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Firefly Tunic

Mona Schmidt for Espace Tricot



Yarn: Classic Elite Yarns *Firefly* (75% Viscose, 25% Linen) -
155 yds (142 m)/50 gr
MC 6 (7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16) balls, CC 1 ball

Materials: 4.5 mm circular needles, 32" and 16" -
or needles required to obtain gauge
Tapestry needle
Stitch markers

Gauge: 19 sts and 28 rows/4 inches in Stockinette stitch - *to save time and ensure accurate sizing, please be sure to check gauge*

Finished Measurements

Chest circumference: approx. 35.25 (37, 39.5, 42, 44.5, 47, 49.5, 52.25, 54.75, 57.25, 59.75)"

Length: 26"

NOTE

This garment is meant to be **worn with 2-4" of positive ease**. Please select size accordingly.

M1R – make 1 right: with left hand needle lift strand between two stitches from the back, knit into front

M1L – make 1 left: with right hand needle lift strand between two stitches from the front, knit into back

BACK

CO 192 (200, 212, 224, 236, 260, 272, 284, 296, 308, 320) sts. Place marker and join for working in the round, being careful not to twist stitches.

*K2, p2; rep from * to end.

Work 2x2 rib for 7 more rounds.

Next round: Change to Stockinette Stitch. K 96 (100, 106, 112, 118, 130, 136, 142, 148, 154, 160), place second marker. Continue working until piece measures 4".

Next (dec) round: *K1, ssk, work to last 3 sts before next marker, k2tog, k1, sl m, repeat from * one more time. Repeat dec row every 18 (18, 18, 16, 16, 16, 14, 14, 14, 12, 12)th row 5 times *more* – 168 (176, 188, 200, 212, 224, 236, 248, 260, 272, 284) sts. Work until piece measures 18.75 (18.5, 18.25, 18, 17.75, 17.5, 17, 16.5, 16, 15.5, 15)". – *Add length here if desired.*

Next round: K to second marker, remove marker. Place second half of stitches on hold. From here on you are working back and forth on the back only. Continue in Stockinette Stitch until piece measures 7.25 (7.5, 7.75, 8, 8.25, 8.5, 9, 9.5, 10, 10.5, 11)" from underarm.

Next row (WS): K22 (24, 27, 29, 32, 34, 37, 39, 42, 44, 47) bind off 40 (40, 40, 42, 42, 44, 44, 46, 46, 48, 48) sts, k to end of row. Place remaining stitches on holder.

FRONT

Next (inc) row (RS): K41 (43, 46, 49, 52, 55, 58, 61, 64, 67, 70), place marker, M1R, k2, M1L, place marker, k to end of row. Work WS row.

Next (inc) row (RS): Work to marker, slip marker, M1R, work to next marker, M1L, slip marker, work to end of row. Work WS row. Repeat these two rows until there are 102 (106, 112, 120, 126, 134, 140, 148, 154, 162, 168) sts on the needle. Work until piece measures 7.25 (7.5, 7.75, 8, 8.25, 8.5, 9, 9.5, 10, 10.5, 11)" from underarm. K22 (24, 27, 29, 32, 34, 37, 39, 42, 44, 47), **loosely** bind off 58 (58, 58, 62, 62, 66, 66, 70, 70, 74, 74) sts, k to end of row. Place remaining stitches on holder.

SLEEVE (make 2)

CO 54 (58, 58, 62, 62, 66, 66, 68, 70, 70, 70) sts.

Set-up row (WS): P2, *k2, p2; rep from * to end of row. Work 2x2 rib for 7 more rows.

Next row (RS): Change to Stockinette Stitch. Work 2 rows.

Next (inc) row (RS): K2, M1L, k to last 2 sts, M1R. Work WS row. Repeat inc row every 14(14, 14, 14, 12, 12, 12, 10, 8, 6, 6)th row 7 (6, 7, 7, 8, 8, 9, 11, 12, 14, 17 times - 70 (72, 74, 78, 80, 82, 86, 92, 96, 100, 106) sts. Work until sleeve measures 20(20, 19.5, 19.5, 19, 19, 18.5, 18.5, 18, 18, 18)". *Add or remove length here if desired.* Bind off loosely.

FINISHING

Holding RS of back and front together, bind off sts of shoulder with three needle method. Repeat for second shoulder. Sew sleeves into armholes. Sew sleeve seams. Weave in ends and block lightly.

COWL

With remaining MC and shorter circular needle cast on 100 sts. Close to knit round being careful not to twist stitches. Knit until MC is used up, switch to CC and knit until desired length. Bind off loosely.

Happy knitting!