

Strapped Cocktail Dress



2 Strapped Cocktail Dress — 26 yards metallic black and 50 yards black size 10 (bedspread weight) knit and crochet thread, 3 snaps, number 1 knitting needles, stitch markers, a yarn needle, black sewing thread and a sewing needle.

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Gauge: 9 sts equal 1 inch

17 rows equal 1 inch

Bodice: (The bodice is knit from the top down in seed stitch.) With metallic black, cast on 50 sts. **ROWS 1,3,5,7,9** *K1, P1; repeat from * across. **ROWS 2,4,6,8,10** *P1, K1; repeat from * across. **ROW 11** Keeping in seed stitch pattern, work 19 sts, sl one st as if to K, K1, psso, place marker, work 8 sts, P2 tog, work last 19 sts. **ROW 12** Work 7 sts, K2 tog, work 30 sts, K2 tog, work 7 sts. **ROW 13** Work to within 2 sts of marker,

sl one st, P1, psso, work 8 sts, K2 tog, work remaining sts. **ROW 14** Work across 7 sts, P2 tog, work 26 sts, K2 tog, work 7 sts. **ROW 15** Work to within 2 sts of marker, sl one st, K1, psso, work 8 sts, P2 tog, work remaining sts. **ROW 16** Work even. **ROW 17** Work to within 2 sts of marker, sl one st, K1, psso, work 8 sts, P2 tog, work remaining sts. **ROW 18** Work even. Repeat **ROWS 15** through **18** until 30 sts remain on needle. Work 4 rows even or until 1-1/2 inches from cast-on edge. Remove marker. *Note: Dec will alter seed stitch pattern, but work it as evenly as possible.*

Skirt: (The skirt is worked in stockinette stitch.) Change to 2 strands of black and P one row. K next row, inc 8 sts evenly across. P next row. K next row, inc 6 sts evenly

spaced across. P next row — 44 sts. Continue in stockinette stitch until 2-3/4 inches from beginning of solid black skirt, ending with a P row. Work K1, P1 ribbing for 3 rows or until 3 inches from beginning of solid black skirt. Bind off in ribbing.

Straps: (Make two straps.) With metallic black, cast on 3 sts. Work in seed stitch for 1-5/8 inches.

Finishing: Sew back seam 2-1/2 inches from bound-off edge of skirt. Sew one strap about 2 inches in from right back edge (or about 20 sts in from edge) and other strap about 2 inches in from left back edge. Sew snaps on back of dress at top edge and waist. Sew one snap on strap edge so that straps wrap around neck.

— Kathie Brinkman