Rio designed and crocheted for Vinnis Colours
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5CALBG003

Pattern difficulty:
Easy/moderate

Pattern sizes:
8/32, (10/34, 12/36, 14/38)

Measurements:
To fit bust:
82-87cm (87-92cm, 92-97cm, 97-102cm)

All round measurements:
Bust:
88cm (95cm, 100cm, 110cm)
Length to shoulder:
55cm (55cm, 57cm, 57cm)

Materials:
Vinnis Colours Nikkim:
6 (7, 7, 8) balls of 119m/50g, DK in Brick-Red (574)
Hook: 3.75mm
Tapestry needle
Scissors
1.3 m 10mm ribbon

Tension:
16htr x 13rows = 10x10cm

Abbreviations:
ch – chain
chsp – chain space
dc – double crochet
htr – half treble crochet
sk – skip
st/s – stitch/es
tr – treble crochet
WS – wrong side
rep – repeat
RS – right side

Pattern notes:
3ch replace the first treble.
1ch does not replace a htr or dc
To increase the length, simply work more repeats of row 2 – 7.

To Make:
Bodice Back:
With a 3.75mm hook, loosely ch 66 (72, 75, 83).

All sizes:
Row 1:
(RS) Insert hook in 2nd ch from hook and work 1htr in each ch across, turn (65 (71, 74, 82) htr).

First two sizes:
Row 2 - 16:
Ch1, 1htr in each htr across, turn.

Shape Armholes:
Row 17:
Slst over the first 4sts, 1htr in each htr across, leaving the last 4 htr unworked, turn (57 (63) sts).
Row 18 - 21:
Slst over the first st, work 1htr in each htr across, leaving the last htr unworked (49 (55) sts).
Row 22 – 28:
1htr in each htr, turn.

Shape neckline (right side):
Row 29:
Work across first 15 (16) sts, turn.
Row 30 – 34:
Dec 1 st at neckline (12 (13) htr).
Row 35:
Dec 1 (0) sts at neckline (11 (13) sts).
Row 36:
1htr in each htr. Fasten off.

Shape neckline (left side):
Leave middle 28 (34) sts unworked and join yarn in next st.
Rep shaping of neckline as for right side, but reverse all shapings.

Bodice Front:
All sizes:
Work exactly as for back up to armhole shaping.

First two sizes:
Shape Armholes and Neckline:
Row 17:
Slst over the first 4sts, 1htr in each htr across, leaving the last 4 htr unworked, turn (57 (63) sts).
Row 18 - 19:
Slst over the first st, work 1htr in each htr across, leaving the last htr unworked (53 (59) sts).
Row 20:
Slst over the first st, 1htr in next 17sts, turn.
Row 21:
Slst over first st, 1htr in next 15sts, turn.
Row 22 - 26:
Dec 1 st at neckline, turn (10 htr).
Row 27 - 35:
1 htr in each htr. Fasten off.

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Shape second armhole and second part of neckline:

Row 20:
Leave the middle 17 (23) sts unworked, join yarn in next st, work 1htr in each htr, leaving the last st unworked.
Work row 21 – 35 as for first side, reversing all shapings.

Next two sizes:
Shape Armholes and Neckline:
Row 19:
Slst over the first 4sts, 1htr in each htr across, leaving the last 4 htr unworked, turn (66 (74) sts).
Row 20 - 21:
Slst over the first st, work 1htr in each htr across, leaving the last htr unworked (62 (70) sts).
Row 22:
Slst over first st, 1htr in next 18 (20) sts, turn.
Row 23:
Slst over first st, 1htr in each htr, leave last htr unworked, turn (16 (18) sts).
Row 24 - 28:
Dec 1 st at neckline, turn (11 (13) htr).
Row 29 - 36:
1 htr in each htr. Fasten off.

Shape second armhole and second part of neckline:

Row 22:
Leave the middle 24 (28) sts unworked, join yarn in next st, work 1htr in each htr, leaving the last st unworked.
Work row 21 – 35 as for first side, reversing all shapings.

Join shoulder and side seams.

All sizes:
Work 1 row of tr around the bottom edge of the bodice. At the same time, increase 2 (2, 2, 4) sts on round (132 (144, 150, 168) tr). Close with slst.

Bottom Section of top:

Row 1:
Ch3 (count as tr) 3tr in base of ch 3, sk next 2 tr, *1dc in next tr, sk 2 tr, 7tr in next tr, sk next 2 tr*, rep from * all around to last 5 sts, sk 2 tr, 1dc in next tr, 3 tr in same st as first 4 tr, close with slst in top of 3rd ch.
Row 2:
Ch3 (counts as tr), 1 tr in next 2 tr, *ch1, sk next tr, dc and tr, 1tr in next 5 tr*, rep from * all around to last scallop, sk next tr, dc and tr, 1tr in next 2tr, close with slst in top of 3rd ch.

Row 3:
Ch1 (doesn't count as st), 1dc in same place, "7tr in next 1chsp, sk next 2tr, 1dc in next tr, sk next 2tr", rep from * all around, close with slst in first dc.
Row 4:
Slst over first tr, ch3 (count as tr), 1tr in next 4tr, "ch1, sk next tr, dc and tr, 1tr in next 5 tr" rep from * all around and close with dc in top of 3rd ch.
Row 5:
Ch3 (count as tr), 3tr around post of closing dc, "sk next 2 tr, 1dc in next tr, sk next 2 tr, 7tr in next 1chsp", rep from * all around to last 1chsp, 7tr in last 1chsp, sk next 2 tr, 1dc in next tr, sk next 2 tr, 3tr in same sp as starting tr, close with slst in top of 3rd ch.

Rep row 2 – 5:
4 (4, 5, 5) more times. Fasten off.

To Finish Off:
With RS facing work 1 round of equally spaced dc around each armhole and around the neck.
Weave in all loose ends.
Weave ribbon through treble row.
Block garment to measurement, cover with a damp cloth (or spray with water) and allow to dry.