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**Skill Level:** Intermediate

**Materials:**

2(3, 3, 3, 4, 4) x 100 gram skeins of Eco Alpaca #1533

1 pair each of (US6)4mm and (US7)4.5mm needles

1 stitch holder

4 markers

1 x 1/3" button

**Sizes:**

Bust/Chest: 32" (34, 36, 38, 40, 42, 44)"

Waist: 22" (24, 26, 28,30, 32, 34)"

Length: 16" (16, 17, 17, 18, 18, 18)"

**Gauge:**

5 sts =1" using 4.5mm (US7) needles

Check your gauge before beginning to knit.

**Front:** (make 2 the same)

Using size 7 needles cast on 2 sts.

K1,P2, turn, P1, K1, turn and working in seed st, inc 1 sts at beg of every row to 34 sts.

Inc. 3 (6, 9, 12, 15, 18, 21) sts at beg of next row.

Work in seed st until the longer side (front edge) measures 2".

Dec 1 sts at front edge on next and every foll 10th (10th, 8th, 8th, 8th,8th, 8th) row to 29 (30, 32, 34, 36, 38, 40) sts. Work without shaping until front measures 12" (12, 13, 13, 14, 14, 14)" along the side seam. BO

**Back:**

Using size 7 needles cast on 80 (86, 92, 98, 104, 110, 116)sts

Work in rib for 2.5" (2.5, 3, 3, 3, 3, 3)"

Work in st st until back measures 12" (12, 13, 13, 14, 14, 14)".

Next Row: BO 29(30, 32, 34, 36, 48, 40) sts, work 22(26, 28, 30, 32, 34, 36 )sts, BO 29 (30, 32, 34, 36, 38, 40) sts Leave middle stitches on holder.

#### **FRONT AND NECK BANDS**

With right sides together, sew fronts to back at shoulder seams.

Using 4mm (US6) needles pick up 100 (100, 105, 105, 110, 110, 110) sts for right front band, sts from holder for neck band and 100 (100, 105, 105, 110, 110, 110) sts for left front band.

Work in rib for 3 rows.

**Next row: (buttonhole) Rib 4 sts, m1, k2tog, rib to end of row.**

Work in rib for 3 more rows. BO.

#### **Armhole Bands:**

Place a marker at 9" (9, 10, 10, 11, 11, 11) below the shoulders on both left and right, front and back seams (4 markers in all).

With right side facing, using size 7 needles and beginning at left front marker, pick up 60 (60, 70, 70, 80, 80, 80) sts to shoulder, then pick up 50 (50, 60, 60 , 70, 70, 70) sts to next marker.

Work in rib for 5 rows. BO loosely.

With right side facing, using size 7 needles and beginning at right back marker, pick up 50 (50, 60, 60, 70, 70, 70) sts to shoulder, then pick up 60 (60, 70, 70, 80, 80, 80) sts to next marker.

Work in rib for 5 rows. BO loosely.

#### **Finishing:**

Sew the side seams. Sew on the button and tie in the ends.