

Cascade Nikki Bolero



NIKKI BOLERO

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MATERIALS: Cascade Yarn's Nikki: 5 (5, 7, 9) skeins
Needles size 10 ½ circular 36" or longer. For ruffle it is helpful to have 2 long needles due to the number of stitches.

Crochet hook size J

Markers

Yarn Needle

Stitch holders

Large hook & eye

FINISHED MEASUREMENTS: 36" (40", 44", 48")

GAUGE: 3 st = 1", 4.5 rows = 1" in Stockinette stitch

Bolero is worked in one piece to armholes and separated for front and back.

BODY

Cast on 90 (98, 108, 114) sts. Working in Stockinette stitch (knit one row, purl one row) Inc 1 st each side every other row to 108 (120, 132, 144) sts.

Work 27, (30, 33, 36) for front and place marker. Work 54 (60, 66, 72) sts for back and place marker and complete row.

Work even until body measures 11" (11", 12", 12")

Divide for Front and Back

Break yarn. Slip stitches to first side marker onto holder (front). Remove marker and attach yarn.

Back: Bind off next 3 (4, 5, 5) sts. Work to next marker. Slip sts after marker onto holder (second front).

TURN. Bind off next 3 (4, 5, 5) sts and complete row.

Shape Armhole: Dec 1 st each side every other row at armhole edge 3 (3, 4, 5) times. Continue working even until back measures 20" (21", 22" ½", 23").

Bind off 3 sts at the beg of next 4 (2, 4, 2) rows.

Bind off 4 sts at the beg of next 2 (4, 2, 4) rows.

Bind off remaining stitches.

Fronts

Slip one of the fronts onto needles and work as for back including all shaping. AT THE SAME TIME: when piece measures 13" (13 ½", 14 ½", 14") dec 1 st at neck edge every 2nd row 11 (12, 6, 15). Then every row 0 (0, 8, 0) times.

Repeat for other front.

Sew shoulder seams.

Ruffle: With right side facing and starting at center back of neck, pick up one st in each stitch across, down front in every row, across bottom in each stitch, up other front in each row, and across neck to beginning. Working in the round in Stockinette stitch, inc 1 st in each stitch around. There will be a lot of stitches, number not important, so two needles will be helpful. Knit 5 rounds. Purl one round. Bind off in knit.

Armhole trim:

With crochet keeping work flat, single crochet evenly around armhole, join. Ch 1, work one row reverse single crochet and end off. Repeat for other armhole.

Sew hook & eye at bust line on inside behind ruffle onto the ridge formed with picking up the stitches.

Steam as needed.