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**Elf Bolero**  
with crochet or knit bands

# Elf Bolero

Intermediate Knitting

## MEASUREMENTS

YEARS	2	4	6	8	10
To Fit Chest	cm 55	60	65	70	75
Actual Size (approx)	cm 60	65	70	75	80
Length (approx)	cm 31	35	39	43	47
Sleeve Length (approx)	cm 9	9	10	10	11

## PATONS TOTEM MERINO 8 PLY 50g balls

### Style A – With Crochet Bands

Quantity  
(4434 Sweet Lavender) 4 5 6 7 8

### Style B – With Knit Bands

Quantity  
(4444 Lady Coral) 4 4 5 6 7

Use only the yarn specified. Other yarns are likely to produce different results. Quantities are approximate as they can vary between knitters. Ensure all yarn is from the same dye lot.



Style A (left), Style B (right)

## NEEDLES AND EXTRAS

- 1 pair 4mm (UK 8) knitting needles or size needed to give correct tension.
- wool needle for sewing seams.

### Style A only –

- 4mm crochet hook.

### Style B only –

- 4mm **circular** knitting needle (100cm long).

## TENSION

22 sts and 30 rows to 10cm over patt, using 4mm needles.

To work a tension square, using 4mm needles, cast on 34 sts.

Work 44 rows patt as for size 10 of Back.

Cast off loosely.

Check your tension carefully.

If fewer sts to 10cm use smaller needles, if more sts use larger needles.

## SPECIAL ABBREVIATION

**wrap** = Yfwd (to make a st), K2, with left-hand needle pick up yfwd and pass over the 2 knit sts.

## STYLE A

### BACK

Using 4mm needles, cast on **70** (74-80-86-90) sts. Work 2 rows stocking st.

### BEG PATT –

**1st row** – K2 (4-3-2-4), \* **wrap**, K6, rep from \* to last **4** (6-5-4-6) sts, **wrap**, K2 (4-3-2-4).

Work 3 rows stocking st.

**5th row** – K6 (8-7-6-8), \* **wrap**, K6, rep from \* to last **0** (2-1-0-2) sts, K0 (2-1-0-2).

Work 3 rows stocking st.

Last 8 rows form patt for rem.

Cont in patt until Back measures **17** (20-23-25-28) cm from beg, working last row on wrong side.

### SHAPE ARMHOLES –

**NOTE** – If insufficient sts to work **wrap** when shaping, work these sts in stocking st instead. Keeping patt correct, cast off **4** (4-4-5-5) sts at beg of next 2 rows ... **62** (66-72-76-80) sts. Dec one st at each end of next row, then in every foll alt row until **54** (58-62-66-68) sts rem. Work **23** (27-27-33-35) rows.

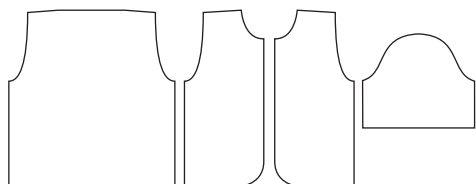
### BEG SHORT ROWS TO SHAPE SHOULDERS –

**NOTE** – When working short row shaping and pattern specifies **turn**, proceed as folls to avoid holes in your work –

Take yarn under needle and onto other side of work, slip next st onto right-hand needle, take yarn back to original position, slip st back onto left-hand needle, then turn and proceed as instructed in pattern.

**1st and 2nd rows** – Patt to last **5** (6-6-6-6) sts, **turn**.

**3rd and 4th rows** – Patt to last **10** (11-12-13-13) sts, **turn**.



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**5th and 6th rows** – Patt to last **15** (16-18-20-20) sts, **turn**.

**7th row** – Patt to end.

Cast off loosely.

## LEFT FRONT

Using 4mm needles, cast on **23** (27-29-31-35) sts.

### BEG SHAPING –

**1st row** – Knit to last 2 sts, inc in next st, K1 ... **24** (28-30-32-36) sts.

**2nd and foll alt rows** – Purl.

**3rd row** – K6 (4-5-6-4), \* **wrap**, K6, rep from \* to last **10** (8-9-10-8) sts, **wrap**, K6 (4-5-6-4), inc in next st, K1 ... **25** (29-31-33-37) sts.

**5th row** – As 1st row.

**7th row** – K2 (8-1-2-8), \* **wrap**, K6, rep from \* to last **8** (6-7-8-6) sts, **wrap**, K4 (2-3-4-2), inc in next st, K1 ... **27** (31-33-35-39) sts.

**9th row** – As 1st row.

**11th row** – K6 (4-5-6-4), \* **wrap**, K6, rep from \* to last **6** (4-5-6-4) sts, **wrap**, K2 (0-1-2-0), inc in next st, K1 ... **29** (33-35-37-41) sts.

**13th row** – As 1st row ... **30** (34-36-38-42) sts, ending shaping.

**14th row** – Purl.

**15th row** – K2 (8-1-2-8), \* **wrap**, K6, rep from \* to last **4** (10-3-4-10) sts, **wrap**, K2 (8-1-2-8). Work 3 rows.

**19th row** – K6 (4-5-6-4), \* **wrap**, K6, rep from \* to last **8** (6-7-8-6) sts, **wrap**, K6 (4-5-6-4). Work 3 rows.

Last 8 rows form patt for rem.

Cont in patt until Left Front measures same as Back to armhole shaping, working last row on wrong side.

### SHAPE ARMHOLE –

**1st row** – Cast off **4** (4-4-5-5) sts, patt to end ... **26** (30-32-33-37) sts.

Dec one st at beg of every foll alt row until **22** (26-27-28-31) sts rem.

Work **12** (14-14-20-22) rows.

### SHAPE NECK –

**1st row** (wrong side) – Cast off **3** (4-4-4-5) sts, patt to end ... **19** (22-23-24-26) sts.

Dec one st at neck edge in next row, then in every foll alt row until **15** (16-18-20-20) sts rem.

Work **4** (2-4-6-2) rows.

### BEG SHORT ROWS TO SHAPE SHOULDER –

**1st row** (wrong side) – Patt to last **5** (6-6-6-6) sts, **turn**.

**2nd row** – Patt to end.

**3rd row** – Patt to last **10** (11-12-13-13) sts, **turn**.

**4th row** – Patt to end.

Cast off loosely.

## RIGHT FRONT

Using 4mm needles, cast on **23** (27-29-31-35) sts.

### BEG SHAPING –

**1st row** – K1, inc in next st, knit to end

... **24** (28-30-32-36) sts.

**2nd and foll alt rows** – Purl.

**3rd row** – K1, inc in next st, K6 (4-5-6-4),

\* **wrap**, K6, rep from \* to last **8** (6-7-8-6) sts,

**wrap**, K6 (4-5-6-4) ... **25** (29-31-33-37) sts.

**5th row** – As 1st row.

**7th row** – K1, inc in next st, K4 (2-3-4-2),

\* **wrap**, K6, rep from \* to last **4** (10-3-4-10) sts,

**wrap**, K2 (8-1-2-8) ... **27** (31-33-35-39) sts.

**9th row** – As 1st row.

**11th row** – K1, inc in next st, K2 (0-1-2-0),

\* **wrap**, K6, rep from \* to last **8** (6-7-8-6) sts,

**wrap**, K6 (4-5-6-4) ... **29** (33-35-37-41) sts.

**13th row** – As 1st row ... **30** (34-36-38-42) sts, ending shaping.

**14th row** – Purl.

**15th row** – K2 (8-1-2-8), \* **wrap**, K6, rep from \* to last **4** (10-3-4-10) sts, **wrap**, K2 (8-1-2-8). Work 3 rows.

**19th row** – K6 (4-5-6-4), \* **wrap**, K6, rep from \* to last **8** (6-7-8-6) sts, **wrap**, K6 (4-5-6-4). Work 3 rows.

Last 8 rows form patt for rem.

Cont in patt until Right Front measures same as Back to armhole shaping, working last row on wrong side.

Work 1 row.

### SHAPE ARMHOLE –

**1st row** (wrong side) – Cast off **4** (4-4-5-5) sts, patt to end ... **26** (30-32-33-37) sts.

Dec one st at end of next row, then in every foll alt row until **22** (26-27-28-31) sts rem.

Work **11** (13-13-19-21) rows.

### SHAPE NECK –

**1st row** – Cast off **3** (4-4-4-5) sts, patt to end ... **19** (22-23-24-26) sts.

Dec one st at neck edge in every foll alt row until **15** (16-18-20-20) sts rem.

Work **3** (1-3-5-1) rows.

### BEG SHORT ROWS TO SHAPE SHOULDER –

**1st row** – Patt to last **5** (6-6-6-6) sts, **turn**.

**2nd row** – Patt to end.

**3rd row** – Patt to last **10** (11-12-13-13) sts, **turn**.

**4th row** – Patt to end.

Work 1 row.

Cast off loosely.

## SLEEVES

Using 4mm needles, cast on **50** (54-56-58-62) sts.

Work 2 rows stocking st.

### BEG PATT –

**1st row** – K4 (2-3-4-2), \* **wrap**, K6, rep from \* to last **6** (4-5-6-4) sts, **wrap**, K4 (2-3-4-2).

Work 3 rows.

**5th row** – K8 (6-7-8-6), \* **wrap**, K6, rep from \* to last **2** (0-1-2-0) sts, K2 (0-1-2-0).

Work 3 rows.

Last 8 rows form patt for rem.

Work a further **12** (14-16-18-20) rows.

### SHAPE TOP –

Cast off **2** (2-2-3-3) sts at beg of next 2 rows

... **46** (50-52-52-56) sts.

Dec one st at each end of next row, then in every foll alt row until **30** (32-32-24-26) sts rem, then in every row until **12** (14-14-14-16) sts rem.

Cast off loosely.

## CROCHET BANDS

Using Mattress stitch, join shoulders and side seams. Join sleeve seams. Placing centre of sleeve top to shoulder seam, sew in sleeves evenly.

### FRONT AND NECK BAND –

With right side facing, using 4mm hook and beg at left side seam, work 4 rounds of dc evenly around front, neck and back edges, inc (at corners and curves) and dec where necessary to keep band flat. Fasten off.

### SLEEVE BANDS –

With right side facing, using 4mm hook and beg at underarm seam, work 4 rounds of dc evenly around sleeve edges. Fasten off.

## STYLE B

Work Back, Left Front, Right Front and Sleeves as for Style A.

## KNIT BANDS

Using Mattress stitch, join shoulders and side seams.

### NECKBAND –

With right side facing, using 4mm needles and beg at right front neck, knit up **16** (17-18-18-19) sts evenly to right shoulder seam, knit up **23** (25-25-25-27) sts across back neck to left shoulder seam, then knit up **16** (17-18-18-19) sts evenly to end of neck shaping ... **55** (59-61-61-65) sts.

**1st row** – K1, \* P1, K1, rep from \* to end.

**2nd row** – K2, \* P1, K1, rep from \* to last st, K1. Rep last 2 rows twice, then 1st row once.

Cast off loosely in rib.

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## FRONT AND BACK BAND –

With right side facing, using 4mm **circular** needle and beg at top of left front neckband, knit up **49** (57-65-75-83) sts evenly to shaping, knit up 15 sts evenly along shaping, knit up **23** (27-29-31-35) sts across left front cast on, knit up **69** (73-79-85-89) sts across back cast on, knit up **23** (27-29-31-35) sts across right front cast on, knit up 15 sts evenly along shaping, then knit up **49** (57-65-75-83) sts evenly to end of neckband ... **243** (271-297-327-355) sts.

**NOTE** – A circular needle is used to accommodate the large number of sts. Work backwards and forwards in rows. Work 7 rows rib as for neckband. Cast off loosely in rib.

## SLEEVE BANDS –

With right side facing and using 4mm needles, knit up **49** (53-55-57-59) sts evenly along sleeve cast-on edge. Work 7 rows rib as for neckband. Cast off loosely in rib.

## TO MAKE UP

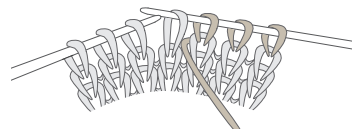
Using Mattress stitch, join sleeve and band seams. Placing centre of sleeve top to shoulder seam, sew in sleeves evenly.



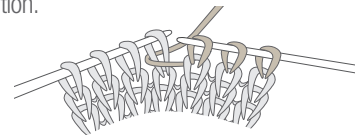
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## TURNING AND WORKING SHORT ROWS

Turning part way through a row is used to make one side of the work longer than the other, e.g. the slope of a shoulder.

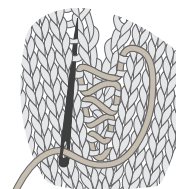


Slip the next stitch from the left-hand needle to the right-hand needle (this is the first stitch not being worked). Take the yarn back to its original position.



Slip the stitch back onto the left-hand needle. The unworked stitch now has the yarn wrapped around it – this is what prevents a hole. Turn the work and continue with next row as instructed.

## MATTRESS STITCH SEAM



With right sides of knitting facing up and pieces side by side, insert wool needle from wrong side, between edge stitch and next stitch in first row. Insert needle from right side between same stitches on other piece then pass needle under 2 rows bringing it up to front again. Insert wool needle down in same space that last stitch on first piece came out of, pass needle under 2 rows bringing it up to front as before. Swap from side to side always placing needle in same space that the last stitch came out of. Do not pull too tightly – the seam should be as elastic as the fabric it joins.

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