



**Free Knitting Pattern**  
**Lion Brand® Amazing®**  
**Shapely Striped Maxi Dress**  
Pattern Number: L40602



The great thing about color-changing yarns is they do all the work for you - as seen in this knit striped dress made with Amazing®. *Designed by Vladimir Teriokhin.*

# Free Knitting Pattern from Lion Brand Yarn

## Lion Brand® Amazing® Shapely Striped Maxi Dress

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**SKILL LEVEL:** Intermediate (Level 3)

**SIZE:** Small, Medium, Large, 1X

**Finished Bust** 34 (38, 42, 46) in. (86.5 (96.5, 106.5, 117) cm) Note: Dress is designed to be close fitting. Choose your size based on very little or no ease – in other words, choose a size that is close to or less than your actual bust measurement.

**Finished Length** 51 1/2 (52, 52 1/2, 53) in. (131 (132, 133.5, 134.5) 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:** (applied Feb 19, 2015)

Pattern has been edited for yarn colors.

### BACK

#### Shape Armholes

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**Next Row:** Bind off 2 (3, 4, 5) sts, k to end of row.

**Next Row:** Bind off 2 (3, 4, 5) sts, p to end of row.

Rep last 2 rows ~~twice~~ **once**.

### MATERIALS

- 825-213 Lion Brand  
Amazing Yarn: Regatta  
2 2, 2, 3 Balls (A)
- 825-212 Lion Brand  
Amazing Yarn: Mauna Loa  
2 2, 2, 3 Balls (B)
- 825-203 Lion Brand  
Amazing Yarn:  
Wildflowers  
2 2, 2, 3 Balls (C)
- 825-206 Lion Brand  
Amazing Yarn: Arcadia  
2 2, 2, 3 Balls (D)
- 825-210 Lion Brand  
Amazing Yarn: Joshua  
Tree  
2 2, 2, 3 Balls (E)
- 825-211 Lion Brand  
Amazing Yarn:  
Strawberry Fields  
2 2, 2, 3 Balls (F)
- Lion Brand Knitting  
Needles- Size 6 [4.00  
mm]

*\*Amazing (Article #825). 53% Wool, 47%  
Acrylic; package size: 1.75oz/50.00 gr.  
(147yds/135m) pull skeins*



- [Lion Brand Knitting Needles - Size 7 \[4.5 mm\]](#)
- [Lion Brand Split Ring Stitch Markers](#)
- [Lion Brand Large-Eye Blunt Needles \(Set of 6\)](#)

## GAUGE:

19 sts + 26 rows = 4 in. (10 cm) in St st (k on RS, p on WS) with larger needles.

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.

**skp** Slip 1 as if to knit, knit 1, pass slip stitch over knit stitch – 1 st decreased.

## PATTERN STITCH

**K1, p1 Rib (worked over a multiple of 2 sts + 1 additional st)**

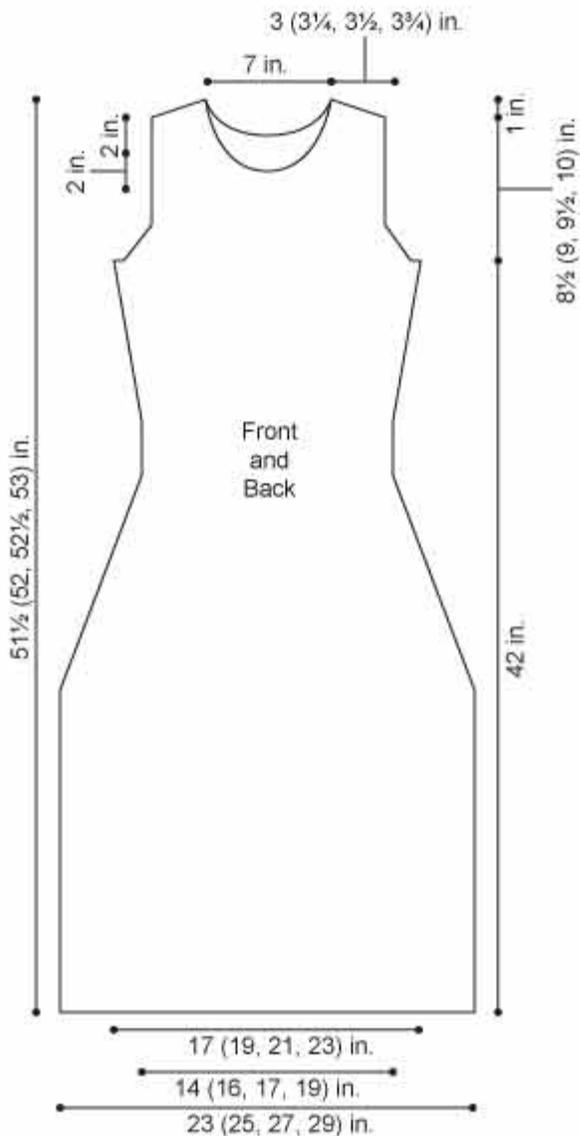
**Row 1 (RS):** \*K1, p1; rep from \* to last st, k1.

**Row 2:** \*P1, k1; rep from \* to last st, p1.

Rep Rows 1 and 2 for K1, p1 Rib.

## NOTES:

1. Dress is worked in 2 pieces - Back and Front.
2. Both Back and Front of Dress use all colors of yarn. We simply began with a ball of A, worked until about half or more of the ball was used, then changed to B, C, D, E and F – using about half or more of each ball of yarn, then repeating this color progression of A-B-C-D-E-F. The colors on the Front did not match the colors on the Back exactly.
3. Due to the color shading of this yarn, your dress will be unique – it won't look exactly like the dress in our photo.
4. All colors of this yarn were designed to work beautifully together – so you really can just use the yarn colors as desired – feel free to drop one color and begin using a different color whenever you like. Have fun and think of the process as painting with yarn!
5. Be sure to read the note about sizing – you may wish to make a size smaller than usual!
6. Back and Front are worked in St st (k on RS, p on RS), with ribbing at lower edge and increases and decreases to create shaping.
7. End with a WS row means that the last row you work should be a WS row, and the next row that you are ready to work will be a RS row.
8. When you see "– 12 sts" in the instructions, this lets you know how many sts you will have at the end of that specific row.



## BACK

As you make the Back, change color following the suggestions in the Notes section above.

With smaller needles and A or color of your choice, cast on 111 (119, 127, 139) sts.

Beg with Row 1, work in K1, p1 rib for 1 in. (2.5 cm), end with a WS row as the last row you work.

Change to larger needles and work in St st (k on RS, p on WS) until piece measures 18 in. (45.5 cm) from beg, end with a RS row as the last row you work.

### Decrease for Waist

**Next Row (WS):** P29 (33, 37, 43), place marker (pm), p53, pm, p29 (33, 37, 43).

**Dec Row (RS):** K2, skp, knit to marker, slip marker (sm), skp, knit to 2 sts before next marker, k2tog, sm, knit to last 4 sts, k2tog, k2 – 107 (115, 123, 135) sts.

**Next 7 Rows:** Work in St st, slipping markers as you come to them.

Rep last 8 rows 10 more times – 67 (75, 83, 93) sts when all decreases have been completed.

Remove markers.

Work in St st until piece measures 33 in. (84 cm) from beg, end with a WS row as the last row you work.

### Increase for Bust

**Inc Row (RS):** K1, kfb, knit to last 2 sts, kfb, k1 – 69 (77, 85, 95) sts.

Work in St st for 5 rows.

Rep last 6 rows 7 more times – 83 (91, 99, 109) sts when all increases have been completed.

Work in St st until piece measures 42 in. (106.5 cm) from beg, end with a WS row as the last row you

work.

### **Shape Armholes**

**Next Row (RS):** Bind off 4 (5, 6, 7) sts, k to end of row.

**Next Row:** Bind off 4 (5, 6, 7) sts, p to end of row.

**Next Row:** Bind off 2 (3, 4, 5) sts, k to end of row.

**Next Row:** Bind off 2 (3, 4, 5) sts, p to end of row.

Rep last 2 rows once.

**Next Row:** K2tog, k to last 2 sts, k2tog – 65 (67, 69, 73) sts.

Work until armholes measure 7 1/2 (8, 8 1/2, 9) in. (19 (20.5, 21.5, 23) cm), end with a WS row as the last row you work.

### **Shape Neck**

Mark center 15 sts for neck.

**Next Row (RS):** Knit to center 15 sts, join a 2nd ball of yarn and bind off center 15 sts for neck, k to end of row – 25 (26, 27, 29) sts on each side.

**Note:** You will now begin shaping the neck by binding off sts at the neck edge – but after just a few rows, you'll also need to begin binding off sts at the shoulder edges – in other words, you'll be doing 2 things AT THE SAME TIME! Just be sure to keep track of which row you're on, and you should have no difficulty.

Continue in St st, working both sides at once with separate balls of yarn, and shape neck by binding off 4 sts at each neck edge once, 3 sts once, 2 sts once, then 1 st twice, and AT THE SAME TIME, when armholes measure 8 1/2 (9, 9 1/2, 10) in. (21.5 (23, 24, 25.5) cm), end with a WS row as the last row you work and shape shoulders as follows:

### **Shape Shoulders**

Bind off 5 (5, 5, 6) sts from each side edge twice, then 4 (5, 6, 6) sts once.

## **FRONT**

Work as for Back until armholes measure 5 1/2 (6, 6 1/2, 7) in. (14 (15, 16.5, 18) cm) from beg, end with a WS row as the last row you work.

### **Shape Neck**

Mark center 11 sts for neck.

**Next Row (RS):** Knit to center 11 sts, join a 2nd ball of yarn and bind off center 11 sts for neck, k to end of row – 27 (28, 29, 31) sts on each side.

**Note:** The Front neck is shaped AT THE SAME TIME as the shoulders – just as you did for the Back.

Continue in St st, working both sides at once with separate balls of yarn, and shape neck by binding off 4 sts at each neck edge once, 2 sts once, 1 st 3 times; then 1 st every 4th row once, then 1 st every 6th row once, and AT THE SAME TIME, when armholes measure 8 1/2 (9, 9 1/2, 10) in. (21.5 (23, 24, 25.5) cm), end with a WS row as the last row you work and shape shoulders as for Back.

## **FINISHING**

Sew Front to Back at right shoulder.

### **Neck Edging**

From RS, with smaller needles and color of your choice, and beginning at left shoulder of Front, pick up and k 117 sts as evenly spaced as possible around neck edge.

Work in K1, p1 rib for 1 in. (2.5 cm).

Bind off in rib.

Sew left shoulder seam including neck edging.

### **Armhole Edging**

From RS, with smaller needles and color of your choice, pick up and k 91 (97, 103, 109) sts as evenly spaced as possible around armhole edge.

Work in K1, p1 rib for 1 in. (2.5 cm).

Bind off in rib.

Rep on opposite armhole.

Sew side seam including armhole edging.

Weave in ends.

## ABBREVIATIONS / REFERENCES

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<u>beg = begin(s)(ning)</u>	<u>dec = decreas(e)(s)(ing)</u>
<u>inc = increas(e)(s)(ing)</u>	<u>k = knit</u>
<u>k2tog = knit 2 together</u>	<u>p = purl</u>
<u>rem = remain(s)(ing)</u>	<u>RS = right side</u>
<u>St st = Stockinette stitch</u>	<u>st(s) = stitch(es)</u>
<u>tog = together</u>	<u>WS = wrong side</u>

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