



VIP

# DRAWSTRING MINI DRESS



**Size:** 12 (16)

**NOTE:** figures in brackets () refer to larger size. Where only one figure is given this refers to both sizes.

**Skill Level:** intermediate

## How much yarn:

g 400 (450) of Vip yarn, in cream shade no. 1001

A small amount of scrap yarn in a different colour

**Needles:** Pair of 3.25 mm (no. 10) knitting needles

Pair of 3.00 mm (no. 11) knitting needles

Two 3.25 mm (no. 10) double-pointed (Dp) needle

**Sewing needle:** Yarn needle with rounded point

## STITCHES

Tubular stitch - stocking stitch (st st) - K1, P1 rib.

## TENSION

26 sts and 36 rows measure 10 cm square over st st with 3.25 mm (no. 10) needles.

## INSTRUCTIONS

**Upper Part:** work sideways, starting from a sleeve and ending with other sleeve. With 3.25 mm (no. 10) needles and cream yarn cast on 64 (70) sts. Starting with a K row, work 4 rows in st st. Cont to work in st st, inc 1 st at each end of next and every foll 26th (22nd) row 7 (9) times [= 78 (88) sts.]. When work measures 52 (55) cm from beg, cast on 66 (72) new sts at end of next 2 rows to create Front and Back [= 210 (232) sts.]. Work all sts straight in st st for 6 (7) cm. Shape neck. Cast off centre 2 sts and work separately on both sides – there are 104 (115) sts on each side – for 34 (35) cm. Rejoin work casting on 2 sts at centre [= 210 (232) sts.]. Work straight in st st for 6 (7) cm. Cast off 66 (72) sts at beg of next 2 rows to finish Front and Back [= 78 (88) sts.]. Cont to work for other sleeve, dec 1 st every foll 26th (22nd) row 7 (9) times. When this sleeve measures 52 (55) cm, cast off rem 64 (70) sts.

**Neckband:** (work 2 pieces). With RS facing, 3.00 mm (no. 11) needles and cream yarn, pick up and K 98 (114) sts along Front neck-opening. Starting with a P row, work 5 rows in st st. Cast off loosely. Repeat the same work along Back neck-opening. Sew neckband side seams.

**Lower Part:** with 3.25 mm (no. 10) needles and scrap yarn cast on 106 (112) sts. Cut off scrap yarn. Join cream yarn and work 92 (98) cm in st st. Cast off sts using scrap yarn.

**Ribbing border:** with RS facing, 3.00 mm (no. 11) needles and cream yarn, pick up and K approx 236 (252) sts evenly along a long vertical side (which will become lower edge of dress). Work 7 rows in K1, P1 and 4 rows in tubular st. Cast off with a yarn needle, grafting sts in kitchener st.

**Casing stripe:** with 3.25 mm (no. 10) needles and scrap yarn cast on 12 sts. Cut off scrap yarn. Join cream yarn and work 92 (98) cm in st st. Cast off sts using scrap yarn.

**I-cord:** with 3.25 mm (no. 10) double-pointed needles cast on 4 sts. \* K4, do not turn work but slide sts to opposite end of needle and pull yarn tightly across back of sts. Rep from \* until cord measures 145 (150) cm. Cast off.

## FINISHING

Weave in yarns. Fold in half Upper Part along neck-and-shoulder line to correspond Front and Back, with WS against WS: Sew side and sleeve seams in mattress st. Unravel scrap yarn from cast-on and cast-off sts of Lower Part. With yarn needle and cream yarn graft in kitchener st cast-on and cast-off sts, in correspondence, and sew rib border side seams. Place this seam (grafting seam and sewing seam) in the middle of Back and with yarn needle and cream yarn join Upper Part and Lower Part. Unravel scrap yarn from cast-on and cast-off sts of Casing Stripe. With yarn needle and working yarn graft in kitchener st cast-on and cast-off sts, in correspondence, to form a ring. Sew Casing Stripe to Lower Part, below joining seam with Upper Part. Sew in backstitch all around, placing RS of Casing Stripe against WS of Lower Part. Sew in backstitch all around other long side of Casing Stripe to form a piping between seams. On Right Side of Dress, introduce I-cord in the middle of piping casing, enlarging a stitch, then pass I-cord all around casing and push out I-cord from an enlarged stitch, keeping a 2 st distance from starting stitch. Make a small knot on each end of I-cord.

