

A First-Size Matinee Coat from Stitchcraft Number 19



THIS delicious little coat is easy to knit, yet looks satisfyingly "professional" when finished, with its neat borders and pretty patterns round the hem.

It would be a good idea to make four of these coats. Later on **STITCHCRAFT** will give a more elaborate little coat for "best," with which you can complete the half dozen.

MATERIALS:—2 ozs. "Halcyon" Non-Shrink Knitting Wool, 3-ply; two No. 8 "Beehive" knitting needles; $\frac{3}{4}$ yd. double satin ribbon to match wool.

MEASUREMENTS:—Length from top of shoulder, 9 ins.; width all round at under-arm, 18 ins.; length of sleeve from under-arm, 3 ins.

ABBREVIATIONS:—k. = knit plain; p. = purl; tog. = together; wl. fwd. = wool forward.

TENSION:—7 stitches to the inch, measured over the stocking stitch.

THE BACK

Cast on 56 stitches. Work 8 rows in plain knitting. 9TH ROW: k. 1, * wl. fwd., k. 2 tog., repeat from * to the last stitch, k. 1. 10TH ROW: k. 1, purl to last stitch, k. 1. 11TH ROW: k. 1, * k. 2 tog., wl. fwd., repeat from * to last stitch, k. 1.

Work 5 rows in plain knitting. Repeat from 9th to 11th row once. Work 3 rows in plain knitting. 23RD ROW:—Knit plain. 24TH ROW: k. 1, purl to last stitch, k. 1.

Repeat 23rd and 24th rows until work measures 6 inches from commencement, ending with a purl row.

Cast on 14 stitches at the end of

each of the next two rows. Work 26 rows without shaping. In the next row k. 29, cast off 26 stitches firmly, k. 29.

Work on the last 29 stitches as follows:—1ST ROW: k. 1, purl to last stitch, k. 1. 2ND ROW: Knit plain. Repeat 1st and 2nd rows three times.

9TH ROW: k. 1, purl to last stitch, k. 1, cast on 17 stitches. 10TH ROW: knit plain. 11TH ROW: k. 1, purl to last 6 stitches, k. 6. Repeat 10th and 11th rows nine times, then 10th row once.

31ST ROW: Cast off 14 stitches, k. 1, purl to last 6 stitches, k. 6. 32ND ROW: Knit plain. 33RD ROW: k. 1, purl to last 6 stitches, k. 6.

Repeat 32nd and 33rd rows until work measures the same as the back to top of border, ending with the 32nd row.

Proceed as follows:—Work 3 rows in plain knitting. 4TH ROW: k. 6, k. 1, * k. 2 tog., wl. fwd., repeat from * to last stitch, k. 1. 5TH ROW: k. 1, purl to last 6 stitches,



k. 6. 6TH ROW: k. 6, k. 1, * wl. fwd., k. 2 tog., repeat from * to last stitch, k. 1. 7TH ROW: Knit plain.

Repeat 7th row four times, then repeat from 4th to 7th row once. Work 7 rows in plain knitting. Cast off.

Join in wool at neck edge and work on the remaining stitches as follows:—
1ST ROW: k. 1, purl to last stitch, k. 1.
2ND ROW: Knit plain. Repeat 1st and 2nd rows twice, then 1st row once.

8TH ROW: Knit plain to end of row. Cast on 17 stitches. 9TH ROW: k. 6, purl to last stitch, k. 1. 10TH ROW: Knit plain. Repeat the 9th and 10th rows nine times, then the 9th row once.

30TH ROW: Cast off 14 stitches, knit plain to end. 31ST ROW: k. 6, purl to last stitch, k. 1. 32ND ROW: Knit plain.

Repeat 31st and 32nd rows until work measures the same as the back to top of border, ending with the 32nd row. Proceed as follows:—

Work 3 rows in plain knitting.
4TH ROW: k. 1, * k. 2 tog., wl. fwd., repeat from * to last 7 stitches, k. 7.
5TH ROW: k. 6, purl to last stitch, k. 1.
6TH ROW: k. 1, * wl. fwd., k. 2 tog., repeat from * to last 7 stitches, k. 7.
7TH ROW: Knit plain.

Repeat the 7th row four times, then from the 4th to the 7th row once. Work 7 rows in plain knitting. Cast off.

THE COLLAR

With right side of work facing, knit up 57 stitches evenly round the neck.

1ST ROW: k. 1, * wl. fwd., k. 2 tog., repeat from * to end. Work 3 rows in plain knitting. 5TH ROW: k. 1, increase once in the next stitch, knit plain to last 3 stitches, increase once in the next stitch, k. 2.

Continue in plain knitting, increasing once at each end of needle in the next and every following 4th row until there are 65 stitches on the needle. Work 2 rows without shaping. Cast off loosely.

THE CUFFS

With right side of work facing, knit up 30 stitches evenly round edge of sleeve. Work 4 rows in plain knitting. Cast off. Work the second cuff in the same way.

MAKING UP

With a damp cloth and hot iron, press carefully. Sew up side and sleeve seams. Thread ribbon through holes at neck.

