sts. on to st.-holder, cast off 42, patt. 44. **2nd row**—Patt. **3rd row**—Cast off 8, patt. till 1 rem., inc. Rep. 2nd row. **5th row**—Cast off 8, patt. to end. Rep. last 4 rows once, then rep. 2nd row again. **11th row**—Cast off 7, patt. to end. Cast off. Slip sts. from st.-holder to needle, point toward centre back, join on thread. **Next row**—Cast off 8, patt. to end. **Next row**—Inc., patt. to end. **Next row**—Cast off 8, patt. to end. **Next row**—Patt. Rep. last 4 rows once. **Next row**—Cast off 7, patt. to end. **Next row**—Patt. Cast off.

Border and Tie Ends

With dark, cast on 7 sts. **1st row**—Inc. in each st. **2nd row**—(W.fd., s. 1 purlways, w.b., k. 1) to end. Rep. last row until strip when stretched measures 60 inches or length required. Cast off, taking 2 sts. tog. as one st.