

# RIANA DRESS

DSA 108-02 | ALPAKKA WOOL



# **RIANA DRESS**

# **DESIGN**

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#### **YARN**

ALPAKKA WOOL 60 % alpaca, 40 % pure new wool, 50 grams = approx. 166 metres

#### **SIZES**

XS (S) M (L) XL (XXL)

**NOTE!** See MEASUREMENTS to find your size

# **MEASUREMENTS**

Upper body approx. 88 (97) 104 (113) 124 (136) cm Full length approx. 112 (114) 116 (118) 120 (122) cm

# YARN REQUIREMENTS

10 (11) 12 (13) 15 (16) balls

# **COLOUR**

Brown 548

# **SUGGESTED NEEDLES**

2.5 mm and 3 mm long and short circular needles and DPNs

# GAUGE

27 sts with stocking st on 3 mm needles = 10 cm

Check your gauge by working a swatch.

Count the number of sts per 10 cm. If you have more sts than suggested, change to a larger needle size. If you have fewer sts change to a smaller needle size.

# **FIND YOUR SIZE**

- 1. Measure a garment that fits you.
- 2. Compare your measurements with those in the pattern.
- 3. Select your size based on the upper body measurements.
- 4. Body and sleeves may be worked longer or shorter as needed.

# **ABBREVIATIONS**

k = knit, p = purl, st = stitch, R = round/row,
 DPN = double pointed needles, K2tog = knit 2 together,
 m = marker, PM = place marker, tbl = through back loop,
 RS/WS = right/wrong side, SSK = slip slip knit,
 m1 = make 1 (make a new st)

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For the pattern for the trousers, see DSA 108-04 For the pattern for the dress in Warm Brown, see DSA 108-01

# 2 edge sts:

**R 1:** (= WS) Slip 1 st with working yarn held in front (towards you), P1, work to last 2 sts, P1, slip 1 st with working yarn held in front (towards you).

**R 2:** K1, slip 1 st with working yarn held behind (away from you), work to last 2 sts, slip 1 st with working yarn held behind (away from you), K1.

# **BACK PIECE**

Cast on 137 (151) 163 (177) 193 (213) sts on 2.5 mm circular needles. Work 12 cm rib flat as follows:

**R 1:** (= WS) **2 edge sts**, K1, \*P1, K1\*, repeat from \*-\* until 2 sts remain, **2 edge sts**.

**R 2: 2 edge sts**, P1, \*K1, P1\*, repeat from \*-\* until 2 sts remain, **2 edge sts**.

Repeat R 1–2. Finish with a WS R.

Change to 3 mm needles and continue as follows: **At the same time** on R 1, decrease 17 (19) 21 (23) 25 (29) sts evenly spaced inside 5 sts on each side = 120 (132) 142 (154) 168 (184) sts.

**R 1:** (= RS) **2 edge sts**, P1, K1, P1, K until 5 sts remain, P1, K1, P1, **2 edge sts**.

**R 2: 2 edge sts**, K1, P1, K1, P until 5 sts remain, K1, P1, K1, **2 edge sts**.

Repeat R 1–2 until the piece measures approx. 34 cm, finishing with a WS R. Set aside and work front piece.



# **FRONT PIECE**

Cast on and work in the same way as the back piece.

#### BODY

Place the front and back pieces on 3 mm circular needles **while at the same time** working together the first and last sts on the front and back pieces as K2 tog = 238 (262) 282 (306) 334 (366) sts.

PM in each side = 119 (131) 141 (153) 167 (183) sts on both the front and back pieces.

Continue with stocking st in the round.

When the piece measures 87 (89) 91 (93) 95 (97) cm, cast off 4 (4) 6 (8) 10 (22) sts on each side (= 2 (2) 3 (4) 5 (11) sts on each side of each m) for the armholes = 115 (127) 135 (145) 157 (161) sts on front and back pieces.

Finish the front and back pieces separately.

# **BACK PIECE**

= 115 (127) 135 (145) 157 (161) sts.

**NOTE!** First and last sts (edge sts) are K on all rows. Work stocking st flat inside 1 edge st on each side.

# XS (S) M (L):

At the same time on R 4 (= RS), begin to decrease for armholes on each side as follows: 1 edge st, K 2, \*slip 1 st knitwise, slip next st knitwise, place the 2 sts back on left-hand needle and K2 tog tbl\* (\*-\* = SSK / slip slip knit), K until 5 sts remain, K2 tog, K2, 1 edge st = 2 sts decreased. Repeat the decreases every 4th R a total of 8 (5) 5 (3) times, then every 2nd R a further 4 (10) 10 (14) times = 91 (97) 105 (111) sts.

# XL (XXL):

At the same time on R 2 (= RS), decrease for armholes on each side as follows: 1 edge st, K 2, \*slip 1 st knitwise, slip next st knitwise, place the 2 sts back on left-hand needle and K2 tog tbl\* (\*-\* = SSK / slip slip knit), K until 5 sts remain,

K2 tog, K2, 1 edge st = 2 sts decreased. Repeat the decreases every 2nd R, 20 (20) times in total = 117 (121) sts.

#### All sizes:

You will now work both decreases and increases on every R from the RS as follows: 1 edge st, K 2, SSK, m1 with a **hidden increase**, K until 5 sts remain, m1 with a **hidden increase**, K2 tog, K2, 1 edge st.

At the same time when the piece measures 110 (112) 114 (116) 118 (120) cm, cast off the middle 47 (49) 49 (51) 51 (53) sts for the neckline. Finish each side separately, and keep casting off for the neckline at the beginning of every other R: 1.1 st = 20 (22) 26 (28) 31 (32) shoulder sts.

Work until the piece measures 112 (114) 116 (118) 120 (122) cm. Cast off. Work the other side in the same way but in reverse.

# **FRONT PIECE**

= 115 (127) 135 (145) 157 (161) sts.

**NOTE!** First and last sts (edge sts) are K on all rows. Work and decrease for the armholes in the same way as on the back piece.

When the piece measures 105 (107) 109 (111) 113 (115) cm, cast off the middle 17 (19) 19 (21) 21 (23) sts for the neckline. Finish each side separately, and cast off for the neck at the beginning of every other R: 3,3,2,2,1,1,1,1,1,1 sts = 20 (22) 26 (28) 31 (32) shoulder sts.

Work until the piece measures 112 (114) 116 (118) 120 (122) cm. Cast off. Work the other side in the same way but in reverse.

# **ASSEMBLY**

Join the shoulder seams.

# **ARMHOLE EDGES**

Using 2.5 mm short circular needle, pick up 129 (133) 133 (133) 133 (133) sts around the armhole. PM around the first and last sts = m sts. M sts are always knitted.

Work rib in the round for 3 cm as follows: K1, \*P1, K1\*, repeat from \*-\* to end of R.

**At the same time**, decrease on each side of m sts on every R as follows: K1, K2 tog or P2 tog depending on what fits into your rib pattern, work in pattern until 3 sts remain, K2 tog tbl or P2 tog tbl depending on your rib pattern, K1.

Work 2 R of double knit in the round.

Work an Italian bind-off.

# Italian bind-off:

**Sew KW:** Insert the needle knitwise into st. **Sew PW:** Insert the needle knitwise into st.

Cut yarn. **NOTE!** Leave a tail-end approx. 3 times longer than the length of the ribbing. **NOTE!** 1st st = K and 2nd st = K.

**Sew PW** into the 1st st on the needle, leave st on needle.
\*Insert the needle from behind in between the 1st and 2nd st,

sew KW into the 2nd st on the needle, leave st on needle.

Sew KW into the 1st st on the needle, slip st from needle.

**Sew PW** into the 2nd st on the needle, leave st on needle. **Sew PW** into the 1st st on the needle, slip st from needle.\*

Repeat from \*-\* to end of R.

# **NECKLINE**

Using 2.5 mm needles, pick up 1 st through each st/R around the neckline.

**At the same time** work in a helping thread (a bit of scrap yarn) as follows: *See pictures 1+2*. St count must be divisible by 2.

P 1 R, then work 8 R of stocking st. *See picture 3*. Leave sts on the needle.

Turn the piece inside out and pick up the same number of sts as are on the helping thread/scrap yarn.

See pictures 4–6. Work 9 R of stocking st. See picture 7. Leave sts on the needle.

Turn the work outside in, so the RS is facing out, and join the sts as follows: \*Work 1 st from each needle together as K2 tog\*, repeat from \*-\* to end of R. *See pictures 8+9*. Picture 10 shows the RS. Picture 11 shows the WS. Work a rib in the round (K1, P1) for 16 cm. Work 2 R of double knit in the round. Work an **Italian bind-off.** 

# **DOUBLE KNIT IN THE ROUND**

**R 1:** \*K1, slip 1 st purlwise with the working yarn held in front\*, repeat from \*-\* to end of R.

Round 2: \*Slip 1 st knitwise with the working yarn held behind, P1\*, repeat from \*-\* to end of R. Repeat R 1 and 2.

# **ITALIAN BIND-OFF**

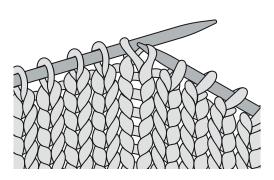
**Sew KW:** Insert the needle knitwise into st. **Sew PW:** Insert the needle knitwise into st.



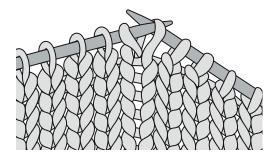
Cut yarn. **NOTE!** Leave a tail-end approx. 3 times longer than the length of the ribbing. **NOTE!** 1st st = K and 2nd st = P. **Sew PW** into the 1st st on the needle, leave st on needle. \*Insert the needle from behind in between the 1st and 2nd st, **sew KW** into the 2nd st on the needle, leave st on needle. **Sew FW** into 2nd st, leave st on needle. **Sew PW** into 1st st, slip st from needle.\*

Repeat from \*-\* to end of R.

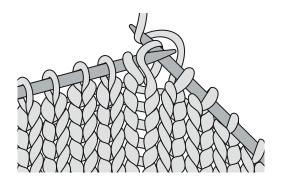
# **HIDDEN INCREASE**



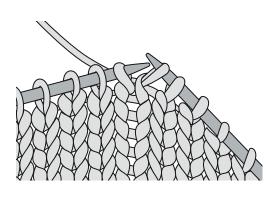
1. Lift up right-hand leg of st from last R



2. Place st leg on left-hand needle



3. K1 tbl



4. Pull st through

# STEP BY STEP NECKLINE



Picture 1: Pick up sts with a contrasting yarn



Picture 2: Pick up sts with a contrasting yarn



Picture 3: 8 R of stocking st



Picture 4: Working the sts around the contrasting yarn



Picture 5: Working the sts around the contrasting yarn



Picture 6: Remove the contrasting yarn



Picture 7: Work 9 R of stocking st from the WS



Picture 8: 9 R from RS and WS



Picture 9: Work the first sts from each needle together as K2 tog



Picture 10: Sts shown from RS



Picture 11: Sts shown from WS

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