

## Love That Red Dress - A Cute Holiday Dress For Girls

Free Knitting Pattern by Ratcha & Anchalee Chambers

**Description:** A close fit, below-knee dress with long sleeves for girls. The neckline, hand cuffs and hemline are embellished with white fun fur. The dress is knitted in 4 pieces - front, back, and 2 sleeves.



My daughter designed this dress for her school holiday music last year. She always thinks mom can make her anything! And this is how it turned out.

**Skills Level:** Intermediate

**Available Sizes:** The pattern comes in 3 chest sizes - 21, 23 and 25 inches (The finished pieces will be slightly bigger than this measurement). I knitted the medium size for my girl when she was 6 yo. And it seems to fit her well. I used a sweater wizard software to help with the body sizes calculation.

**Gauge:** 4.5 sts/inch on US # 8 (5mm) over the stockinette st.

### Materials

- 1.4 balls of [Lion brand wool ease](#) (197 yds each) in red. I think I used about 3.5 balls for mine.
2. 1 ball of [Lion Brand Fun Fur](#) in white.
3. Circular knitting needle size US # 8 (5mm) It can be any where from 24-28 inches long.
4. 20 inches Circular knitting needle size US # 10 (6mm).
5. Tapestry needle
6. Row counter

**Optional Belt:** I bought a little belt buckle from Joan and used left over green wool to crochet a belt. I did triple crochet throughout the piece and make a little loop to hold the end of the belt.

### Direction

**Back:** With smaller needle, CO 50 (56, 61) sts. Work back and forth in rows of Stockinette sts (knit on the right side and purl on the wrong side). Work until piece measures 10(11, 11.5)inches from cast on.

### Shape arm hole as follows;

Bind off 3 (3, 5) sts at the beginning of the next 2 rows.  
Decrease 1 sts on each side, every other rows 2 (3, 4) times.  
Work until piece measures 14.5 (16, 17) inches from cast on.

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### Shape shoulder

Bind off 2 (3, 2) sts at the beginning of the next 2 rows. Bind off 2 (3, 3) sts at the beginning of the next 2 rows. Bind off 3 (3, 3) sts at the beginning of the next 2 rows . Then bind off the last 26 (26, 27) sts (back neck).

### Front

Work as for back including all shaping and at the same time when piece measures 12 (13, 14) inches begin neck shaping as follows;

Work to center 8 (8, 9) sts, attach another ball of yarn, bind off center 8, (8, 9) sts, Work to the end of row. Work both sides at once.

Bind off 2 sts at each neck edge 2 times.

Decrease 1 sts at each neck edge, every other row 5 times.

Continue in st st pattern until piece measures 14.5 (16, 17) inches from start.

### Shape Shoulder

Shape shoulder (at shoulder edge) to correspond with back.



### Sleeves

With small needle, cast on 32 (32, 34) sts. Knit 1 row (right side), then work in stockinette st (knit on the right side and purl on the wrong side), and at the same time, increase 1 sts on each side every 10th row 4 (0, 0) times, increase 1 st on each side every 4th row 0, (0, 1) time, increase 1 st on each side every 6th row 0 (7, 7) times. Continue in st st pattern until piece measures 7.5 (8, 8.5) inches.

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## Cap Shaping

Bind off 3 (3, 5) sts at the beginning of the next 2 rows. Decrease 1 st at each side every other row 2 (3, 4) times. Decrease 1 st at each side every row 4 (8, 2) times. Decrease 1 st each side every 2nd row 5 (3, 6) times. Bind off 1 (1, 2) sts at the beg of the next 4 rows. Then bind off the remaining 8 sts.

## Joining Pieces

With right side together, sew back and front pieces at shoulder and side seams using the same yarn.

Begin the bottom part of the dress as follows;

With smaller needle and with right side facing, pick up and knit along the bottom edge of the joined piece. Make sure to begin at the seam line. Join work in round and purl one round.

**Next rnd:** K1, \*yo, k2; rep from \* to last st, k1. If you have an extra st left over just knit it.

**Next rnd:** Purl.

Knit until you have about 2 inches less than your desired length. Then purl 1 row, knit 1 row and purl 1 row. Bind off knitwise.

## Adding Fun Fur

With larger needle, pick up and knit fun fur along the cuffs, neck line and skirt hemline. Knit for an inch then bind off. Join in sleeve. Block piece if needed.

**Note:** Feel free to customize any length and parts according to your need.

You don't need to pick up every stitch along the neck edge when adding fur. Skip some sts along the curves to make it snuggle. Use your judgement. Enjoy!