



# diamond

## girl

Our Paola cardy by Sian Brown is studded with pretty beads

**P**aola by Sian Brown features a diamond brocade pattern which is made by knitting purl stitches against a stocking stitch background to create a striking raised texture. In the centre of each diamond is a small pink bead which gives Paola a really luxurious finish.

### PAOLA PATTERN

**NOTE:** divide beads between your balls of yarn and thread them on before you start

### Back

Using 3.25mm needles cast on 105 (121, 137, 153) sts

☐ K five rows

Change to 4mm needles and work in patt as follows:

☐ Row 1 (RS): k4, [p1, k3,

pb, k3] to last five sts, p1, k4

☐ Row 2: p3, [k1, p1, k1, p5] to last six sts, k1, p1, k1,

p3

☐ Row 3: k2, [p1, k3] to last three sts, p1, k2

☐ Row 4: p1, [k1, p5, k1, p1] to end

☐ Row 5: p1, [k3, pb, k3, p1] to end

☐ Row 6: rep Row 4

☐ Row 7: rep Row 3

☐ Row 8: rep Row 2

These eight rows form patt

☐ Cont in patt as set until

Back meas 17 (18, 19, 20)

cm from cast on edge,

ending with a WS row

### SHAPE ARMHOLES

☐ Cast off 8 (9, 10, 11) sts at beg of next two rows. 89 (103, 117, 131) sts

☐ Next row: k1, skpo, patt to last three sts, k2tog, k1

☐ Next row: patt to end

☐ Rep last two rows 9 (10, 11, 12) times more. 69 (81, 93, 105) sts

☐ Work straight until Back meas 36 (38, 40, 42) cm

from cast on edge, ending with a p row

### SHAPE SHOULDERS

☐ Cast off 7 (9, 11, 13) sts

## knit knowledge

### Measurements & sizes

<b>To fit bust (cm):</b>	82-87 (92-97, 102-107, 112-117)
<b>Actual bust (cm):</b>	93 (108, 122, 137)
<b>Length to top of shoulder (cm):</b>	37 (39, 41, 43)
<b>Sleeve length (cm):</b>	15 (15, 15, 15)

### Knit kit

**Yarn:** Rowan Lenpur Linen, shade 563 Vivid, 6 (7, 8, 9) 50g balls

**Needles:** 3.25mm, 4mm

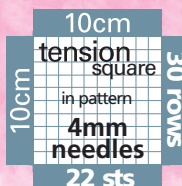
**Buttons:** four, pink, 15mm

**Beads:** approx 1000,

plastic, 4mm

**Stitch holder**

**Waste yarn**



### About the Yarn

**Rowan Lenpur Linen** is made of 75% lenpur, a type of viscose made from sustainably-harvested wood pulp, and 25% linen. It is beautifully soft with a pretty sheen and comes in 14 shades.

### Need an alternative

**Rico Essentials Cotton DK** is made from 100% cotton and comes in similar shade 14 Fuchsia. It can be machine washed at 30°C and ironed on a cool setting.

### Special abbreviations

**pb:** place bead – bring yarn to front of work, slide bead up close to work, sl next st, take yarn to back of work

For abbreviations see page 86



at beg of next four rows,  
leave rem 41 (45, 49, 53) sts  
on a spare needle

## Left front

Using 3.25mm needles cast  
on 54 (62, 70, 78) sts

☐ K five rows

Change to 4mm needles  
and patt

☐ Row 1: k4, [p1, k3, pb,  
k3] to last ten sts, p1, k9

☐ Row 2: k5, p3, [k1, p1,  
k1, p5] to last six sts, k1, p1,  
k1, p3

☐ Row 3: k2, [p1, k3] to last  
eight sts, p1, k7

☐ Row 4: k5, p1, [k1, p5,  
k1, p1] to end

☐ Row 5: p1, [k3, pb, k3,  
p1] to last five sts, k5

☐ Row 6: rep Row 4

☐ Row 7: rep Row 3

☐ Row 8: rep Row 2

These eight rows form patt  
with garter st border

☐ Cont in patt as set until  
Front meas 17 (18, 19, 20)  
cm from cast on edge,  
ending with a WS row

☐ Next row: patt to end

☐ Next row: k1, skpo, patt  
to last three sts, k2tog, k1

☐ Rep last two rows 9 (10,  
11, 12) times more. 18 (22,  
26, 30) sts

☐ Keeping armhole edge  
straight, cont to dec at neck  
edge on every foll fourth row  
until 14 (18, 22, 26) sts rem

☐ Work straight until Front  
meas same as Back to  
shoulder, ending at  
armhole edge

## SHAPE SHOULDER

☐ Next row: cast off 7 (9,  
11, 13) sts, patt to end

☐ Work one row

☐ Cast off rem 7 (9, 11,  
13) sts

Mark position for buttons,  
the first on fourth row,  
the fourth on first row  
of neck and armhole  
shaping, with rem  
two spaced evenly  
between

## Right front

Using 3.25mm needles  
cast on 54 (62, 70,  
78) sts

☐ K three rows

☐ Next row  
(buttonhole): k1, k2tog,  
yfwd, k to end

## SHAPE ARMHOLE AND FRONT NECK

☐ Next row: cast off 8 (9,  
10, 11) sts, patt to last 8 (9,  
10, 11) sts, leave sts on a  
holder. 38 (44, 50, 56) sts



"Paola is a sweet cropped  
shape in a bright summer  
colour. The stitch used  
produces a diamond  
texture and I've added  
beads for extra interest"

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Add  
beads to  
your  
knitting

sl 1, k1, pss0 (skpo)



1 Slip one stitch knitwise on to the right  
hand needle, then knit the following  
stitch.



2 With the tip of the left hand needle,  
pick up the loop of the stitch that has  
been slipped and bring it over the stitch that  
has just been knitted and off the needle.



☐ K one row

Change to 4mm needles and work in patt as folls:

**NOTE:** work two more buttonholes to match markers as before

☐ Row 1: k9, [p1, k3, pb, k3] to last five sts, p1, k4

☐ Row 2: p3, [k1, p1, k1, p5] to last 11 sts, k1, p1, k1,

p3, k5

☐ Row 3: k7, [p1, k3] to last three sts, p1, k2

☐ Row 4: p1, [k1, p5, k1, p1] to last five sts, k5

☐ Row 5: k5, p1, [k3, pb, k3, p1] to end

☐ Row 6: rep Row 4

☐ Row 7: rep Row 3

☐ Row 8: rep Row 2

These eight rows form patt with garter st border

☐ Cont in patt as set until Front meas 17 (18, 19, 20) cm from cast on

edge, ending with a WS row

### SHAPE ARMHOLE AND FRONT NECK

☐ Next row: k1, k2tog, yfwd, patt 5 (6, 7, 8), leave these 8 (9, 10, 11) sts on a holder, patt to end

☐ Next row: cast off 8 (9, 10, 11) sts, patt to end. 38 (44, 50, 56) sts

☐ Next row: k1, skpo, patt to last three sts, k2tog, k1

☐ Next row: patt

to end

☐ Rep last two rows 9 (10, 11, 12) times more. 18 (22, 26, 30) sts

☐ Keeping armhole edge straight, cont to dec at neck edge on every foll fourth row until 14 (18, 22, 26) sts rem

☐ Work straight until Front meas same as Back to shoulder, ending at armhole edge

### SHAPE SHOULDER

☐ Next row: cast off 7 (9, 11, 13) sts, patt to end

☐ Work one row

☐ Cast off rem 7 (9, 11, 13) sts

### Sleeves

Using 3.25mm needles cast on 57 (65, 73, 81) sts

☐ K five rows

☐ Change to 4mm needles and patt as given for Back until Sleeve meas 15cm from cast on edge, ending with a WS row.

Mark each end of last row with waste yarn

☐ Patt 10 (12, 12, 14) rows



“Adding beads to a cardigan adds instant glamour, try using clear or contrasting beads for a different look”

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### SHAPE SLEEVE TOP

☐ Next row: k1, skpo, patt to last three sts, k2tog, k1

☐ Patt three rows

☐ Rep last four rows until 45 (55, 67, 77) sts rem, ending with a WS row

☐ Next row: k1, skpo, patt to last three sts, k2tog, k1

☐ Next row: patt to end

☐ Rep last two rows until 25 (29, 33, 39) sts rem

☐ Cast off

from back neck, pick up and k 48 (51, 54, 57) sts down left side of front neck, k8 (9, 10, 11) from left front holder. 153 (165, 177, 189) sts

☐ K five rows

☐ Cast off

### To make up

Join side and sleeves seams. Sew in sleeves joining rows after markers to cast off sts underarm. Sew on buttons

### NECKBAND

Join shoulder seams

☐ Using 3.25mm needles and with RS facing, sl 8 (9, 10, 11) sts from right front on a needle, pick up and k 48 (51, 54, 57) sts up right front, k 41 (45, 49, 53) sts

## knit wise

### To bead or not to bead

When choosing beads for your knitting project it is important to know that they will fit on the yarn you are planning to use. Beads are typically measured across the widest point on the outside of the bead. The ones used in this project are 4mm across. This type of bead is sometimes known as a pony or barrel bead. Bead sizes are often described as two numbers separated by a hyphen, e.g. 12/0. This is known as a bead's 'aught size' and denotes how many beads can fit on a designated length (usually an inch). The larger the aught number, the smaller the bead.

Dress, £55, Red Herring at Debenhams, Bag, 315 Debut at Debenhams, Necklace, £18, Wallis

## let's shop!

### Rowan Lenpur

**Linen** costs £5.50 per 50g (115m) ball from Laughing Hens, 01829 740903, [www.laughinghens.com](http://www.laughinghens.com)



### Rico Essentials Cotton

**DK** costs £2.69 per 50g (130m) ball from Crafty Yarn, 01793 855535, [www.crafty-yarn.co.uk](http://www.crafty-yarn.co.uk)



### Craft Factory Plastic

**Pearl Beads**, shade Fuchsia (code 35425), £1.10 per 7g pack from Hastings Hobbies, 01424 200021, [www.hobbies-plus.co.uk](http://www.hobbies-plus.co.uk)