

# Grace

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## Beyond the Pattern

Grace is an experimentation of yarn weight and fibers, using the luxurious Shibui Knits bases, Silk Cloud and Reed. Moving from ethereal and diaphanous to substantial with a heavenly halo throughout, this dress is sure to catch attention.

Grace is a short-sleeved dress made of lace-weight mohair/silk and fingering-weight linen. The fabric of the dress is altered by working two different yarn bases, held together as one. Worked from the top down, with waist shaping and an A-line skirt, Grace has a body-conscious silhouette.



## Sizes

S (M, L, 1X, 2X)

## Finished Measurements

Bust: 36 (38, 43, 47, 50)''

Waist: 26 (28, 32, 35, 39)''

Length: 38 (41, 45, 47, 50)''

## Materials

Shibui Knits SILK CLOUD (330yds/300m, 25g/.88oz, 60% Kid Mohair, 40% Silk): 4 (5, 6, 7, 9) skeins #2181 Bone (Yarn A)

Shibui Knits REED (246yds/225m, 50g/1.76oz, 100% Linen): 6 (7, 8, 10, 13) skeins #13 Caffeine (Yarn B) and 1 (2, 2, 2, 3) skeins #2022 Mineral (Yarn C)

Size 4 (3.5mm) circular needles and dpns

Size 8 (5mm) circular needles and dpns or size needed to obtain gauge

Waste yarn

Stitch markers

## Tapestry needle

### Gauge

In St st on larger needles, using 1 strand of Yarn A and 2 strands of Yarn B held tog, 21 sts & 28 rows = 4"/10cm. To save time, take time to check gauge.

### Abbreviations

M1L—Make 1 Left: Insert left needle front to back under the strand between the st you just knit and the next st. Knit through the back loop to twist the st.

M1R—Make 1 Right: Insert left needle back to front under the strand between the st you just knit and the next st. Knit through the front loop to twist the st.

**DESIGNER NOTE**—Grace is worked from the top down, casting on at the back of the neck and sleeves. At different points in the design, different yarns are held together and worked as one.

Color changes will be happening at the same time as shaping. When one number is listed, it applies to all sizes.



### Directions

Using Yarn A and larger needles, CO 45 (47, 51, 53, 55) sts.

Setup Row (WS): P2, pm, p3, pm, p35 (37, 41, 43, 45), pm, p3, pm, p2.

Inc Row (RS): Knit to marker, yo, sl marker, k1, yo, knit to 1 st before marker, yo, k1, sl marker, yo, knit to marker, yo, sl marker, k1, yo, knit to 1 st before marker, yo, k1, sl marker, yo, knit to end—8 sts increased.

Next Row (WS): Purl.

Rep these last 2 rows 19 (20, 21, 22, 23) total times—152 (160, 168, 176, 184) sts increased, 197 (207, 219, 229, 239) total sts, distributed as foll: 21 (22, 23, 24, 25) sts for right and left neck each, 41 (43, 45, 47, 49) sts for each sleeve, and 73 (77, 83, 87, 91) sts for back.

Next Row (WS): Purl.

Next Row (RS): Cont to inc at est points, and AT THE SAME TIME, shape neck: k2, M1R, work in pat as est until 2 sts before end of row, M1L, k2.

Next Row (WS): Purl.

Rep these 2 rows 4 (5, 6, 7, 8) total times—40 (50, 60, 70, 80) sts increased, 237 (257, 279, 299, 319) total sts, distributed as foll: 29 (32, 35, 38, 41) sts for right and left neck each, 49 (53, 57, 61, 65) sts for each sleeve, and 81 (87, 95, 101, 107) sts for back.

Adding to the existing Yarn A, join in a strand of Yarn B. Working with Yarn A and Yarn B held tog, work even to each raglan increase, working the four raglan increases in pat—8 sts increased.

At end of row, do not turn but CO 23 (23, 25, 25, 25) sts for front—268 (288, 312, 332, 352) total sts.

Taking care not to twist, join in the rnd. Use 1st raglan st marker to denote beg of rnd.

Working in the rnd, inc at raglan inc points in pat as set 2 (2, 3, 4, 5) more times—16 (16, 24, 32, 40) sts increased, 284 (304, 336, 364, 392) total sts.

Divide for Body and Sleeves

Ending raglan incs, work even in St st. Remove beg of rnd marker. Transfer 55 (59, 65, 71, 77) sleeve sts to waste yarn, CO 5 (5, 6, 7, 8) sts for underarm, pm to denote new beg of rnd, CO 5 (5, 6, 7, 8) sts for the rest of the underarm, remove next raglan marker.

Work across back to next raglan marker. Transfer 55 (59, 65, 71, 77) sleeve sts to waste yarn, CO 5 (5, 6, 7, 8) sts, pm for underarm seam, CO 5 (5, 6, 7, 8) sts for the rest of the underarm, remove next raglan marker, work to end of rnd—194 (206, 230, 250, 270) sts total.

Work 2 rnds even.

Waist Shaping

Dec Rnd: \*Sl marker, ssk, knit to 2 sts before next marker, k2tog. Rep from \*.

Work 3 rnds even.

Rep these last 4 rnds 6 times total. While maintaining pat as est, on the next dec rnd, add in a second strand of Yarn B so that there are three strands total held tog (2 of Yarn B and 1 of Yarn A) and work as if one strand.

Rep Dec Rnd 9 (9, 10, 10, 10) more times—134 (146, 166, 186, 206) sts rem.

Cut one strand of Yarn B. Add one strand of Yarn C. Work holding one strand each of Yarn A, Yarn B, and Yarn C tog as if one.

Work four rnds even.

Skirt Increases

Inc 6 sts evenly around.

Work 10 rnds even.

Rep these last 11 rnds for the remainder of the skirt until BO.

AT THE SAME TIME, cont working with a strand each of Yarns A, B, and C held tog until that color field is 8 (9, 9.5, 10, 10)” long.

Cut Yarn C and add a second strand of Yarn B. Cont in pat as est, holding one strand of Yarn A and 2 strands of Yarn B tog and work as if one for 8 (9, 10, 11, 12)”.

Cut one strand of Yarn B, holding a single strand each of Yarns A and B tog as if one and work in pat as est for 2 (2.5, 3, 3.5, 4)” . Cut Yarn B. Using only Yarn A, work in pat as est for 2 (2.5, 3, 3.5, 4)”.

Join in one strand of Yarn B and one strand of Yarn C. Working with Yarns A, B, and C held tog, knit 1 rnd.

Next Rnd: Work k1p1 rib to end.

Rep this rnd 5 more times. BO in pat.

Neck Finishing



Using smaller needles and one strand each of Yarns A, B, and C held tog and worked as one strand, pick up an even number of sts around the neck of the dress. Pm to denote beg of rnd and, working in the rnd, work k1p1 rib to end of rnd.  
Rep this rnd 6 more times. BO in pat.

### Sleeves

Using the larger needles, transfer held sleeve sts from waste yarn to dpns. Join in one strand of Yarn A, pm to denote beg of rnd.

Pick up 11 (11, 13, 15, 17) sts at the underarm and knit to end of rnd.

Knit 2 (2, 3, 4, 5) rnds even.

Add in one strand each of Yarns B and C; knit one rnd.

Next Rnd: Work k1p1 rib to end of rnd.

Work 4 more rnds of k1p1 rib. BO in pat.

Weave in ends. Block.

