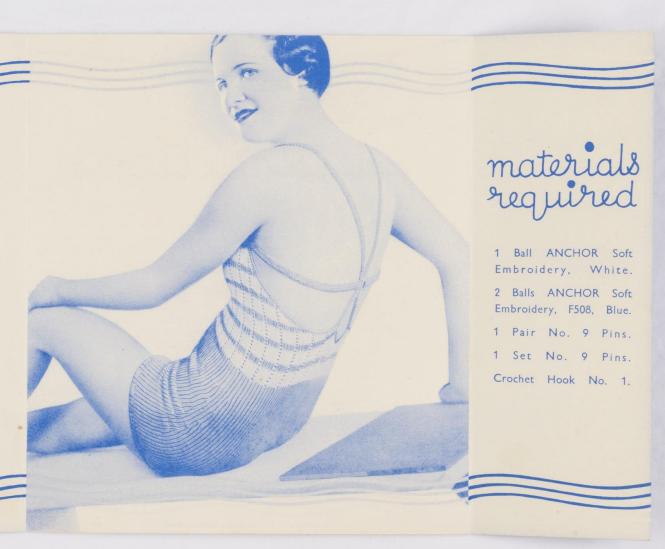


Tension of stocking stitch= 6 stitches to the inch and 8 rows to the inch. To fit  $32^{\prime\prime}$  bust.

With blue Soft Embroidery cast on 80 stitches and work 8 rows, 2 plain and 2 purl. Change to stocking stitch and work 30 rows. Put these stitches on to a spare pin. Work another piece to correspond. Mark the 2 centre stitches on each piece with a coloured thread. Put all stitches on to 3 pins, 53 stitches on two pins and 54 on third and work 1 row all round. \* Decrease 4 stitches on each side of marked stitches on next row. Work 8 rows. Repeat from \* 3 times in all. \* Decrease same as before on next row. Work 12 rows. Repeat from \* twice in all. Decrease same as before on next row. Work 17 rows. Break off thread. Put stitches on to one pin.

TOP: Join on white and work 8 rows white and 4 rows blue alternately backwards and forwards in the following pattern. K.2 \* O.T. K.4, repeat from \* to end of row, ending row K.2. P.1 \* P.2 together P.3, repeat from \* to end of row, ending row P.2 together P.1. Repeat pattern rows 10 times in all, casting off 8 stitches at beginning of 20th row of pattern. Next row, with white cast off 8 stitches, break off thread and join on blue and work 2 rows of pattern. Continue working pattern decreasing 1 stitch at beginning and end of every 2nd row until 76 stitches remain. Decrease 1 stitch at beginning and end of every 4th row until 68 stitches remain. On last row of blue strip work in pattern 28 stitches, cast off 12, work in pattern 28 stitches.

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**SHOULDER:** Continue working in pattern, decreasing 1 stitch at beginning and end of next row. Decrease 1 stitch on every alternate row at neck and on every 4th row at armhole until 12 stitches remain. Decrease 1 stitch on every 4th row at neck until 8 stitches remain, finishing with blue strip.

**BACK STRAP:** Change to double knitting and work in blue for length required. Work other strap to correspond.

**SIDE STRAP:** With blue cast on 8 stitches and knit in double knitting for 8" or length required, cast off. Make a loop at one end and button stitch over. Work other strap to correspond.

**GUSSET:** Cast on 2 stitches and work in stocking stitch increasing 1 stitch at beginning and end of every alternate row until there are 30 stitches on pin, ending with purl row. Decrease 1 stitch at beginning and end of next and every alternate row until 2 stitches remain, cast off. Sew up back, sew gusset into position. Work 2 rows of double crochet round neck and sides. Cross straps at back and sew on to back at beginning of decreases. Sew a button on where straps cross. Sew side strap on to 6th blue strip from bottom and fasten to back strap at button.

METHOD OF DOUBLE KNITTING: \* Slip first stitch as if for purl, pass thread round to back of pin, knit next stitch, bring thread to front of pin. Repeat from \* to end of row. Continue working this row for length required.

