



# *A Lovely Dress*

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**Size:** 16/18 months

**Gauge:** 30 sts X 30 rows

**Materials:**

Yarn: Giza Più by Borgo de' Pazzi Firenze® (100% Giza Cotton, 100gr+/- 250mt):

Knitting Needles: 4 mm / 4,5 mm

Cable needles: 4mm

Crochet Hook: 3mm

Stitch holder

Tapestry Needle

4 buttons

**Stitches&Abbreviations:**

K: Knit

P: Purl

PFBL: (make 1 increase) Purl the same stitch in the front and back loop.

P-K-PSSO: (make 1 decrease) Pass one st as to Knit, Knit the following st, Pass Slip Stitch Over the knitted stitch.

K2Tog: (make 1 decrease) Knit 2 sts together

P2Tog: (make 1 decrease) Purl 2 sts together

P-K2-PSSO (make 2 decreases): Pass one st as to Knit, Knit the following 2 st, Pass Slip Stitch Over the knitted stitches

YO: yarn over

Rep: repeat

P: pass

Dec: decrease

Ch: chain

SC: single crochet

St: stitch

Inc: increase



## Execution:

The dress is knitted starting from the "**Leaves**" **Border**:

With 4 mm knitting needles, cast on 7 sts

Row 1: (right side of the work) K2, P1, K1, YO, K1, YO, K2

Row 2 and all even rows, if not specified, knit stitches as they present (Purl all YOs)

Row 3: K2, PFBL1, K2, YO, K1, YO, K3

Row 5: K2, P1, PFBL, K3, YO, K1, YO, K4

Row 7: K2, P2, PFBL, K4, YO, K1, YO, K5

Row 9: K2, P3, PFBL, P-K-PSSO, K7, K2Tog, K1

Row 11: K2, P1, K1, P2, PFBL, P-K-PSSO, K5, K2Tog, K1

Row 13: K2, P1, K1, P3, PFBL, P-K-PSSO, K3, K2tog, K1

Row 15: K2, P1, K1, P4, PFBL, P-K-PSSO, K1, K2Tog, K1

Row 17: K2, P1, K1, P5, PFBL, P-K2-PSSO, K1

Row 18: Cast off 7 sts, K2, P1, K1, P2

Rep Row 1-18 until you have a round of 17 leaves.

Cut the yarn and sew in the round (lower border of the dress)

With 4,5 mm circular knitting needles, **\*pick up 11 sts from the border , skip 1 st\***, Rep until you have 280 sts

K in the round until 21 cm height

## Pleats

Start knitting pleats from the middle of rear side

Pass sts onto 2 cable needles (16 sts on each one):

- Pleat open on the right: K3Tog (1 st for each cable needle + 1 st from main needles on the left) until 16 sts from each cable needles are knitted.

K32, sts onto 2 cable needles (10 sts on each one):

- Pleat open on the left: K3Tog (1 st for each cable needle + 1 st from main needles on the left) until all sts on cable needles are knitted and you have 4 "10 sts" pleats with alternate opening direction.

K32, pass 16 sts onto 2 cable needles, knit a pleat open on the left.

## **Bodice**

With 4 mm knitting needles, knit the bodice in bamboo column stitch, back and forth, in order to leave the opening on the back ( TOT 3 repeats in bamboo column stitch).

- After first repeat (12 rows), start knitting the armhole:

Rear side (right):

Row 13 (right side of the work): K31, cas off 6, K62, cast off 6, K31

Row 14: P31 - turn

Row 15: cast off 3 K28 - turn

Row 16: P28 - turn

Row 17: cast off 2, K26 - turn

Row 18: P26 - turn

Row 19: cast off 1, K25 - turn

Proceed knitting 3 pattern repeats in bamboo column stitch

Row 36: cast off central stitches (back of the neck), leaving 14 sts on hold (shoulder).

Front side (right)

Row 14 (wrong side of the work): cast off 3, P59 - turn

Row 15: K56 - turn

Row 16: cast off 2, P54 - turn

Row 17: K52 - turn

Row 18: cast off 1, P51 - turn

Row 19: K50 - turn

Neck (right):

Row 20: P21, cast off 8, P21 - turn

Row 21: K21 - turn

Row 22: cast off 3, K18 - turn

Row 23: K18 - turn

Row 24: cast off 2, P16 - turn

Row 25: K16 - turn

Row 26: cast off 1, P15 - turn

Row 27: K15 - turn

Row 28: cast off 1, P14 - turn

Proceed knitting 3 pattern repeats in bamboo column stitch (until row 35) and leave sts on hold.

Rear side (left):

Row 14: cast off 3, P28m - turn

Row 15: K28 - turn

Row 16: cast off 2, P26 - turn

Row 17: K26 - turn

Row 18: cast off 1, P25 - turn

Proceed knitting 3 pattern repeats in bamboo column stitch (until row 35)

Row 36: cast off 11. With a tapestry needle, graft the remaining 14 sts to the ones on hold from left part of the neck. Graft also all sts on hold (right side of the neck).

Buttonholes

(back opening)

With a 3 mm crochet hook, starting from 1st stitch on the right, crochet a SC along the opening border, up to first stitch on the left side - turn the work

CH1, \*SC3, Slip1\* - repeat 4 times (4 buttonholes) - turn the work

\*CH1-SC1\* in every SC, SC4 in every chain.

## FINISHING

Finish neckline and armholes with an i-cord border.

Apply 4 buttons

Weave-in all ends.