GIADA yarn
"ALEXIA" TOP

Size: 36/38 – 40/42 – 44/46

Materials: Adriafil Giada 7-8-8 balls, size 5 and knitting needles and crochet hook

Gauge: using 2 strands of yarn, in Stockinette st: 16 sts and 24 rows = 10x10 cm. Take time to check gauge and switch needles if necessary.

Stitches:
Garter st: knit all rows.
Stockinette st: on right side, knit; on wrong side; purl.

Instructions:
Back: Using 2 strands of yarn, cast on 68-74-80 sts and work 5 rows Garter st. Continue working in Stockinette st. Decrease 5x1 st at both edges, every 12 rows. When work measures 32-31-30 cm and from now on increase 5x1 st at both edges, alternately every 4 and 6 rows.
Armhole shaping: when work measures 44-43-42 cm, bind off 1x3, 2x2 and 3-4-5x1 st at both edges, every 2 rows.

Neckline shaping: when work measures 50 cm, bind off the center 14-18-22 sts and work each half separately. At neck edge continue binding off 1x3, 1x2 and 5x1 st, every 2 rows. When work measures 64 cm bind off the rem 7 sts.

Front: Work same as back until work measures 32-31-30 cm. Transfer the first 21-24-27 sts to a stitch holder and work upper right front over the last 37-40-43 sts. Increase and decrease at side edge same as back. At neck edge decrease 25-27-29x1 st, alternately every 2 and 3 rows. Decrease as follows: work 1 edge st, slip 1 st, K1 and PSSO. In the wrong side row work the 2nd and 3rd stitch together. Bind off 7 shoulder sts at the same length as back.

Upper left front: Work 21-24-27 sts from stitch holder, then at back of upper right front, pick up loops of the first 16 sts (= 37-40-43 sts) and work same as upper right front, reversing all shaping. Work neckline decrease as follows: work the right side row to the last 3 sts, K2 tog, 1 edge st. In the wrong side row work the 2nd and 3rd stitch together.

Finishing: Sew shoulder and side seams. Using 2 strands of yarn and crochet hook, work one row Single crochet along entire neck edge and armholes, paying attention to height and width of neckline and armholes. Using 2 strands of yarn work a crochet chain and weave it through center.

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