



LADYBUG SET

Shown on page 62

SIZES: Directions for size 4. Changes for sizes 6, 8 and 10 are in parentheses.

Fits Body Chest Size: 23" (24"-27"-28½").

For body measurements, see page 40.

MATERIALS: American Thread Dawn Knitting Worsted, 2 (2-3-4) 4-oz. skeins forest green. For Embroidery: Few yards each of flame (F) and black (B). Knitting needles Nos. 6 and 8. Aluminum crochet hook size G for shoulder bag. ¾ yard ¾" wide elastic for skirt. Snap fastener for shoulder bag. Large-eyed embroidery needle.

GAUGE: 9 sts = 2"; 6 rows = 1" (stockinette st, No. 8 needles). See page 36.

Note: Pattern is embroidered in duplicate st (see page 39) when vest and shoulder bag are completed.

VEST: BACK: Beg at lower edge, with No. 6 needles, cast on 56 (60-66-70) sts. Work in ribbing of k 1, p 1 for 3½" (3½"-4"-4"). Keeping to ribbing, bind off 9 (10-11-12) sts at beg of next 2 rows—38 (40-44-46) sts. Change to No. 8 needles.

Bib: Keeping first and last 4 sts in garter st (k each row), remaining sts in stockinette st (k 1 row, p 1 row), work

even until bib measures 6" (6½"-7"-7½") above ribbing, end right side. Check gauge; bib should measure 8½" (9"-9½"-10") wide.

Next Row: K 4, p 4 (4-5-6), k 22 (24-26-26), p 4 (4-5-6), k 4. K 1 row. Repeat last 2 rows once.

Shape Neck and Shoulders: Keeping to pat as established, work 12 (12-13-14) sts, drop yarn, join another strand of yarn, bind off next 14 (16-18-18) sts in k, finish row—12 (12-13-14) sts each side. Keeping to pat as established, working on both sides at once, work even until bib measures 8½" (9"-10"-10½") above ribbing. Bind off 6 sts at beg of each arm side once, 6 (6-7-8) sts once.

FRONT: Work same as for back.

Embroidery: Mark center front above ribbing. Following chart, beg 1" (1¼"-1¼"-1½") above ribbing, work design in duplicate st; with B, work feelers and center line in backstitch (see photograph, page 62).

FINISHING: Steam-press pieces (see page 39). With backstitch (see page 38), sew shoulder and side ribbing seams.

SKIRT: Skirt Length Note: Skirt is planned for 10" (12"-14"-16") length. For longer or shorter skirt, add or subtract required number of inches before first dec row.

BACK: Beg at lower edge with No. 8 needles, cast on 80 (83-89-95) sts. Work in garter st for 4 rows.

Next Row (right side): * K 26 (27-29-31), put and keep a marker on needle, sl 1 as if to p, repeat from * once, end k 26 (27-29-31).

Next Row: Purl. Repeat last 2 rows until piece measures 2" (2½"-3"-3½") from start (see Skirt Length Note), end p row.

Next Row (dec row): K 2 tog, * k to within 2 sts of marker, sl 1, k 1, pssso, sl 1 as if to p, k 2 tog, repeat from * once, end k to within last 2 sts, k 2 tog—6 sts dec. Repeat dec row every 8th (10th-12th-14th) row 5 times—44 (47-53-59) sts. Work even until piece measures 10" (12"-14"-16") from start or desired skirt length, end k row. Remove markers. Change to No. 6 needles. K next row on wrong side for turning ridge. Work in stockinette st for 6 rows (facing). Bind off loosely in k.

FRONT: Work same as for back.

FINISHING: Steam-press pieces. Sew side seams. Cut elastic to waist measurement; sew ends securely. Fold facing to wrong side over elastic; sew in place.

SHOULDER BAG: BACK: Beg at lower edge with No. 8 needles, cast on 14 sts.

Work in stockinette st for 2 rows. Inc 1 st each side of next row, then every other row 7 times—30 sts. Work even until piece measures 6¼" from start, end p row. Change to No. 6 needles. Work in ribbing of k 1, p 1 for 8 rows. Bind off in ribbing.

FRONT: Work same as for back.

FINISHING: Steam-press pieces. Following chart, beg 1¼" above lower edge, embroider ladybug on front of shoulder bag as for vest. With wrong sides facing, pin back and front tog. Leaving bound-off edge open, sc around bag, working through both thicknesses. End off. With two strands of yarn, work ch about 26" for strap, sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across. End off. Sew ends of ch to sides of bag. Close bag with snap fastener sewn securely to center of opening.

