

MODEL OF THE MONTH

from Filati Handstrick No. 64



PONCHO-STYLE PULLOVER

Size 36 – 46

Materials: 450 g of Lana Grossa Di Moda (82% viscose, 18% polyester; 100 m/50 g) in Natural/Antique Pink/Pink-Grey/Taupe (col 5). Size 8 mm circular needle, 100 cm long.

Double stranded long-tail cast-on: See design 10 for info and illustrations.

3-st selvage: On RS rows, knit the first and last 3 sts. On WS rows, slip the first and last 3 sts as if to purl with yarn in front of work.

Stockinette: K on RS, p on WS.

Mesh pattern: Row 1 [RS]: * K1, k1b [insert right needle through center of st in row below and knit a new st; drop original st from left needle], rep from *, end k1. Row 2 [WS]: * K1; with right needle, pick up horizontal strand in front of k1b stitch and ktog horizontal strand and next st on left needle; rep from *, end k1. Row 3 [RS]: * K1b, k1; rep from *, end k1b. Row 4 [WS]: * With right needle, pick up horizontal strand in front of k1b stitch and ktog horizontal strand and next st on left needle; rep from *, end picking up horizontal strand in front of k1b stitch and ktog horizontal strand and next st on left needle. Repeat rows 1 – 4 throughout.

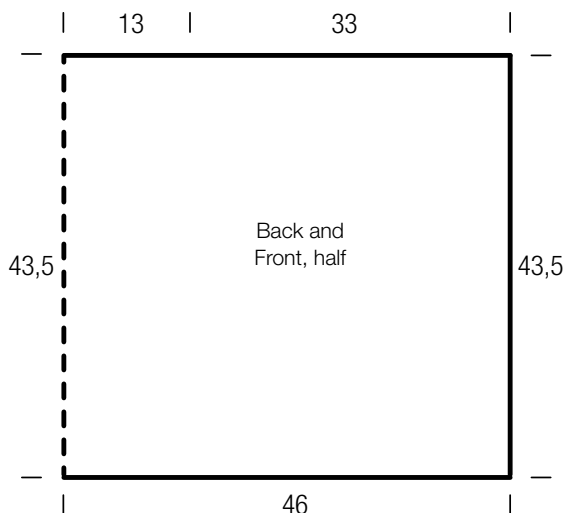
Gauge: 12 sts and 28 rows = 10 x 10 cm in mesh pat on size 8 mm needles.

Back: With size 8 mm circular needle and using the double stranded long-tail cast-on technique, cast on 111 sts. Beginning

and ending with a WS row, work in stockinette for 3 rows. Next RS row: Work the 3-st selvage, work next 105 sts in mesh pat, work the 3-st selvage. Work in pat as established for 43.5 cm, ending with a WS row. Next RS row: Work first 40 sts and sl to a holder, bind off next 31 sts, work last 40 sts and sl to a holder.

Front: Work same as for back.

Finishing: Pin pieces to measurements and block. With right sides facing, join the 40 left and right shoulder sts with a 3-needle bind-off.



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DOUBLE STRANDED LONG-TAIL CAST-ON

Wrap the yarn from the ball around your forefinger, then wrap around left thumb, double-stranding yarn (length should be at least twice the width of the cast-on), then wrap around left thumb again. The tail end of the yarn is looped around left thumb. Insert needle upwards through double loop on your left thumb, wrap yarn on your forefinger over needle and pull through loop on your thumb to form a stitch. Take your thumb out of the loop and tighten the loop on the needle. Wrap doubled yarn around left thumb again and hold first stitch with right hand. The yarn from the ball wraps around your forefinger and leads to the needle. Continue forming stitches until the required number of stitches has been cast on.

Illustration 1 – 4
for double stranded
long-tail cast-on

