



## PROJECT A

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**Finished Size** 29 (37, 45)" bust circumference. Nightie shown measures 29".

**Yarn** Alchemy Yarns Bamboo (100% bamboo; 138 yd [126 m]/50g); #72e vintage jade, 3 (4, 5) skeins.

**Needles** Size 4 (3.5 mm): 32" circular (cir) and 2 double-pointed (dpn). Adjust needle size if necessary to obtain the correct gauge.

**Notions** Markers (m); stitch holders; tapestry needle.

**Gauge** 24 sts and 30 rnds = 4" in St st worked in the rnd; 41 sts of feather panel patt measure 8" wide.

# LACE NIGHTIE

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Taking my imagination to Lingerie Land was a fun little journey. Because it's not a frequent trip, I was a little unsure of my project destination. As I cooked dinner one night and followed a recipe, I decided to create some basic lingerie ingredients and go from there: a dash of feminine lace, a pinch of color, and a whole bunch of open back. Knitted in the alluring, silky comfort of bamboo yarn, this nightie makes me want to light some candles and turn on my old record player.

### STITCH GUIDE

**Feather Border:** (multiple of 12 sts)

**Rnd 1:** \*Yo, ssk (see page 2), k7, k2tog, yo, k1; rep from \* to end.

**Even-numbered Rnds 2-8:** Knit.

**Rnd 3:** \*Yo, k1, ssk, k5, k2tog, k1, yo, k1; rep from \* to end.

**Rnd 5:** \*Yo, k2, ssk, k3, k2tog, k2, yo, k1; rep from \* to end.

**Rnd 7:** \*Yo, k3, ssk, k1, k2tog, k3, yo, k1; rep from \* to end.

**Rnd 9:** \*Yo, k4, sl 1 kwise, k2tog, pss0, k4, yo, k1; rep from \* to end.

**Rnd 10:** Knit.

Rep Rnds 1-10 for patt.

**Feather Panel:** (multiple of 12 sts + 5)

**Note:** The decs at each end of this patt deliberately slant in the same direction (k2tog), instead of slanting in opposite directions, like mirrored decs.

**Row/Rnd 1:** (RS when working back and forth in rows) K2tog, yo, k1, [yo, ssk, k7, k2tog, yo, k1] 3 times, yo, k2tog.

**Even-numbered Rows/Rnds 2-8:** (WS when working back and forth in rows) Work even in St st (knit on RS; purl on WS).

**Row/Rnd 3:** K2tog, yo, k1, [yo, k1, ssk, k5, k2tog, k1, yo, k1] 3 times, yo, k2tog.

**Row/Rnd 5:** K2tog, yo, k1, [yo, k2, ssk, k3, k2tog, k2, yo, k1] 3 times, yo, k2tog.

**Row/Rnd 7:** K2tog, yo, k1, [yo, k3, ssk, k1, k2tog, k3, yo, k1] 3 times, yo, k2tog.

**Row/Rnd 9:** K2tog, yo, k1, [yo, k4, sl 1 kwise, k2tog, pss0, k4, yo, k1] 3 times, yo, k2tog.

**Row/Rnd 10:** Work even in St st.

Rep Rows/Rnds 1-10 for patt.

### NOTES

- The lower body is worked in the round in one piece to the beginning of the deeply scooped back opening. The halter-style upper body is then worked back and forth in rows to the top of the front neck.

### LOWER BODY

With cir needle, CO 168 (216, 264) sts. Place marker (pm) and join for working in the rnd, being careful not to twist sts. Knit 1 rnd. Work Rnds 1-10 of feather border (see Stitch Guide) 3 times—30 rnds completed; piece measures about 4" from CO. Establish feather panels and side "seam" markers on next rnd as foll: K21 (33, 45), pm, work Rnd 1 of feather panel (see Stitch Guide) over next 41 sts for center front, pm, k22 (34, 46), pm

for right side "seam," k21 (33, 45), pm, work Rnd 1 of feather panel over next 41 sts for center back, pm, k22 (34, 46)—end-of-rnd m is at left side "seam." Cont feather panel patt in marked center sections, working rem sts in St st, until Rnds 1-10 of feather panel have been worked a total of 3 times, ending 3 sts before end-of-rnd m in final Rnd 10—30 rnds total of feather panel; piece measures about 8" from CO. **Dec rnd:** (Rnd 1 of patt) Ssk, k1, sl end-of-rnd m,



k2tog, work in patt to 3 sts before right side-seam m, ssk, k1, sl m, k2tog, work in patt to end—164 (212, 260) sts; 2 sts dec'd at each side. Work 9 rnds even in patt, ending with Rnd 10, and ending 3 sts before end-of-rnd m. Rep Dec rnd once more—160 (208, 256) sts. Work 12 (22, 32) rnds even in patt, ending with Rnd 3. **Next rnd:** (Rnd 3 of patt)

Removing right side m as you come to it, work in patt to marked center-back sts, remove m, BO 41 center-back sts, remove next m, knit to end-of-rnd m—119 (167, 215) sts rem. Knit to end of sts on needle; counts as Rnd 4 of patt—piece measures about  $11\frac{1}{4}$  ( $12\frac{3}{4}$ , 14)" from CO. Cut yarn.

### UPPER BACK AND FRONT

With RS facing, rejoin yarn to beg of sts on needle, ready to resume working center-front sts in feather panel patt

with RS Row 5. Cont in patt, BO 1 st at beg of next 16 (6, 6) rows, ending with Row 10 of patt—103 (161, 209) sts rem.

**Next row:** (RS; Row 1 of patt) K3, place 3 sts just worked on holder for left-back strap, work in patt to end. **Next row:** (WS; Row 2 of patt) P3, place 3 sts just worked on holder for right-back strap, work in patt to end—97 (155, 203) sts. Cont in patt, BO 1 st at beg of next 18 (18, 8) rows, ending with Row 10 of patt—79 (137, 195) sts rem. **Next row:** (RS; Row 1 of patt) BO 1 st, knit to 2 sts before marked patt section, ssk, sl m, work 41 sts in patt, sl m, k2tog, knit to end—3 sts dec'd: 1 st BO at beg of row, 1 st dec'd at each side of feather panel.

**Next row:** (WS; Row 2 of patt) BO 1 st, purl to end—75 (133, 191) sts rem. Cont in patt, rep the shaping of the last 2 rows 4 (19, 29) more times, ending with Row 10 of feather panel—59 (57,

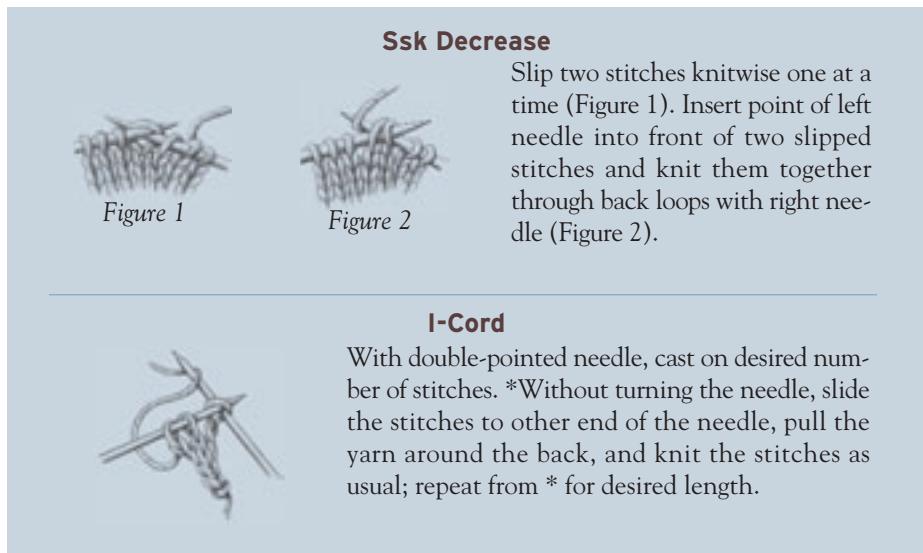
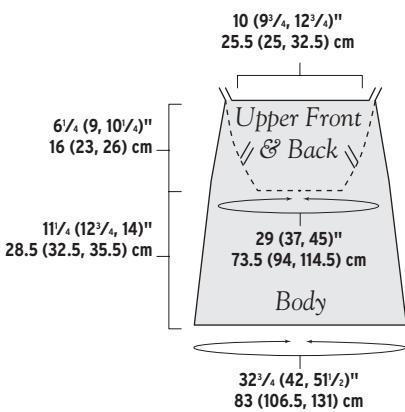
75) sts rem. **Next**

**row:** (RS) K3 and place 3 sts just worked on holder for left-front strap, BO next

53 (51, 69) sts, knit to end—3 sts rem; piece measures  $6\frac{1}{4}$  (9,  $10\frac{1}{4}$ )" above BO at center back. **Front straps:** Place 3 sts on dpn for right-front strap, and work I-cord (see below) until strap measures 11" or desired length. BO all sts. Return 3 held sts of left-front strap to dpn, and work I-cord for 11" or same length as other strap. BO all sts. **Back straps:** Work each set of held back sts in 3-st I cord as for front straps until back straps measure 20" or desired length. BO all sts.

### FINISHING

Weave in loose ends. Block. To wear, cross back straps in back and tie right-back strap to left-front strap, and vice versa. □



### Ssk Decrease

Slip two stitches knitwise one at a time (Figure 1). Insert point of left needle into front of two slipped stitches and knit them together through back loops with right needle (Figure 2).

### I-Cord

With double-pointed needle, cast on desired number of stitches. \*Without turning the needle, slide the stitches to other end of the needle, pull the yarn around the back, and knit the stitches as usual; repeat from \* for desired length.



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