

Get swept away in this long, lean stunner featuring a reverse-stockinette-stitch body with triple knit-in loops. A deep V-neck, shaped side seams and slits make for a flattering fit. Designed by Mari Lynn Patrick.



V-NECK RESORT DRESS

KNITTED MEASUREMENTS

- Sized for Small (Medium, Large, X-Large). Shown in size Small.

MATERIALS

- 12 (13, 14, 15) 1¼ oz/50g balls (each approx 110yd/102m) of Berroco, Inc. *Zen* (nylon/cotton) in #8201 tofu
- One pair size 10 (6mm) needles OR SIZE TO OBTAIN GAUGE

FINISHED MEASUREMENTS

- Lower edge 45 (47, 49, 51)"/114 (119, 124.5, 129.5)cm
- Hip 38 (39½, 41, 44)"/96.5 (100, 104, 111.5)cm
- Waist 30 (31½, 33, 36)"/76 (80, 84, 91.5)cm
- Bust 34 (36, 38, 40½)"/86 (91.5, 96.5, 103)cm
- Length 51 (52, 53, 53½)"/129.5 (132, 134.5, 136)cm

GAUGE

18 sts and 22 rows to 4"/10cm over reverse St st using size 10 (6mm) needles.

TAKE TIME TO CHECK YOUR GAUGE.

NOTES

- 1) The lower edge, side slit and sts framing the armhole and neck edge are worked in St st using a double strand of yarn.
- 2) The “mistake-stitch” ridges on the front are worked by doubling the yarn into a long loop, then purling with this doubled length plus the working yarn (for 3 strands of yarn) until the loop measures 6"/15cm long. The loop is dropped at this point to the right side. On the following (WS) row, these triple strand sts will be purled instead of knit.
- 3) All decs and incs are worked on WS or knit rows.

BACK

With size 10 (6mm) needle using the single needle cast-on method and 2 strands of yarn, cast on 103 (107, 111, 117) sts. **Row 1 (WS)** P3 (for slit trim), k to end. **Row 2** K1 (selvage st), k to end. **Row 3** P3, p to last st, k1. Drop 1 strand of yarn and cont as foll: **Row 1 (RS)** With single strand of yarn, k1, p to last 3 sts, add in the other strand of yarn that was dropped and with 2 strands of yarn, k3. **Row 2** With 2 strands of yarn, p3, then with single strand of yarn, k to end. Rep these 2 rows for reverse St st with doubled St st edge until



piece measures 5"/12.5cm from beg, end with a RS row. **Dec row (WS)** With 2 strands of yarn, p3, with single strand of yarn, SKP, k to end. Rep dec row (at side slit edge only) after piece measures 9"/23cm from beg—101 (105, 109, 115) sts. Work even as established until piece measures 12"/30.5cm from beg, end with a RS row. **Next row (WS)** Bind off 2 sts and cut the 2nd strand of yarn, k to end—99 (103, 107, 113) sts. Cont in reverse St st (with a k1 selvage st at each end of row) for 11 rows. For a longer-length dress, make any adjustments in length at this point. **Dec row**

(WS) K1, SKP, k to last 3 sts, k2tog, k1. Rep dec row every 12th row 4 times more, every 10th row 3 times, every 8th row twice, every 6th row 3 times, every 4th row twice—69 (73, 77, 83) sts. Place yarn markers to mark beg of waist. Work even until piece measures 38"/96.5cm OR until piece measures 2"/5cm from yarn markers at waist. **Inc row (WS)** K1, M1, k to last st, M1, k1. Rep inc row every 6th row 4 times more—79 (83, 87, 93) sts. Work even until piece measures 43½ (44, 44½, 44½)"/110.5 (111.5, 113, 113)cm from beg, end with a RS row. ***Next row (WS)**

With 2 strands of yarn, p3, k with single strand to last 3 sts, with 2 strands of yarn, p3.
Next row (RS) With 2 strands of yarn, k3, with single strand, p to last 3 sts, with 2 strands of yarn, k3*.

Armhole shaping

Next row (WS) With 2 strands of yarn, p3, with single strand, SK2P, k to last 6 sts with single strand, k3tog, then with 2 strands of yarn, p3. Work even (the 3-st double strand bands will cont at armholes to end of piece) for 1 row. Rep last 2 rows 3 (3, 4, 4) times more.

Next row (WS) With 2 strands of yarn, p3, with single strand, SKP, k with single strand to last 5 sts, k2tog, with 2 strands of yarn, p3. Work 1 row even. Rep last 2 rows 2 (3, 2, 4) times more—57 (59, 61, 63) sts. Work even until armhole measures 6 (6½, 7, 7½)"/15 (16.5, 18, 19)cm.

Neck and shoulder shaping

Next row (WS) Work 18 (19, 19, 20) sts, join a 2nd ball of yarn and bind off center 21 (21, 23, 23) sts, work to end. Working both sides at once, bind off 3 sts from each neck edge once, 2 sts once, AT SAME TIME, when armhole measures 6½ (7, 7½, 8)"/16.5 (18, 19, 20.5)cm, shape shoulders by binding off 4 (5, 5, 5) sts from each shoulder edge twice, 5 (4, 4, 5) sts once.

FRONT

Cast on as for back. Then work as foll: **Row 1 (WS)** K to last 3 sts, p3. Cont to work as for back, only with slit at beg of RS rows and cont all shaping as for back to armhole, AT SAME TIME, work 4 loop fringe as foll: When piece measures 18"/45.5cm from beg, work fringe #1: **Next row (RS)** Using the working yarn beg at the needle, measure a length of 62"/157cm and double this length to form a 31"/78.5cm doubled loop; then add in the working yarn for 3 strands of yarn in work; p across 23 sts until there is a 6"/15cm hanging loop; leave the 6"/15cm loop at front of work and p to end with single strand. On next (WS) row, k to the triple stranded sts, then p these sts (using the single strand) to end. Work fringe #2 at 24"/61cm from beg as foll: **Next row (WS)** Measure a length of 90"/228cm and double this length as before and with 3 strands of yarn, purl these sts until there is a 6"/15cm hanging loop, leave this loop on RS of work and k to end with single strand. On next RS row, k the triple strand sts. Work as for back until piece measures 35"/89cm from beg. For fringe #3, on next RS row, measure a length of 43"/109cm and work loop as before. For fringe #4, at 2"/5cm from armhole and on WS row, measure a

length of 40"/102cm and work loop as before. When piece measures 43½ (44, 44½, 44½)"/110.5 (111.5, 113, 113)cm from beg, work next 2 rows between *'s as on back, only add 1 more strand of yarn to the center 7 sts on these 2 rows. On RS, p7 and on WS, k7 sts.

Armhole and V-neck shaping

Work armhole shaping as for back, AT SAME TIME, bind of center st for V-neck and working both sides at once, dec 1 st at each neck edge on WS rows, by k2tog on right side and SKP on left side (inside of 3 sts in St st and doubled yarn as on armhole edge) every other row 12 (12, 13, 13) times—16 (17, 17, 18) sts rem each side. When same length as back, work shoulder shaping as on back. Leave rem sts on holders.

FINISHING

Block lightly. Sew shoulder seams. Return to 3 sts from one holder and inc 1 st at inside edge (for selvage st). Cont in St st until band fits to center back neck. Work other side to correspond. Sew band tog at back neck and sew around back neck edge. Sew side seams leaving opening for slit. ❖

