



Youth June Dress



Size: 3, 4 (5, 6) 7, 8 (9, 10) 11, 12 (13, 14) yrs

Materials: Materials: Approximately 5, 5 (6, 7), 7, 8 (8, 9), 9, 10 (10, 11) balls of Lion Brand Coboo (100 g/232 yards per ball); knitting needles; stitch markers; waste yarn or stitch holders; a yarn needle; and elastic for the waist casing.

Needle Size: Needle Size: US 4 (3.5 mm) and US 5 (3.75 mm) circular needles in lengths suitable for the neckline, yoke, body, and skirt; US 5 (3.75 mm) double-pointed needles or a circular needle suitable for working the sleeves in small circumferences.

Gauge (tension): 24 sts × 40 rounds = 4 in (10 cm) square in stockinette stitch worked in the round on US 5 (3.75 mm) needles, after blocking.

Intended wearer chest circumference: 21¾, 22½ (23¼, 24), 25¼, 26½ (27½, 28¾), 30, 31 (32¼, 35½) in / 55, 57 (59, 61), 64, 67 (70, 73), 76, 79 (82, 90) cm.

Finished dress chest circumference: 23, 24½ (24½, 26¼), 26¼, 28 (29½, 29½), 31¼, 32¾ (34½, 34½) in / 58.5, 62.5 (62.5, 66.5), 66.5, 71 (75, 75), 79, 83.5 (87.5, 87.5) cm.

METHOD

This dress is a top-down raglan worked in the round, with short rows to raise the back neckline. Choose a size by comparing the wearer's chest measurement with the finished dress circumference and allowing for your preferred ease. The skirt length is adjustable.

PICOT ROUND

[k2tog, yo] around



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NECK

Cast on 84, 84 (92, 84) 92, 88 (96, 100) 104, 100 (104, 104) sts in using smaller needles

Join in the round, placing beginning of round marker.

Work 7 rounds in stockinette stitch

Work a picot round

Work 7 rounds in stockinette

Fold the neck edging to the wrong side along the picot round, aligning each cast-on stitch with its corresponding live stitch. Knit each live stitch together with the corresponding cast-on stitch or loop. Keep the joining round loose enough to preserve the neckline's stretch. The stitch count remains unchanged.

Switch to larger needles.

SET-UP ROUND

Knit 17, 17 (18, 18) 19, 19 (20, 21) 22, 22 (23, 23) (back), pm,

Knit 8, 8 (10, 6) 8, 6 (8, 8) 8, 6 (6, 6) (sleeve), pm,

Knit 34, 34 (36, 36) 38, 38 (40, 42) 44, 44 (46, 46) (front) pm,

Knit 8, 8 (10, 6) 8, 6 (8, 8) 8, 6 (6, 6) (sleeve), pm,

Knit 17, 17 (18, 18) 19, 19 (20, 21) 22, 22 (23, 23) (back)

RAGLAN SHAPING

Raglan shaping and neck shaping are worked AT THE SAME TIME using short rows.

You can use the method of short rows that works best for you. I am using wrap and turn short rows and describe those below.

Row 1 (RS): Knit to 1 st before marker, M1R, k1, sm, k1, M1L, knit to 1 sts before next marker, M1R, k1, sm, k1, M1L, k2, wrap the yarn around next stitch.

Turn your work.

Step 2 (WS): Purl to beginning of round marker (mid back).

Step 3 (WS): Purl to 1 st before the next raglan marker, M1R purlwise, p1, slip marker, p1, M1L purlwise. Purl to 1 st before the next raglan marker, M1R purlwise, p1, slip marker, p1, M1L purlwise, p2, wrap the next stitch and turn.

Step 4 (RS): Knit to beginning of round (mid back).

Steps 1-4 add 8 sts in total: 2 sts to each sleeve, 2 sts to the front, and 2 sts to the back.

Work Steps 1-4 three more times, working 2 additional front stitches beyond the previous turning point before each new turn. Resolve each previous wrap together with its stitch as you encounter it.

Four sets of raglan increases have now been completed, adding 32 sts in total. These count toward the first raglan-increase sequence below.



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Knit one complete round, resolving any remaining wraps together with their stitches.

Raglan increase round: *Knit to 1 st before the next raglan marker, M1R, k1, slip marker, k1, M1L; repeat from * three more times, then knit to the beginning-of-round marker. 8 sts increased.

After completing the four sets of short-row raglan increases and the following complete knit round, alternate one raglan increase round with one plain knit round an additional 3, 3 (3, 5), 4, 4 (5, 4), 4, 7 (5, 8) times.

Then work 3 plain knit rounds followed by one raglan increase round a total of 9, 10 (10, 10), 11, 12 (12, 13), 14, 13 (15, 14) times.

Including the four sets worked during the neckline shaping, you have completed 16, 17 (17, 19), 19, 20 (21, 21), 22, 24 (24, 26) sets of raglan increases.

Knit 3 rounds without increasing.

STITCH COUNT CHECK

Total stitches: 212, 220 (228, 236) 244, 248 (264, 268) 280, 292 (296, 312)

Front/Back: 66, 68 (70, 74) 76, 78 (82, 84) 88, 92 (94, 98)

Sleeve: 40, 42 (44, 44) 46, 46 (50, 50) 52, 54 (54, 58)

DIVIDE FOR BODY AND SLEEVES

Knit 33, 34 (35, 37), 38, 39 (41, 42), 44, 46 (47, 49) back sts. Remove the raglan marker.

Place the next 40, 42 (44, 44), 46, 46 (50, 50), 52, 54 (54, 58) sleeve sts on waste yarn or a stitch holder.

Cast on 4, 7 (5, 6), 4, 7 (8, 6), 7, 8 (11, 7) underarm sts. Remove the next raglan marker.

Knit across the 66, 68 (70, 74), 76, 78 (82, 84), 88, 92 (94, 98) front sts. Remove the next raglan marker.

Place the next 40, 42 (44, 44), 46, 46 (50, 50), 52, 54 (54, 58) sleeve sts on waste yarn or a stitch holder.

Cast on 4, 7 (5, 6), 4, 7 (8, 6), 7, 8 (11, 7) underarm sts. Remove the final raglan marker.

Knit the remaining 33, 34 (35, 37), 38, 39 (41, 42), 44, 46 (47, 49) back sts to the beginning-of-round marker.

There are 140, 150 (150, 160), 160, 170 (180, 180), 190, 200 (210, 210) body sts.



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BODY

Continue in stockinette stitch until the body measures 4, 4¼ (4¾, 5), 5½, 6 (6¼, 6½), 6¾, 6¾ (6¾, 6¾) in / 10, 11 (12, 13), 14, 15 (16, 16), 17, 17 (17, 17) cm from the underarm cast-on edge.

ELASTIC CASING

Outside casing is worked as follows:

Knit 4 rounds

Do not break the yarn.

Inside casing is worked as follows:

From a new ball of yarn, pick up and knit 140, 150 (150, 160) 160, 170 (180, 180) 190, 200 (210, 210) sts from the WS of the work using larger size circular needle from 4 rounds below the current round on the needles.

Knit 3 rounds

Cut the elastic to the required finished waist length plus the overlap needed for joining. Overlap and sew the ends securely to form a loop, checking that it stretches sufficiently for dressing. Place the loop between the casing layers without twisting it.

Place the sewn elastic in between the layers of the casing then join the inside and outside sections of the casing by knitting 1 stitch from the outside section together with 1 stitch from the inside section around.

SKIRT

Check the required skirt length on the wearer. Each 9-round shaping sequence adds approximately ¾ in (2.5 cm) at the stated round gauge. Work fewer or additional complete sequences to adjust the length. Before working the picot round, ensure the stitch count is even; increase 1 st if necessary.

Knit 1 round.

First increase round: *K10, M1L, place a marker; repeat from * around. At the end of the round, use the existing beginning-of-round marker instead of placing an additional marker.

There are 154, 165 (165, 176), 176, 187 (198, 198), 209, 220 (231, 231) sts.

Knit 8 rounds, slipping markers.

Repeat the following 9-round sequence a total of 13, 14 (15, 16), 17, 18 (19, 20), 21, 22 (23, 24) times:

Round 1: *Knit to the next marker, M1L, slip marker; repeat from * around.

Rounds 2-9: Knit, slipping markers.



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Including the first increase round, you have worked 14, 15 (16, 17), 18, 19 (20, 21), 22, 23 (24, 25) skirt increase rounds.

There are 336, 375 (390, 432), 448, 493 (540, 558), 608, 660 (714, 735) sts.

Sizes 4, 8, and 14 only: On the final round before the picot round, increase 1 st using M1L.

All sizes: There are now 336, 376 (390, 432), 448, 494 (540, 558), 608, 660 (714, 736) sts. Remove the skirt-shaping markers, keeping the beginning-of-round marker.

Work a picot round.

In smaller needle, knit 7 rounds

DO NOT BIND OFF, cut enough yarn to sew all the way around (always err on the side of extra!), fold the hem at the picot round and sew the hem in place.

SLEEVE (REPEAT FOR BOTH SLEEVES)

The stated underarm pickup counts include any corner stitches needed to close gaps. Do not add extra stitches beyond the listed counts. Place the beginning-of-round marker at the center of the underarm.

Using larger needles (you may need to use dpn or magic loop),
pick up and knit 3, 4 (3, 3) 3, 4 (4, 4) 4, 4, (6, 4) sts from underarm,
knit the 40, 42 (44, 44) 46, 46 (50, 50) 52, 54 (54, 58) sts from stitch holder,
pick up and knit 3, 4 (3, 3) 3, 4 (4, 4) 4, 4 (6, 4) sts from underarm, pm.
[46, 50 (50, 50) 52, 54 (58, 58) 60, 62 (66, 66) sts]

Knit 7 rounds

Work a picot round.

Knit 6 rounds.

DO NOT BIND OFF, cut a long tail of yarn (enough to sew all the stitches down), fold the hem at the picot round and sew the hem in place.

FINISHING

Weave in all ends and block according.



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ABBREVIATIONS

K - knit

K2tog -knit 2 stitches together

M1 - make 1 stitch; use M1L for the skirt increases

M1L - Insert the left needle under the strand that runs between two stitches from front to back, then knit this strand through the back loop

M1R - Lift the strand between stitches from back to front and knit through its front loop to make a twisted increase.

M1R purlwise - Lift the strand between stitches from back to front and purl through its front loop to make a twisted increase.

M1L purlwise - Lift the strand between stitches from front to back and purl through its back loop to make a twisted increase.

P - purl

PM - place marker

RS - right side

SM - slip marker

SSK - slip, slip, knit the slipped sts together

STS - stitches

ST - stitch

WS - wrong side

YO - yarn over