



NSL121

**SIZES**

Small (Medium, Large, X-Large, XX-Large)

To fit bust: 32/34 (34/36, 36/38, 38/40, 40/42)in  
81/86 (86/91, 91/96, 96/101, 101/106)cm

**FINISHED MEASUREMENTS**

Width 39 (42, 45, 48, 51)in/99 (106, 114, 122, 129)cm.

Length 21 (22, 23, 24, 25)in/53 (56, 58, 61, 63)cm.

**MATERIALS**

2 (2, 2, 2, 2) x 200g balls of Noro **Akari Solo** in shade 34 Isesaki.

A pair of US 6/4mm knitting needles.

A pair of US7/4.5mm knitting needles.

**TENSION**

16.5 sts x 24 rows = 4in/10cm square over pattern using US 7/4.5mm needles.

**ABBREVIATIONS**

**beg** beginning; **dec** decreasing; **k** knit; **p** purl; **patt** pattern; **psso** pass slipped stitch over; **rem** remain; **rep** repeat; **RS** right side; **sl** slip; **st(s)** stitch(es); **tog** together; **WS** wrong side; **yf** yarn forward.

**INSTRUCTIONS****Back**

With US 6/4mm needles cast on 86 (90, 98, 102, 106) sts and work rib as follows:

**Row 1 (RS):** K2, \* p2, k2, rep from\* to end.

**Row 2:** K all k sts and p all p sts to end.

Rep the last 2 rows for a further 16 rows dec 5 (3, 5, 3, 1) sts evenly along the last row—81 (87, 93, 99, 105) sts rem.

Change to US 7/4.5mm needles and work patt as follows:

**Row 1 (RS):** K2, [yf, sl 1, k1, psso, k1, k2tog, yf, k1] 13 (14, 15, 16, 17) times, k1.

**Row 2:** Purl to end.

**Row 3:** K2, [k1, yf, sl 1, k2tog, psso, yf, k2] 13 (14, 15, 16, 17) times, k1.

**Row 4:** Purl to end.

**Row 5:** K2, [k2tog, yf, k1, yf, sl 1, k1, psso, k1] 13 (14, 15, 16, 17) times, k1.

**Row 6:** Purl to end.

**Row 7:** K1, sl 1, k1, psso, [yf, k3, yf, sl 1, k2tog, psso] 12 (13, 14, 15, 16) times, yf, k3, yf, sl 1, k1, psso, k1.

**Row 8:** Purl to end.

Rep these 8 rows until Back measures 12½ (13, 13½, 14, 14½)in/32 (33, 34, 35, 37)cm from beg, and ending with a WS row.

Place a coloured marker at each end of the last row.

**Shape Armholes**

Cast off 4 sts at the beg of the next 2 rows. Then cast off 2 sts at the beg of the foll 2 rows. Dec 1 st at each end of the foll 6 rows—57 (63, 69, 75, 81) sts rem.

Patt straight until armhole measures 9½ (10, 10½, 11, 11½)in/24 (25, 26, 28, 29)cm from coloured markers, ending with a WS row.

**Shape Back Neck**

**Row 1 (RS):** Patt 18 (20, 22, 24, 26) sts, turn and put rem sts on a spare needle.

**Row 2:** Cast off 3 sts and patt to end.

**Shape Shoulders**

**Row 3:** Cast off 4 (4, 5, 6, 6) sts and patt to end.

**Row 4:** Cast off 3 sts and patt to end.

**Row 5:** Cast off 3 (4, 5, 5, 6) sts and patt to end.

**Row 6:** Cast off 2 sts and patt to end.

Cast off rem 3 (4, 4, 5, 6) sts.

Return to the sts on the spare needle. With RS facing, rejoin yarn and cast off the centre 21 (23, 25, 27, 29) sts.

Continue and complete 2nd side to match first side.

**Front**

Work as given for Back until Front is 30 rows shorter than Back, measuring from top of shoulder.

**Shape Front Neck**

Patt 21 (24, 27, 30, 33) sts and put rem sts on a spare needle. Turn p2tog and purl to end.

Cont to dec 1 st at neck edge on the next 10 (11, 12, 13, 14) rows—10 (12, 14, 16, 18) sts rem.

Patt straight until Front measures same as Back up to beg of shoulder shaping, ending with a WS row.

**Shape Shoulder**

**Row 1:** Cast off 4 (4, 5, 6, 6) sts and patt to end.

**Row 2:** Patt to end.

**Row 3:** Cast off 3 (4, 5, 5, 6) sts and patt to end.

**Row 4:** Patt to end.

Cast off rem 3 (4, 4, 5, 6) sts.

Return to the sts on the spare needle. Slip the centre 15 sts onto a st holder for neckband.

With RS facing, rejoin yarn to rem 21 (24, 27, 30, 33) sts and complete to match first side, reversing shapings.

**Neckband**

Join shoulder seams and sew up side seams.

With RS facing and US 6/4mm circular needle, pick up and knit around neck edge as follows:

27 sts evenly down left front neck edge, 15 sts across centre front, 27 sts evenly up right front neck edge and 43 (43, 47, 47, 51) sts across back neck—112 (112, 116, 116, 120) sts.

Working in rounds work 8 rounds in K2, P2 rib.

Cast off.

**Armbands**

With RS facing and US6/4mm circular needle, pick up and k96 (100, 104, 108, 112) sts evenly around armhole, from coloured marker to coloured marker.

Working in rounds work 8 rounds in K2, P2 rib. Cast off. ■