

# Astilbe

Berroco - Astilbe

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version 2



**skill level:** Intermediate  
Shown in size 36"

**finished measurements**

Bust (closed) – 36(39-42-45-48-51-54)"

Length – 28(28½-28½-29-29½-30-30)"

**Note:** This garment was designed with approximately 6 – 8" of ease. Please take this into consideration when selecting your size.

**materials**

7(8-8-9-9-10-11) balls **BERROCO REMIX** (100 grs), #3903 Almond  
Straight knitting needles, sizes 6 (4.00 mm) and 7 (4.50 mm) OR SIZE TO OBTAIN GAUGE

36" length circular knitting needle, size 6 (4.00 mm)

3 st holders

2 st markers

**gauge**

22 sts and 24 rows = 4" in charted pat on larger needles

17 sts and 24 rows = 4" in Moss St on larger needles

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## NOTE

Sts for Collar/frontband are picked up and knit along right front, neck and left front edges. Collar is shaped using short rows.

## MOSS STITCH

(worked over an odd number of sts)

**Row 1 (RS):** K1, \* p1, k1, rep from \* across.

**Rows 2 and 3:** P1, \* k1, p1, rep from \* across.

**Row 4:** Rep Row 1.

Rep these 4 rows for Moss St.

## BACK

With smaller straight needles, cast on 117(121-129-137-141-149-157) sts.

**Set Up Ribbing: Row 1 (WS):** P1, [k1, p1] to end.

**Row 2:** K1, [p1, k1] to end.

Work even in 1x1 rib as established until piece measures 1" from beg, end on RS.

**Garner Ridge Row (WS):** K26(28-32-36-38-42-46), M1, [k32, M1] twice, knit to end – 120(124-132-140-144-152-160) sts.

Change to larger needles.

**Establish Patterns: Row 1 (RS):** Work 9(11-15-19-21-25-29) sts in Moss St starting with Row 1, pm, work Chart 1 starting with Row 1 over 102 sts, pm, work in Moss St to end.

**Row 2 (WS):** Work Row 2 of Moss St to marker, sm, Row 2 of Chart 1 to marker, sm, work Row 2 of Moss St to end. Work even in patterns as established until piece measures 4" from beg, end on WS.

**Shape Sides:** Dec 1 st each side of next row, then every 1(1¼-1-1-1¼-1-1)" 8(7-8-8-7-8-8) times more – 102(108-114-122-128-134-142) sts. Work even in pat as established until piece measures 19" from beg, end on WS.

**Shape Armholes:** Bind off 5(6-6-7-7-8-8) sts at beg of the next 2 rows – 92(96-102-108-114-118-126) sts. Dec 1 st each side every RS row 6(6-6-6-6-8)



times – 80(84-90-96-102-106-110) sts. Work even until armholes measure 8(8½-8½-9-9½-10-10)", ending with a WS row.

**Shape Shoulders and Neck: Next Row (RS):**

Bind off 5(7-8-9-10-10-12) sts, work 15(15-17-19-21-23-23) sts in patterns as established, slip sts just worked to holder for right side; bind off center 40 sts, work to end – 20(22-25-28-31-33-35) sts.

**Left Side:** Bind off 5(7-8-9-10-10-12) sts at beg of the next WS row, then 6(6-7-8-9-10-10) sts at beg of the next 2 WS rows for shoulder. AT THE SAME TIME, dec 1 st at neck edge EVERY row 3 times.

**Right Side:** With WS facing, sl 15(15-17-19-21-23-23) sts from holder to larger needle. Join yarn and dec 1, then work 1 WS row – 14(14-16-18-20-22-22) sts. Bind off 6(6-7-8-9-10-10) sts at beg of the next 2 RS rows for shoulder. AT THE SAME TIME, dec 1 st at neck edge EVERY row twice more.

## POCKET LININGS (Make 2)

With larger needles, cast on 19 sts. Work even in St st for 4", end on RS.

**Inc Row (WS):** P3, M1p, (p6, M1p) twice, purl to end – 22 sts. Break off yarn and sl sts to holder.

**LEFT FRONT**

With smaller straight needles, cast on 56(58-62-66-68-72-76) sts.

**Set Up Ribbing: Row 1 (WS):** P1 (edge st), [p1, k1] to last st, p1.

**Row 2 (RS):** K1, [p1, k1] to last st, k1 (edge st). Work even in 1x1 rib with 1 edge st in St st as established until piece measures 1" from beg, end on RS.

**Garter Ridge Row (WS):** K29, M1, knit to end – 57(59-63-67-69-73-77) sts.

Change to larger needles.

**Establish Patterns: Row 1 (RS):** Work 9(11-15-19-21-25-29) sts in Moss St starting with Row 1, pm, work Chart 2 starting with Row 1 to end.

**Row 2 (WS):** Work Row 2 of Chart 2 to marker, sm, work Row 2 of Moss St to end. Work even in pat as established until piece measures 4" from beg, end on WS.

**Note:** Please read through this next section carefully before starting to knit. You will be decreasing at side edge and placing pocket AT THE SAME TIME.

**Shape Side:** Dec 1 st at beg of next row, then at same edge every 1(1¼-1-1-1¼-1-1)" 8(7-8-8-7-8-8) times more - 48(51-54-58-61-64-68) sts. AT THE SAME TIME, when piece measures 6" from beg, end on WS.

**Place Pocket: Next Row (RS):** Work to marker, sm, work 7 sts, sl next 22 sts to holder, work 22 sts of pocket lining from holder in charted pat, work to end. When all decs have been completed, work even in pat as established until piece measures 17" from beg, end on WS.

**Shape Neck: Next Row (RS):** Work to last 2 sts, k2tog – 1 st dec'd. Dec 1 st at neck edge in this manner every RS row 8 times more, then every 4<sup>th</sup> row 11 times. AT THE SAME TIME, when piece measures 19" from beg, end on WS and shape armhole as follows:

**Shape Armhole:** Bind off 5(6-6-7-7-8-8) sts at beg of the next RS row, work as established to end. Continuing to dec at neck edge, dec 1 st at armhole edge every RS row 6(6-6-6-6-8) times. When all armhole and neck decs have been completed, work even on 17(19-22-25-28-30-32) sts if necessary until armhole measures 8(8½-8½-9-9½-10-10)", end on WS.

**Shape Shoulder:** Bind off 5(7-8-9-10-10-12) sts at beg of the next RS row, then 6(6-7-8-9-10-10) sts at beg of the next 2 RS rows.

**RIGHT FRONT**

With smaller straight needles, cast on 56(58-62-66-68-72-76) sts.

**Set Up Ribbing: Row 1 (WS):** P1, [k1, p1] to last st, p1 (edge st).

**Row 2 (RS):** K1 (edge st), [k1, p1] to last st, k1.

Work even in 1x1 rib as established until piece measures 1" from beg, end on RS.

**Garter Ridge Row (WS):** K27(29, 33, 37, 39, 43, 47), M1, knit to end – 57(59-63-67-69-73-77) sts.

Change to larger needles.

**Establish Patterns: Row 1 (RS):** Work Chart 3 starting with Row 1 over 48 sts, pm, work in Moss St to end.

**Row 2 (WS):** Work in Moss St to marker, sm, work Row 2 of Chart 3 to end. Work even in pat as established until piece measures 4" from beg, end on WS.

**Note:** Please read this next section carefully before starting to knit. You will be decreasing at side edge and placing pocket AT THE SAME TIME.

**Shape Side:** Dec 1 st at end of next row, then at same edge every 1(1¼-1-1-1¼-1-1)" 8(7-8-8-7-8-8) times more - 48(51-54-58-61-64-68) sts. AT THE SAME TIME, when piece measures 6" from beg, end on WS.

**Place Pocket: Next Row (RS):** Work 19 sts, sl next 22 sts to holder, work 22 sts of pocket lining from holder in charted pat, work to end. When all decs have been completed, work even in pat as established until piece measures 17" from beg, end on WS.

**Shape Neck: Next Row (RS):** K2tog, work to end – 1 st dec'd. Dec 1 st at neck edge in this manner every RS row 8 times more, then every 4<sup>th</sup> row 11 times. AT THE SAME TIME, when piece measures 19" from beg, end on RS and shape armhole as follows:

**Shape Armhole:** Bind off 5(6-6-7-7-8-8) sts at beg of the next WS row, work as established to end. Continuing working the neck edge dec as established, AT THE SAME TIME dec 1 st at armhole edge every RS row 6(6-6-6-6-8) times. When all armhole and neck decs have been completed, work

even on 17(19-22-25-28-30-32) sts if necessary until armhole measures 8(8½-8½-9-9½-10-10)"; end on RS.

**Shape Shoulder:** Bind off 5(7-8-9-10-10-12) sts at beg of the next WS row, then 6(6-7-8-9-10-10) sts at beg of the next 2 WS rows.

## SLEEVES

With smaller straight needles, cast on 45(45-45-49-49-49-49) sts.

**Set Up Ribbing: Row 1 (WS):** P1, [k1, p1] to end.

**Row 2 (RS):** K1, [p1, k1] to end.

Work even in 1x1 rib as established until piece measures 1" from beg, end on RS.

**Garter Ridge Row (WS):** K22(22-22-24-24-24-24), M1, knit to end – 46(46-46-50-50-50-50) sts.

Change to larger needles.

**Establish Patterns: Row 1 (RS):** Work Row 1 of Moss St over 5(5-5-7-7-7-7) sts, pm, work Row 1 of Chart 1 over 36 sts, pm, work Row 1 of Moss St to end.

**Row 2:** Work Row 2 of Moss St to first marker, sm, work Row 2 of Chart 1 to next marker, sm, work Row 2 of Moss St to end.

**Inc Row (RS):** K1, M1L, work to last st, M1R, k1 – 2 sts inc'd. Rep Inc Row every 1¾(1½-1-1-1-1)" 8(10-12-12-12-14-14) times, working incs into Moss St – 64(68-72-76-76-80-80) sts. Work even until sleeve measures 18" from beg, end on WS.

**Shape Cap:** Bind off 5(6-6-7-7-8-8) sts at beg of the next 2 rows – 54(56-60-62-62-64-64) sts. Dec 1 st each side every RS row 14(14-16-16-16-17-17) times, end on WS – 26(28-28-30-30-30-30) sts. Bind off 5(3-3-4-2-2-2) sts at beg of the next 2 rows. Bind off remaining 16(22-22-22-26-26-26) sts.

## FINISHING

Sew shoulders seams. Sew in sleeves. Sew side and sleeve seams.

**Pocketbands:** With WS facing, sl 22 sts from pocket holder to smaller straight needle and join yarn.

**Inc Row (WS):** K4, M1, (k7, M1) twice, knit to end – 25 sts.

**Ribbing: Row 1 (RS):** K1, \* p1, k1, rep from \* across.

**Row 2:** P1, \* k1, p1, rep from \* across. Rep these 2 rows twice more, end on WS. Bind off knitwise.

Repeat on second pocket.

Sew pocket linings to WS of fronts. Sew short edges of pocketbands to RS of fronts.

**Frontbands/Collar:** With RS facing, using circular needle, beg at lower right front edge, pick up and knit 75 sts along right front edge to beg of neck shaping, 50(52-52-54-56-58-58) sts along right front neck edge to shoulder seam, pm, 47 sts across back neck edge, pm, 50(52-52-54-56-58-58) sts along left front neck edge, then 75 sts along left front edge – 297(301-301-305-309-313-313) sts.

**Row 1 (WS):** P1, \* k1, p1, rep from \* across.

**Collar: Short Rows: Next Row (RS):** Working in ribbing as established, work to 2<sup>nd</sup> marker, sm, wrap next st and turn, sm, work to first marker, sm, wrap next st and turn, sm.

**Next Row (RS):** Work to wrapped st, pick up wrap, work 3 more sts, wrap and turn, work back to wrapped st, pick up wrap, work 3 more sts, wrap and turn. Continue in this manner, working 3 more sts on each side of markers 10(12-12-14-16-18-18) times more, then 2 more sts 8(6-6-4-2-0-0) times. Work all the way to the end. Work even in ribbing as established on all sts until frontband measures 1½", end on WS. Bind off in ribbing. Weave in all ends and block as desired.

CHART 1

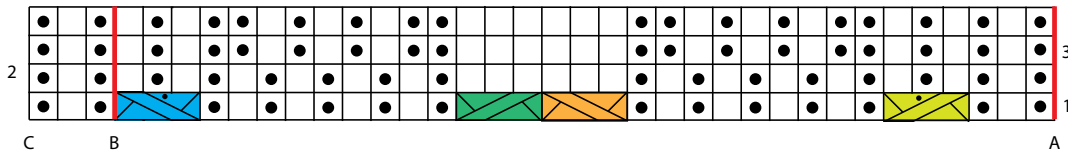


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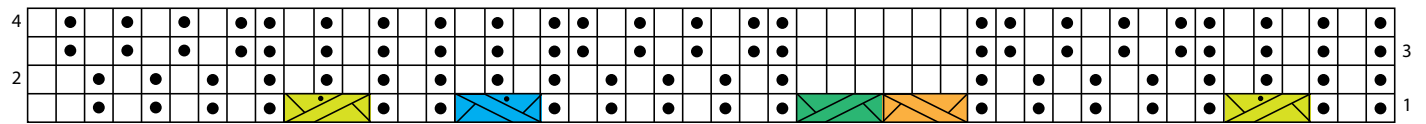
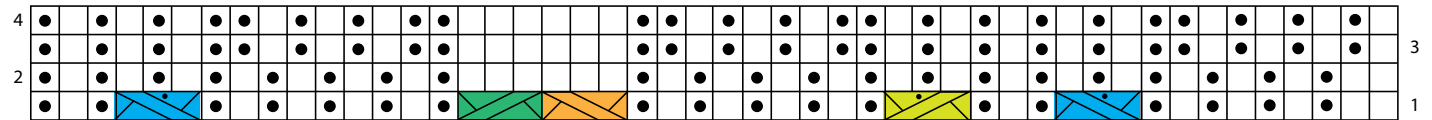


CHART 3



KEY TO CHART







-  knit on RS; purl on WS
-  purl on RS; knit on WS
-  sl 2 sts to cn and hold in BACK, k1, p1, k1 from cn
-  sl 1 st to cn and hold in FRONT, k1, p1, k1 from cn
-  sl 1 st to cn and hold in FRONT, k2, k1 from cn
-  sl 2 sts to cn and hold in BACK, k1, k2 from cn

CHART NOTES

**For Back (Chart 1):** On WS, beg at C, work to A, rep between B and A twice more.

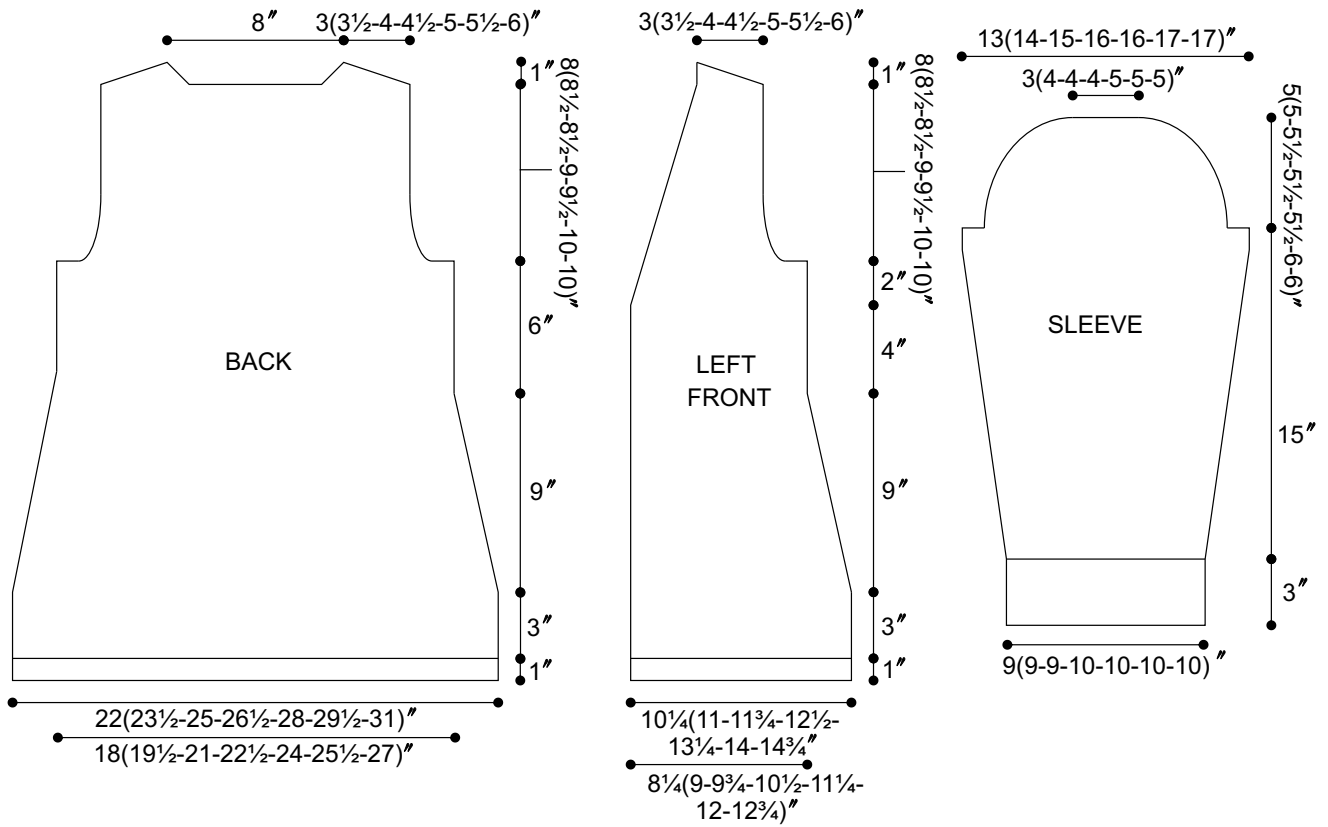
On RS, beg at A, work to B, rep between A and B twice more, end at C.

**For Sleeves (Chart 1):** On WS, beg at C, work to A.

On RS, beg at A, work to C.

**For Left Front (Chart 2):** vOn WS, work from left to right. On RS, work from right to left.

**For Right Front (Chart 3):** On WS, work from left to right. On RS, work from right to left.



## ABBREVIATIONS & TERMS

**beg:** beginning  
**CC:** contrasting color  
**cdd (centered double decrease):** Slip 2 together (as if to k2tog), knit 1, pass the 2 slipped stitches over.  
**cn:** cable needle  
**cont:** continue  
**dec:** decrease  
**dpn:** double pointed needles  
**est:** established  
**inc:** increase  
**K:** knit  
**k tbl:** knit through the back loop(s)  
**k2tog:** Knit 2 stitches together  
**k3tog:** Knit 3 stitches together  
**LH:** left hand  
**MC:** main color  
**M1:** Pick up horizontal strand between stitch just worked and next stitch from front to back, place on left hand needle, knit this stitch through the back (1 stitch increased).  
**M1L:** Work as for M1.  
**M1p:** Pick up horizontal strand between stitch just worked and next stitch from front to back, place on left hand needle, purl this stitch through the back (1 stitch increased).  
**M1pL:** Work as for M1p.  
**M1pR:** Pick up horizontal strand between stitch just worked and next stitch from back to front, place on left hand needle, purl this stitch through the front (1 stitch increased).  
**M1R:** Pick up horizontal strand between stitch just worked and next stitch from back to front, place on left hand needle, knit this stitch through the front (1 stitch increased).  
**p:** purl  
**p tbl:** purl through the back loop(s)  
**pat(s):** pattern(s)  
**pm:** place marker  
**pssso:** pass slip stitch over knit stitch  
**p2tog:** purl 2 stitches together  
**p2sso:** pass 2 slip stitches over knit stitch  
**p3tog:** purl 3 stitches together  
**rem:** remaining  
**rep:** repeat  
**RH:** right hand  
**rnd(s):** round(s)  
**RS:** right side  
**sl:** slip

**sm:** slip marker  
**SSK:** Slip 2 stitches knitwise, insert point of left hand needle through fronts of these 2 stitches and knit 2 together.  
**SSP:** Slip 2 stitches knitwise, transfer these 2 stitches back to left hand needle, purl 2 together through the back loops.  
**st(s):** stitch(es)  
**TBL:** through back loop(s)  
**tog:** together  
**w&t:** wrap and turn, a method of concealing a hole created in short row shaping. With yarn held in back, slip stitch to be wrapped purlwise, then bring yarn between needles to the front. Slip that same stitch back to the left needle, then bring the yarn to the back again. Turn your work. Unless otherwise indicated, each time you come to a wrapped stitch when working subsequent rows, slip the wrap back over stitch and onto needle, then work the wrap together with its accompanying stitch.  
**WS:** wrong side  
**wyib:** with yarn in back  
**wyif:** with yarn in front  
**yo:** yarn over  
**end on WS:** end having just completed a Wrong Side row.  
**end on RS:** end having just completed a Right Side row  
**Stockinette stitch (St st):** Knit 1 row, purl 1 row alternately when working on straight needles. The knit side is the right side of work. Knit EVERY round when working in the round on a circular needle.  
**Reverse St st (Rev St st):** Purl 1 row, knit 1 row alternately when working on straight needles. The purl side is the right side of the work. Purl EVERY round when working in the round on a circular needle.  
**GARTER ST:** Knit EVERY row when working on straight needles. Knit 1 round, purl 1 round when working on a circular needle

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