

WEDDING GOWN

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The story behind the inspiration and knitting of this wedding gown (Knit Two Together) appears in the Summer 2003 issue of *Interweave Knits*.

Finished Size 34" (86.5 cm) bust circumference (easily stretches to 36" [91.5 cm]).

Yarn Berroco Zen (60% nylon, 40% cotton; 110 yd [100 m]/50 g): off-white, 4 skeins. Karabella Lace Mohair (61% kid mohair, 8% wool, 31% polyester; 540 yd [494 m]/50 g): #201 white, 14 skeins.

Needles Size 9 (5.5 mm): Straight, 16", 24", and 47" (40-, 60-, and 120-cm) circular (cir). Size 10½ (6.5 cm): 16" (40-cm) cir. Adjust needle sizes if necessary to obtain the correct gauge.

Notions Tapestry needle; marker (m); sewing needle and thread; size I/9 or J/10 (5.5- or 6-mm) crochet hook; 1½ yd (122 cm) bridal gown trim; Vogue Accessories, pattern 7009 for satin flowers; about ¾ yd (68 cm) off-white satin ribbon; 3 yd (2.75 m) off-white tulle for underskirt (optional).

Gauge Bodice: 16 sts and 20 rows = 4" (10 cm) with both yarns held tog on size 9 (5.5-mm) needles. Skirt: No specific gauge; very, very loosely knitted on size 9 (5.5-mm) needles. (Note: The stitches will appear uneven and net-like; the looser the better.)

Bodice Back and Front

(Make two) With both yarns held tog and size 9 needles, CO 24 sts. (Note: To make a larger size, CO more sts.) Work in St st, inc 1 st each end of needle every row 18 times—60 sts; piece should measure 3" (7.5 cm) from beg. Work even for 1" (2.5 cm). Dec 1 st each end of needle every 3rd row 4 times—52 sts rem. Work even for 1" (2.5 cm). Inc 1 st each end of needle every other row 8 times—68 sts. Work even if necessary until piece measures 13" (33 cm) from beg, ending with a WS row. **Shape armholes:** BO 5 sts at beg of next 2 rows—58 sts rem. Dec 1 st each end of every other row 4 times—50 sts rem. Work even until armholes measure 5" (12.5 cm), ending with a WS row. **Shape neck:** (RS) K10, join new yarn and BO center 30 sts, knit to end—10 sts rem each side. Working each side separately, inc 1 st at each armhole edge every row 10 times—20 sts each side. BO all sts.

Bodice Finishing

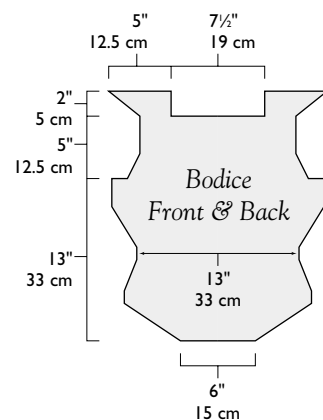
With yarn threaded on a tapestry needle, sew side seams. **Back collar:** Starting at shoulder point with right side facing, pick up and knit 72 sts around neck. Beg with a knit row, work in St st, inc 1 st at beg and end of even knit row 4 times—80 sts. Work even for 2½" (6.5 cm). BO all sts loosely. **Front collar:** Work as back collar. Sew collars tog along shaped sides. (Note: Points of front and back do not necessarily meet, but are joined by collar seam.) Fold collar to right side and tack down to front and back. **Flowers:** Cut lengths of Zen, 6"–8" (15–20.5 cm) long. Using sewing needle and thread, gather the lengths into small floral shapes and attach to collar, spaced about 1" (2.5 cm) apart.

Skirt

With a single strand of mohair and size 10½ needle, loosely CO 150 sts. Do not join. Change to size 9 16" (40-cm) cir needle and knit 1 row. Place marker and join, being careful not to twist sts. Working very loosely, work St st until piece measures 2" (5 cm). Work incs as foll, changing to progressively longer cir needles as needed. **Increase Rnd:** *K1, yo; rep from *—300 sts. Work even in St st for 2" (5 cm). Rep inc rnd—600 sts. Work St st for 3" (7.5 cm). Rep inc rnd—1,200 sts. Work St st for 6" (15 cm). Rep inc rnd—2,400 sts. Work St st for 12" (30.5 cm). Rep inc rnd—4,800 sts. Work even in St st until piece measures about 37" (94 cm) from beg or desired total length, when stretched (as will happen naturally when the skirt is worn). With crochet hook and using the crochet method, BO loosely as foll: *Inset hook into first st kwise, wrap yarn around hook and pull through loop as you let the st slide off the needle, wrap yarn around hook and pull through another loop. Insert hook into next st, pull through loop (2 loops on hook), wrap yarn around hook and pull through both loops on hook. Rep from * until all sts have been bound off.



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Finishing

Hang skirt in closet for a few days to allow it to stretch, helping it by pulling on it now and then. With sewing needle and thread, stitch skirt to bodice. Cover seam with purchased bridal trim. If desired, follow Vogue pattern for flowers and attach to back seam-line with needle and thread. Cut lengths of Zen for streamers. If desired, sew off-white tulle to inside seam for underskirt. ∞

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