

# **Dare to be different**

## **Knitting Pattern**

300g (350g,400g) Elle 'Sensual' wool  
A pair of 6mm knitting needles  
A single 7mm knitting needle  
A stitch holder  
Fastener, either a fur hook and eye or a piece of ribbon.

I have listed plenty of wool as this wool knots easily. I found that to unwind from the centre made less tangles.

The first size is to fit size 34 – 36 inch bust, the second size is to fit 38 - 40 inch bust, the third size to fit 42 - 44 inch bust.

Length from back neck approx.13 (13 half ,14 three quarter) inches

## **Tension**

17st to 4 inches using 6mm needles  
21 rows to 4 inches using 6mm needles

Please check the tension, if there are less stitches, change to larger needles, more stitches, change to smaller needles.

## **Abbreviations**

Stocking stitch - work 1 row knit, 1 row purl

Dec. – Decrease by either knitting two together or purling two together  
Inc – knit twice into the first stitch

A few points I learned while knitting with this wool:

1 Keep a safety pin very close. If you drop a stitch, it is virtually impossible to find, so catch it as quickly as you can and work back up the ladder, knit side facing, using a crochet hook.

2 It is difficult to see which is front and back. I marked the front with a coloured thread and marked the slopes on the front left and front right with another colour, thus ensuring they matched when shaping the front slopes.

3 The elastic quality and the weight of the wool meant that, when casting off, the stitches pulled quite tightly, so I used a size larger knitting needle (the 7 mm one) to cast off with.

4 The thumb method for casting on gave the neatest edge.

## **Back**

Cast on 74 (82,90) stitches  
Work stocking stitch for 6 inches, beginning with a knit row (right side)  
Finish on a purl row (wrong side)

### Right back

Next row – knit across 37 (41,45) stitches.  
Slip the remaining stitches onto a stitch holder.  
Working on the first 37 (41,45), turn.  
Dec in the first stitch, purl to end.  
Dec at the centre slope on the next 3rd row and every following 3rd row until 27 (30,33) stitches remain. Finish on a purl row (wrong side)

Slope right back shoulder

Cast off 9 (10, 11) stitches, knit to end.  
Purl one row  
Cast off 9 (10,11) stitches, knit to end  
Purl one row  
Cast off remaining 9 (10,11) stitches

### Left back

Knit across the stitches on the stitch holder.  
Purl one row, Dec in the last stitch.  
Dec at the centre slope on the next 2<sup>nd</sup> row and every following 3<sup>rd</sup> row until 27 (30,33) stitches remain. Finish on a knit row.

Slope left back shoulder

Cast off 9 (10,11) stitches purlwise. Purl to end.  
Knit one row.  
Cast off 9 (10,11) stitches purlwise. Purl to end  
Knit one row.  
Cast off remaining 9 (10,11) stitches purlwise.

## **Front**

### Left front

Cast on 37 (41,45) st.

Work stocking stitch for 6 inches, beginning with a knit row (right side)

Finish on a knit row (right side)

Mark the neck edge (end of the knit row) with coloured thread!

Beginning with a purl row, Dec 1 stitch at the neck edge.

Dec 1 stitch at neck edge on the next and every following 3<sup>rd</sup> row until 27 (30,33) stitches remain. Finish on a purl row (wrong side)

Slope left front shoulder

Cast off 9 (10, 11) stitches, knit to end.

Purl one row

Cast off 9 (10,11) stitches, knit to end

Purl one row

Cast off remaining 9 (10,11) stitches

### Right front

Cast on 37 (41,45) st.

Work stocking stitch for 6 inches, beginning with a knit row (right side)

Finish on a purl row (wrong side)

Mark the neck edge (end of the purl row) with coloured thread!

Beginning with a knit row, Dec 1 stitch at the neck edge.

Dec 1 stitch at neck edge on the next and every following 3<sup>rd</sup> row until 27 (30,33) stitches remain. Finish on a knit row (right side)

Slope right front shoulder

Cast off 9 (10,11) stitches purlwise. Purl to end.

Knit one row.

Cast off 9 (10,11 )stitches purlwise.Purl to end

Knit one row.

Cast off remaining 9 (10,11) stitches purlwise.

Throughout the shaping, keep checking to make sure the slopes and coloured threads match, as it is so easy to get lost with this wool.

## **Sleeves**

Make two.

Cast on 51 (55,59) stitches

Beginning with a knit row, work 6 rows stocking stitch.

Inc. 1 stitch at each end of every knit row until 71 (75,79) stitches

Inc 1 stitch on every following 4<sup>th</sup> row until 83 (87,91) stitches

Work another 4 rows stocking stitch.

Cast off .Mark the centre with a coloured thread.

## **Making up**

Using a darning needle and back stitch.

Right sides together, sew the shoulder seams.

Lay the wrap out, right side down. Lay the sleeves, right sides down on either side. Match the marked centre points of the sleeve tops with the shoulder seam. Pin and sew together.

Sew up the side seams and the sleeve seams all in one movement.

Do not press.

Finish the back 'v' shape as per the magazine instructions.

Sew on the ribbon or fur hook and eye to the front.