

Lower Body

With size 4 (3.5 mm) straight needles and using the cable method (see Glossary), CO 127 (163, 199) sts. Change to size 4 (3.5 mm) 36" (90 cm) cir needle. Do not join. To avoid twisting when joining the first lace rnd, work Rnd 1 of lower edge pattern (see Stitch Guide) as a RS row to last st, place marker (pm) on needle, and p2tog (last st tog with first st of row) to join into a rnd; the p2tog counts as the first st of Rnd 2—126 (162, 198) sts rem. Work to end of Rnd 2. Work Rnds 3 and 4 once, then rep Rnds 1-4 three more times—16 rnds total; piece measures about 2¼" (5.5 cm) from CO.

DEC RND: (counts as Rnd 1 of lacy stripe patt) With size 3 (3.25 mm) needle, *p2tog, k1tbl, p2tog, [k2tog, yo] 2 times; rep from * to end, changing to same-size 24" (60 cm) cir needle if necessary—98 (126, 154) sts; 49 (63, 77) sts each for front and back.

Work Rnds 2-4 of lacy stripe patt (see Stitch Guide), then rep Rnds 1-4 until piece measures 11¾" (30 cm) from CO, or desired length to underbust, ending with Rnd 4.

FRONT BUST SHAPING

Work 49 (63, 77) back sts in established lacy stripe patt, place marker (pm), work Rnd 1 of front bodice patt (see Stitch Guide) over 49 (63, 77) front sts and *at the same time* inc them to 63

(81, 99) sts—112 (144, 176) sts total. Work 11 rnds even, cont established lacy stripe patt on back sts, and working Rnds 2-12 of front bodice patt front sts.

NEXT RND: Work 49 (63, 77) back sts in established lacy stripe patt, work Rnd 13 of front bodice patt over 63 (81, 99) front sts and inc them to 77 (99, 121) sts, changing to same size 36" (90 cm) cir needle if necessary—126 (162, 198) sts total.

Work 14 (18, 22) rnds even, cont established lacy stripe patt on back sts, and work Rnds 14-20 of front bodice patt once, then rep Rnds 17-20 of patt 1 (2, 3) more time(s), then work Rnds 17-19 once, ending with Rnd 19 of front bodice patt and Rnd 3 of lacy stripe patt—piece measures about 15½ (16¼, 16¾)" (39.5 [41.5, 42.5] cm) from CO, or desired length to underarms (see Notes).

DIVIDE FOR FRONTS AND BACK

Work Rnd 4 of established patt across 49 (63, 77) back sts, remove side m, work next 5 sts as p3tog, k1tbl, p1, place 52 (66, 80) sts just worked on holder for back, work next 37 (48, 59) sts for left front as p2, [k4, p3, k1tbl, p3] 3 (4, 5) times, k2, join new yarn at center front, work next 35 (46, 57) sts for right front as k2, [p3, k1tbl, p3, k4] 2 (3, 4) times, p3, k1tbl, p3, [yo, k1] 2 times, p2—37 (48, 59) sts at each side.

Fronts

With RS facing, join a separate ball of yarn to each group of 37 (48, 59) front sts on needle, ready to work a RS row. Work each side separately back and forth in rows as foll:

ROW 1: (RS) For left front, p2, *[k2tog, yo] 2 times, p3, k1tbl, p3; rep from * to last 2 sts, k2; for right front, k2, **p3, k1tbl, p3, [k2tog, yo] 2 times; rep from ** to last 2 sts, p2.

ROWS 2 AND 4: (WS) For right front, k2, *p4, k3, p1tbl, k3; rep from * to last 2 sts, p2; for left front, p2, **k3, p1tbl, k3, p4; rep from ** to last 2 sts, k2.

ROW 3: For left front, p2, *[yo, ssk] 2 times, p3, k1tbl, p3; rep from * to last 2 sts, k2; for right front, k2, **p3, k1tbl, p3, [yo, ssk] 2 times; rep from ** to last 2 sts, p2.

Rep the last 4 rows 2 (2, 3) more times, ending with WS Row 4—piece measures about 1¾ (1¾, 2¼)" (4.5 [4.5, 5.5] cm) from dividing rnd. Change to upper bodice patt (see Stitch Guide) and work Row 1, dec 1 (0, 1) st—36 (48, 58) sts at each side. Cont even in patt until piece measures 3½ (3½, 4)" (9 [9, 10] cm) from dividing rnd, ending with WS Row 4 of patt.

