

# Classic Elite Yarns

## Girl's Floral Poncho

Sara, the eleven year old daughter of CEY design-team member Joëlle Meier Rioux, designed this poncho to be easy enough to knit herself. The poncho begins at the lower edge and is worked even in the round for many inches. Stitches are then decreased evenly around for the yoke, then the shoulders are shaped at the sides of the poncho so it hangs beautifully over the body.

Sara has added felted flowers to embellish her poncho. The five front flowers are attached to the poncho with buttons, the five on the back are attached with bead flowers and a ring of felt circles adorn the lower edge with more bead flowers.



**Designed by:** Sara Meier-Rioux

**SIZES:** Child's 8 (10, 12, 14)

**Finished Measurements:** 12½ (13, 14½, 15½)" long; 41½ (45¼, 49, 52¾)" circumference at lower edge; 19 (19¾, 19¾, 23½)" circumference at upper edge

### MATERIALS:

*Renaissance* by Classic Elite (100% wool; 50 gram hank = approx 110 yards)

- 4 (4, 5, 5) hanks 7189 Paris Pink

### Needles

- One each 16" and 32" circular size US 10 (6 mm)

### Or size to obtain gauge

- Stitch markers (1 of one color for BOR, 15 of another color)
- 55 square inches of felt in pink (for flowers) and 20 square inches of felt in purple (for circles)
- Five 5/8" buttons
- 102 1/4" pearl beads
- Strong sewing thread in color to match beads
- Sewing needle

**GAUGE:** 17 sts and 25 rows = 4" in Stockinette Stitch. **Take time to save time, check your gauge.**

### SPECIAL TERMS:

**k2tog:** Knit 2 sts together (1 st decreased).

**ssk: (slip, slip, knit)** Slip 2 sts, 1 at a time, knitwise to the RH needle; return sts to LH needle in turned position and knit them together through the back loops (1 st decreased).

### PATTERN STITCH:

**Stockinette Stitch (St st):** Knit every rnd.

### NOTES:

1. Work yoke dec sts as follows: \*Work to 2 sts before marker, k2tog, slip marker; rep from \* around.
2. Work shoulder dec sts as follows: \*K1, k2tog, work to 3 sts before next marker, ssk, k1; rep from \* 1 time.

### PONCHO

With longer needle, CO 176 (192, 208, 224) sts. Join, being careful not to twist sts, pm for beg-of-rnd (BOR). **Begin St st;** work even until pc meas 6 (6½, 7, 8)" from beg. Next rnd; \*K11 (12, 13, 14) sts, place marker (pm); rep from \* around; do not place the last marker, that is the BOR marker. **Shape Yoke, dec:** Dec 16 sts this rnd (see Note 1), then every 6<sup>th</sup> rnd 4 (4, 5, 5) times; change to shorter needle when necessary—96 (112, 112, 128) sts rem. Remove markers, except for BOR. Next rnd; K48 (56, 56, 64) sts, pm, knit to end of rnd. **Shape Shoulders, dec:** Dec 4 sts this rnd (see Note 2), then EOR 6 times—68 (84, 84, 100) sts rem. Work 2 rnds even. BO all sts.

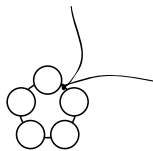
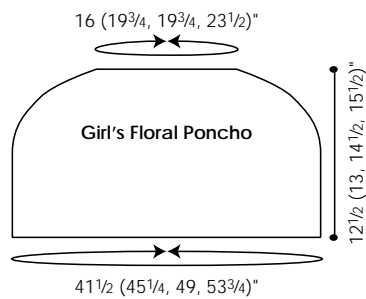
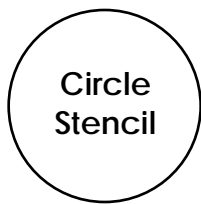
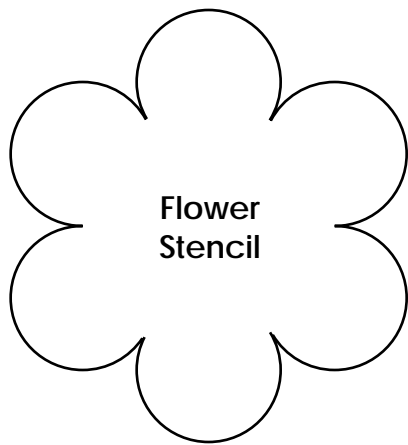
### FINISHING

Block pc to measurements. **Flowers:** From felt, cut out 10 pink flowers from stencil on page 2 with a 2¼" diameter and 17 purple circles with a 1" diameter. **Make 17 pearl flowers:** String 5 pearl beads onto 2 strands sewing thread held together; tie both ends of thread together to form beads into a tight circle (see bead diagram 1, on page 2). Thread both ends of the knot onto sewing needle, string a 6<sup>th</sup> bead onto the thread and place on top of the circle. Insert needle through bead directly across from the knot then back through the 6<sup>th</sup> bead (see bead diagram 2, on page 2). Knot tightly around the thread used to create the circle. Leave the thread tails for sewing the flower to the poncho. **Decorate hem border:** Pin 12 purple circles evenly around hem, approx 1" above CO

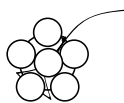
### ABBREVIATIONS

**approx** – approximately  
**beg** – begin(ning)  
**BO** – Bind Off  
**BOR** – Beginning Of Round  
**CO** – Cast On  
**dec** – decrease  
**EOR** – Every Other Round  
**k** – knit  
**k2tog** – see Special Terms  
**LH** – Left Hand  
**meas** – measures  
**pc** – piece  
**pm** – place marker  
**rem** – remain(ning)  
**rep** – repeat  
**RH** – Right Hand  
**rnd** – round  
**ssk** – see Special Terms  
**st(s)** – stitch(es)  
**St st** – Stockinette Stitch

edge. Place 1 pearl flower on each purple circle and sew through felt onto poncho. **Decorate front:** Pin 5 pink flowers to front as desired. Place 1 button on each pink flower and sew through felt onto poncho. **Decorate back:** Pin 5 pink flowers with 1 purple circle in the center of each to back as desired. Place 1 pearl flower on each purple circle and sew through 2 pieces of felt onto poncho.



Bead Diagram 1



Bead Diagram 2

