

Knit Fit Couture

Marsha's Lacey Tee

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Description:

The light and airy mesh lace adds a delicate border and bodice to this summer tee. It can be knit in cotton, linen, rayon, bamboo or any combination for a cool summer top. The longer length is slimming and fashionable over slender or wide-legged pants.

Sizes:

This sweater has been created for fat mel with your measurements.

Gauge:

This pattern has been written for a gauge of 4 stitches and 5.5 rows per inch. The original design was created in a gauge of 5 stitches and 6.5 rows per inch in stockinette. However, you can select a yarn from fingering to aran weight if you'd like. Just make sure that you have knit an accurate gauge swatch in the yarn you will be using.

Note: To measure a proper gauge, cast on 40 stitches using the needle size recommended for the yarn. Knit in Stockinette for at least 4 inches. Take swatch off the needles, lay it flat and measure in the center towards the top of the swatch. Knit using suggested needles first. Adjust needle size until you have a swatch that feels soft and drapey without being too loose.

Materials:

Yarn estimated for sizes 32 (34, 36, 38, 40, 42, 44)

Fingering weight yarn, size 4 circular 24” or 32” needles, US E crochet hook

Yardage needed: 700 (750, 800, 900, 950, 1050, 1100)

DK weight yarn, size 6 circular 24” or 32” needles, US F crochet hook

Yardage needed: 650 (700, 750, 800, 850, 900, 950)

Worsted weight yarn, size 7 circular 24” or 32” needles, US G crochet hook

Yardage needed: 550 (600, 650, 700, 800, 850, 950)

2 24” to 32” circular needles as indicated by the weight of the yarn used.

1 Needle one size larger than used for the tee (used for the 3 needle bind-off).

Crochet Hook as indicated by the weight of the yarn used.

2 Stitch Markers

Designer’s Notes:

As a rule, when I design a sleeveless top, I use a round of single crochets around the neck and sleeve openings. This creates a smooth, non-rolling finished edge.

Abbreviations:

BO - Bind Off	M1l - Make one left by knitting into the stitch below the next stitch
CO - Cast On	M1r - Make one right by knitting into the stitch 2 stitches below the stitch just knit
K2tog - knit the next 2 stitches together	S1l-k2tog-ssso - Slip one stitch, knit the next 2 stitches together, and pass the slipped stitch over the 2 just knit together
Ssk - slip the next 2 stitches purlwise and knit them together through the back loop	Yo - bring the yarn to the front and over the needle with the next stitch, creating a new stitch

Directions:

Using a provisional cast on method, CO 232 stitches.

Join in the round, being careful not to twist the stitches.

Round 1: Knit 1 round, placing a marker at the beginning of the round and after 116 sts.

Work the English Mesh pattern as follows:

Round 2 and even rows: knit



Back

Repeat armhole shaping as for front.

Knit straight until armhole depth measure 9 ins.

Bind off 8 stitches at the beginning of the next 2 rows.

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Bind off 9 stitches at the beginning of the 2 rows.

Bind off center stitches.

Sleeves

The sleeves are also knit in the round. You may use the Magic Loop, two circular or double pointed needles.

CO 90 stitches.

Join in the round, being careful not to twist the stitches.

Round 1: Knit 1 round, placing a marker at the beginning of the round.

Work the English Mesh pattern as follows:

Round 2 and even rows: knit

Round 3: *K1,(yo, k1) twice, sl1-k2 tog-psso*

Round 5: *Ssk, k1, k2 tog, yo, k1, yo*

Round 7: *Sl1-k2 tog-psso, k1,(yo, k1) twice*

Continue in English mesh for 3 in.

Knit in stockinette until the sleeve measures 7 in.

Sleeve Cap Shaping

Bind off 9 stitches at the beginning of the next 2 rows.

Bind off 8 stitches at the beginning of the next 2 rows.

Bind off 4 stitches at the beginning of the next 2 rows.

Bind off 3 at the beginning of the next 2 rows.

Decrease 1 stitch at each end 3 times as follows: 1st row: K1, k2tog, knit to the last 3 stitches, ssk, k1. 2nd row: Purl back.

Knit 20 rows in pattern.

Decrease 1 stitch at each end 1 times as follows: 1st row: K1, k2tog, knit to the last 3 stitches, ssk, k1. 2nd row: Purl back.

Bind off 2 stitches at each end 1 times.

Bind off 4 stitches at each end 1 times.

Bind off 7 stitches.

Bind off 7 stitches.

Bind off remaining stitches.

Finishing

Sew the shoulder seams together. Block the sweater before finishing the neckline.

Using a crochet hook as indicated by the weight of the yarn you are using, attach the yarn at the shoulder seam and crochet a single crochet stitch at the rate of 4 stitches per inch around the neckline.

Join at the top of the first single crochet stitch and fasten .