Free Knitting Pattern
Lion Brand® Vanna's Choice® - Vanna's Palettes
Blooming Bolero
Pattern Number: L40187

Embellish this cute knit bolero with flowers made with Vanna's Palettes. *Designed by Teresa Chorzepa.*

SKILL LEVEL: Easy (Level 2)

SIZE: 12-18 mos, 2-3 yrs, Child 4-5

12-18 months (2-3 years, 4-5 years)
Finished Chest About 22 (24, 26) in. (56 (61, 66) cm)
Finished Length About 9 (10, 11) in. (23 (25.5, 28) cm)

Note: Pattern is written for smallest size with changes for larger sizes in parentheses. When only one number is given, it applies to all sizes. To follow pattern more easily, circle all numbers pertaining to your size before beginning.
CORRECTIONS: None as of Jun 28, 2016. To check for later updates, click here.

MATERIALS

*Vanna's Choice® (Article #860). 100% Premium Acrylic
400, 401, 403: 92% Acrylic, 8% Rayon
402: 96% Acrylic, 4% Rayon; package size: **Solids:** 3.5 oz (100 g), 170 yards (156 m)
Prints, Tweeds, & Heathers: 3 ozs (85 g) , 145 yards (133 meters)
Twists: 2.5 oz (70 g), 121 yards (111 meters)

- 860-145 Lion Brand Vanna's Choice Yarn: Eggplant
   2 2, 3 Balls (A)
- 865-201 Lion Brand Vanna's Palettes: Happy
   1 1, 1 Ball (B)
- Lion Brand Knitting Needles- Size 5 [3.75 mm]
- Lion Brand Knitting Needles- Size 8 [5 mm]
- Lion Brand Large-Eye Blunt Needles (Set of 6)

*Vanna's Palettes (Article #865). 100% Acrylic; package size: 0.35oz/10.00 gr. (17yds/16m) pull skeins

GAUGE:

16 sts + 20 rows = about 4 in. (10 cm) in St st (k on RS, p on WS).

When you match the gauge in a pattern, your project will be the size specified in the pattern and the materials specified in the pattern will be sufficient. The needle or hook size called for in the pattern is based on what the designer used, but it is not unusual for gauge to vary from person to person. If it takes you fewer stitches and rows to make your swatch, try using a smaller size hook or needles; if more stitches and rows, try a larger size hook or needles.

Making a Gauge Swatch

STITCH EXPLANATION:

kfb (knit in front and back) Knit next st without removing it from left needle, then k through back of same st – 1 st increased.
ssk (slip, slip, knit) Slip next 2 sts as if to knit, one at a time, to right needle insert left needle into fronts of these 2 sts and knit them together – 1 st decreased.

TECHNIQUE EXPLANATION
Note: The Cable cast on is used only when making the Flowers.
Cable Cast On *Insert right needle between first 2 sts on left needle wrap yarn and pull through (as if knitting a st) transfer new st to left needle rep from * for desired number of sts.

NOTES:

1. Bolero is worked in 5 pieces: Back, Left Front, Right Front, and 2 Sleeves.
2. Flowers are worked separately then sewn to Bolero. Each Flower can be made using any color of VANNA'S PALETTES (B).
3. When you see 'work even' in the instructions, this means to continue on in the pattern st you have established without changing the st count by increasing, decreasing, or binding off.

BACK

With larger needles and A, cast on 44 (48, 52) sts.
Work in Garter st (k every row) for 4 rows.
Beg with a WS (purl) row, work in St st (k on RS, p on WS) until piece measures 4 1/2 (5, 5 1/2) in. (11.5 (12.5, 14) cm) from beg, end with a WS row as the last row you work.

Shape Armholes
Row 1 (RS): Bind off 3 (3, 4) sts, k to end of row – 41 (45, 48) sts.
Row 2: Bind off 3 (3, 4) sts, p to end of row – 38 (42, 44) sts.
Row 3 (Decrease Row): K2, k2tog, k to last 4 sts, ssk, k2 – 36 (40, 42) sts.
Row 4: Purl.
Rows 5 and 6: Rep Rows 3 and 4 – 34 (38, 40) sts at the end of Row 5.
Work even in St st until armholes measure about 4 (4 1/2, 5) in. (10 (11.5, 12.5) cm), end with a RS row.
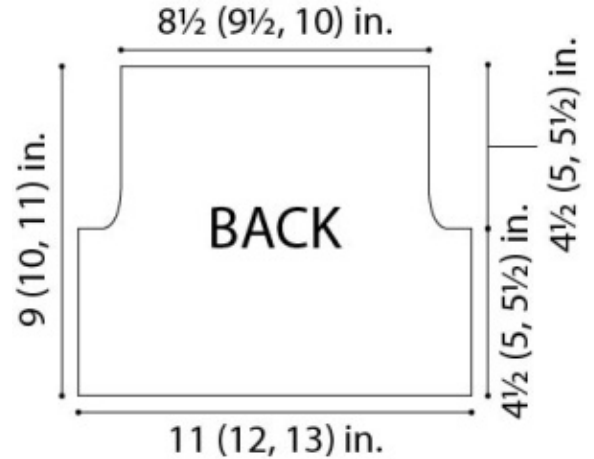
Back Neck
Row 1 (WS): P8 (9, 9), k18 (20, 22), p8 (9, 9).
Row 2: Knit.
Row 3: Rep Row 1.
Bind off as if to knit.

8½ (9½, 10) in.

9 (10, 11) in.

BACK

4½ (5, 5½) in.

4½ (5, 5½) in.

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11 (12, 13) in.

LEFT FRONT

With larger needles and A, cast on 14 (16, 18) sts.
Knit 1 row.
Row 1 (RS): Knit, cast on 3 sts at end of row – 17 (19, 21) sts.
Row 2: Knit.
Row 3: Knit, cast on 2 sts at end of row – 19 (21, 23) sts.
Row 4: K6, p to end of row.
Row 5: K to last st, kfb – 20 (22, 24) sts.
Row 6: K5, p to end of row.
Row 7: K to last st, kfb – 21 (23, 25) sts.
Row 8: K4, p to end of row.
Row 9: K to last st, kfb – 22 (24, 26) sts.
Row 10: K3, p to end of row.
Row 11: Knit.
Row 12: K3, p to end of row.
Rows 13-20 (22, 24): Rep Rows 11 and 12.

Shape Neck and Armhole
Row 1 (RS): K to last 4 sts, k2tog, k2 – 21 (23, 25) sts.
Row 2: K3, p to end of row.
Row 3: Bind off 3 (3, 4) sts, k to end – 18 (20, 21) sts.
Row 4: K3, p to end of row.
Row 5: K2, k2tog, k to last 4 sts, k2tog, k2 – 16 (18, 19) sts.
Row 6: K3, p to end of row.
Row 7: K2, k2tog, k to end of row – 15 (17, 18) sts.
Row 8: K3, p to end of row.
Row 9: K to last 4 sts, k2tog, k2 – 14 (16, 17) sts.
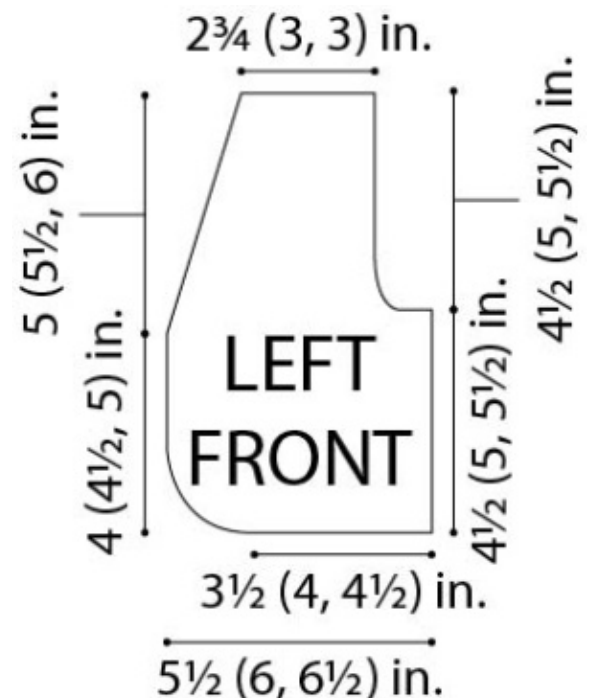**Row 10:** K3, p to end of row.
Row 11: Knit.
Row 12: K3, p to end of row.
Row 13: K to last 4 sts, k2tog, k2 – 13 (15, 16) sts.
Rows 14-21 (25, 29): Rep Rows 10-13 – 11 (12, 12) sts at the end of Row 21 (25, 29).
Rep Rows 10 and 11 until piece measu

2¾ (3, 3) in.

5 (5½, 6) in.

4 (4½, 5) in.

LEFT FRONT

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5½ (6, 6½) in.

RIGHT FRONT
With larger needles and A, cast on 14 (16, 18) sts.
Knit 1 row, cast on 3 sts at end of row – 17 (19, 21) sts.
Row 1 (RS): Knit.
Row 2: Knit, cast on 2 sts at end of row – 19 (21, 23) sts.
Row 3: Knit.
Row 4: P to last 5 sts, k4, kfb – 20 (22, 24) sts.
Row 5: Knit.
Row 6: P to last 4 sts, k3, kfb – 21 (23, 25) sts.
Row 7: Knit.
Row 8: P to last 3 sts, k2, kfb – 22 (24, 26) sts.
Row 9: Knit.
Row 10: P to last 3 sts, k3.
Rows 11-20 (22, 24): Rep Rows 9 and 10.
Shape Neck and Armhole
Row 1 (RS): K2, ssk, k to end of row – 21 (23, 25) sts.
Row 2: P to last 3 sts, k3.
Row 3: Knit.
Row 4: Bind off 3 (3, 4) sts, p to last 3 sts, k3 – 18 (20, 21) sts.
Row 5: K2, ssk, k to last 4 sts, ssk, k2 – 16 (18, 19) sts.
Row 6: P to last 3 sts, k3.
Row 7: Knit to last 4 sts, ssk, k2 – 15 (17, 18) sts.
Row 8: P to last 3 sts, k3.
Row 9: K2, ssk, k to end of row – 14 (16, 17) sts.
Row 10: P to last 3 sts, k3.
Row 11: Knit.
Row 12: P to last 3 sts, k3.
Row 13: K2, ssk, k to end of row – 13 (15, 16) sts.
Rows 14-21 (25, 29): Rep Rows 10-13 – 11 (12, 12) sts at the end of Row 21 (25, 29).
Rep Rows 10 and 11 until piece measures same as Back, end with a WS row.
Bind off as if to knit.

SLEEVES (make 2)
With larger needles and A, cast on 28 (30, 32) sts.
Work in Garter st (k every row) for 4 rows.
Beg with a WS (purl) row, work in St st for 3 rows.
Increase Row (RS): Kfb, k to last st, kfb – 30 (32, 34) sts.
Work even in St st for 5 rows.
Rep Increase Row – 32 (34, 36) sts.
Rep last 6 rows 2 (2, 3) more time(s) – 36 (38, 42) sts.
Work even (without increasing or decreasing) in St st until piece measures about 7 (8 1/2, 10) in. (18 (21.5, 25.5) cm) from beg, end with a WS row.
Shape Cap
Row 1 (RS): Bind off 3 (3, 4) sts, k to end of row – 33 (35, 38) sts.
Row 2: Bind off 3 (3, 4) sts, p to end of row – 30 (32, 34) sts.
Row 3 (Decrease Row): K2, k2tog, k to last 4 sts, ssk, k2 – 28 (30, 32) sts.
Row 4: Purl.
Rows 5-8 (10, 12): Rep Rows 3 and 4 – 24 sts at the end of Row 7 (9, 11).
Row 9 (11, 13): Bind off 2 sts, k to end of row – 22 sts.
Row 10 (12, 14): Bind off 2 sts, p to end of row – 20 sts.
Row 11 (13, 15): Bind off 3 sts, k to end of row – 17 sts.
Row 12 (14, 16): Bind off 3 sts, p to end of row – 14 sts.
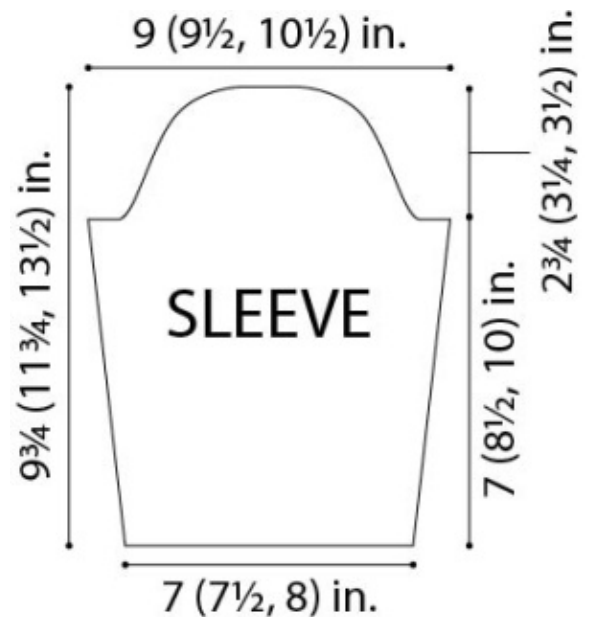**Rows 13 and 14 (15 and 16, 17 and 18):** Rep last 2 rows – 8 sts.
Bind off.

9 (9½, 10½) in.

9¾ (11¾, 13½) in.

2¾ (3¼, 3½) in.

7 (8½, 10) in.

SLEEVE

7 (7½, 8) in.

FLOWERS (make 10)
With smaller needles and any color from B, cast on 8 sts.
Row 1: Kfb in each st across – 16 sts.
Row 2: Purl.
Row 3: Bind off 1 st, *using Cable Cast On, cast on 3 sts, bind off 5 sts rep from * until 1 st rem.

Fasten off, leaving a long yarn tail for sewing.
Sew edges together to make Flower.
Center (make 1 for each Flower)
With smaller needles and any color from B, cast on 1 st.
Row 1: (K1, p1, k1, p1, k1) in the st – 5 sts.
Row 2: Knit.
Row 3: K5tog – 1 st.
Fasten off, leaving a long yarn tail. With tail, sew Center to middle of Flower.

FINISHING
Seam shoulders. Sew Sleeves into armholes. Sew side and Sleeve seams. Using photograph as a guide or arrange pieces as desired, sew Flowers to Fronts and Sleeves of Bolero.
Weave in ends.

ABBREVIATIONS / REFERENCES	
Click f e la a i a d ill a i	
beg = begin(s)(ning)	k = knit
k2tog = knit 2 together	p = purl
rem = remain(s)(ing)	rep = repeat(s)(ing)
RS = right side	St st = Stockinette stitch
st(s) = stitch(es)	WS = wrong side

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