

Cascade Sierra  
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Materials: Cascade Yarns Sierra 80% Pima Cotton, 20% Wool: 8 (8, 9, 9) skeins #441  
Needles size 7 circular 36", 29", and 16" or dbl pointed for collar.  
Crochet hook size G  
Stitch holders, Yarn needle  
Markers

Gauge: 5 sts = 1", 6 rows = 1" in Stockinette Stitch

Finished Measurements: 35" (37", 39", 41") Note: dress has a lot of give with the ribbing so measurements are approximate.

Dress is worked in one piece up to the underarm and separated for front and back.

## DRESS

Starting at lower edge with largest circular needle, cast on 336 (364, 392, 420) sts. Place marker for beginning of round, and join being careful not to twist stitches.

1<sup>st</sup> Rnd: P7, \*K7, P7. Repeat from \* around, ending with a K7. Repeat this round until piece measures 5".

1<sup>st</sup> Dec Rnd: \*P7, K2, K2tog (dec made), K3, P7, K7. Rep from \* around. 324 (351, 378, 405) sts.

Next 4 Rnds: \*P7, K6, P7, K7. Rep from \* around.

2<sup>nd</sup> Dec Rnd: \*P7, K6, P2, P2tog, P3, K7. Rep from \* around (one st dec at center of every other purl rib.) 312 (338, 364, 390) sts.

Next 4 Rnds: P each purled st and K each knitted st around. (working even)

3<sup>rd</sup> Dec Rnd: \*P7, K6, P6, K2, K2tog, K3. Rep from \* around 300 (325, 350, 375) sts.

Next 4 Rnds: Work even as before.

4<sup>th</sup> Dec Rnd: \*P2, P2 tog, P3, K6, P6, K6. Rep from \* around 288 (312, 336, 360) sts. There are now 6 sts on each knit and purl rib.

Next 4 Rnds: Work even as before.

5<sup>th</sup> Dec Rnd: Working in ribbing as established, dec one st at center of first and every other knit rib around. 12 (13, 14, 15) sts decreased.

Next 4 Rnds: Work even as before.

6<sup>th</sup> Dec Rnd: Working in ribbing as established, dec one st at center of second purl rib and every other purl rib around. 264 (286, 308, 330) sts.

Next 4 Rnds: Work even as before.

7<sup>th</sup> Dec Rnd: Working in ribbing as established, dec one st at center of second and every other knit rib around.

Next 4 Rnds: Work even as before.

8<sup>th</sup> Dec Rnd: Working in ribbing as established, dec one st at center of first purl rib and every other purl rib around. 240 (260, 280, 300) sts. There are now 5 sts on each knit and purl rib.

Next 4 Rnds: Work even as before.

Repeat last 20 Rnds ( from 5<sup>th</sup> Dec Rnd) twice more 144 (156, 168, 180) sts changing to shorter length needle as needed. There are 3 sts on each knit and purl rib.

Work even in ribbing over remaining sts until total length is 20" (20 ½", 21 ½", 22").

#### Bodice Shaping:

1<sup>st</sup> Rnd: \*K in front and back of next st (inc made), place a different colored marker on needle to indicate center of underarm; P2, (K3, P3) 11 (12, 13, 14) times, K3. Rep from \* once more.

There are 73 (79, 85, 94) sts between underarm markers

2<sup>nd</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup> Rnds: Slipping markers, \*P4, \*K3, P3) 11 (12, 13, 14) times, K3. Rep from \* once more.

NOTE: Always slip markers.

6<sup>th</sup> Rnd: P1, inc in each of next 2 sts, P1, work in ribbing as established to within st before next marker, inc in each of 2 sts; complete row in ribbing.

7<sup>th</sup> through 10<sup>th</sup> Rnds: Work rnds even.

11<sup>th</sup> Rnd: Inc one st before and after each underarm marker, work into the ribbed pattern.

12<sup>th</sup> through 15<sup>th</sup> Rnds: Work rnds even. Continuing to work in the P3, K3 ribbing, including increased sts at both sides of underarm markers when possible, inc one st before and after each underarm marker on next and every 5<sup>th</sup> rnd thereafter until there are 87 (93, 97, 103) sts between underarm markers.

Work even over these sts until total length is 27" (28", 29", 30") Mark right side and remove end of rnd marker.

#### Armhole Shaping: Upper Back: 1<sup>st</sup> Row:

Work to first underarm marker, remove this marker, bind off 6 sts for underarm, work in pattern to next marker. Place next 87 (93, 97, 103) sts on stitch holder or double strand of yarn to be used for Upper Front. Remove marker and turn.

2<sup>nd</sup> Row: Bind off 6 sts, work in ribbing as established over remaining sts on needle. Working in rows (turn at each end of row) over sts on needle only and keeping continuity of ribbing throughout, dec one st at both ends of every other row 5 (7, 8, 9) times 65 (67, 69, 73) sts. Work even over these sts until length is 7" (7 ½", 8", 8 ½") from bound off sts at underarm.

#### Shoulder Shaping:

Bind off 5 sts at the beg of next 6 rows. Bind off 4 (5, 5, 7) sts at the beg of following 2 rows. Place remaining 27 (27, 29, 29) sts on holder for collar.

Upper Front: Place front sts on needle, attach yarn. Keeping continuity of P3, K3 ribbing, bind off 6 sts at beg of next 2 rows.

Dec 1 st each end every other row until 65, (67, 69, 73) sts remain.

Work even until length is 4" (4 ½", 5", 5 ½") from bound off sts of underarm.

Neck Shaping: 1<sup>st</sup> Row: Work over first 24 (25, 25, 27) sts. Place remaining 41 (42, 44, 46) sts on another stitch holder. Working over sts on needle only, dec one st at neck edge on next

row and every other row thereafter 5 times in all. Work over remaining 19 (20, 20, 22) sts until length of armhole is same as Back ending at armhole edge.

Shoulder Shaping: At armhole edge, bind off 5 sts at beg of next row and every other row 3 times in all. Bind off remaining 4 (5, 5, 7) sts.

Leaving 17 (17, 19, 19) sts on holder for center front of neck, slip remaining 24 (25, 25, 27) sts onto needle, attach yarn at neck edge and work to correspond with opposite side, reversing shaping.

Sew Shoulder Seams.

Collar: With right side facing and using dp needles or 16" circular needles, work in ribbed pattern across sts on Back holder, pick up and K20 (20, 24, 24) sts along side of neck; keeping continuity of ribbing, work across sts on Front holder, pick up and K 20 (20, 24, 24) sts along side of neck to shoulder seam. 87 (84, 96, 96) sts. Being careful to keep continuity of ribbing on back and center front, work in ribbing until collar measures 4" (4", 4 ½", 4 ½") Bind off loosely in ribbing. Fold half of collar to right side.

### Sleeves

Cast on 70 (70, 76, 76) sts. Working in K3, P3 ribbing, inc 1 st at each side every 2<sup>nd</sup> (2<sup>nd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>) row 2 (2, 7, 7) times. Then every 4<sup>th</sup> (4<sup>th</sup>, 0, 0) row 5 (5, 0, 0) times.

Work until sleeve measures 4" (4", 5", 5").

Cap Shaping: Bind off 6 sts each side (all sizes).

Dec 1 st each side every other row 6 times (all sizes).

Dec 1 st each side every row 16 (18, 20, 20) times.

Bind off 2 (3, 3, 3) sts at the beg of the next 4 rows.

Bind off remaining sts.

Sew underarm seam.

Sew sleeves onto dress easing in fullness.

With right side facing, slip stitch with crochet hook evenly along entire lower skirt edge. Join with slip stitch to first slip stitch. Fasten off and weave in ends.

Steam slightly if needed.