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SILK & MERINO LACE TOP

MATERIALS: 2 skeins Blue Heron Silk & Merino

EQUIPMENT:

- Size #6 needles
- tapestry needle

GAUGE/SIZE: 21st in 4", 6 1/2 rows/in chest 37" length 22"

PATTERN:

ROW1: K 4 st, marker. *(K2tog) 3X, (YO, K1) 6X, (K2tog) 3X * . Repeat between * 5 X. End by placing marker, K 4 st.

ROW2: Knit ROW3: Knit

ROW4: K 4 st, Purl to marker, K4 st.

DIRECTIONS: This top is knit from bottom back to shoulder to bottom front in one piece.

Back: Cast on 98 stitches and knit 4 rows

Knit the 4 pattern rows 3X.

Knit in stockinette stitch between the borders for 24 rows. Knit in stockinette stitch without the borders for 44 rows.

Sleeves: Increase 1 stitch on the 2nd stitch of each row 6X. (12 rows) Increase 1 st on the 2nd stitch at the beg and end of each row 6X. (12 rows)

Knit 6 rows with no increases adding the 4 stitch garter stitch borders at the beginning and end of

the rows

Knit the 4 rows of the pattern 3X.

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Neck: Row 1: K4, (K2tog)3X, *(YO,K1)6X, (K2tog)6X*, repeat between** 2X, (YO,K1)3X, place marker, (YO,K1)3X, (K2tog)6X, (YO,K1)6X, (K2tog)6X, (YO,K1)3X, place marker, (YO,K1)3X, *(K2tog)6X, (YO,K1)6X*, repeat between ** 2X, (K2tog)3X.

Rows 2&3: Knit.

Row 4: K4, p to 2nd marker, k to 3rd marker, p to 4th marker, k 4.

Knit the 4 pattern rows 2X but on row 1 of the second repeat knit between the 2nd and 3rd markers. There will be a garter stitch pattern forming at the neckline between the 2nd and 3rd markers on all rows.

Row 1: Knit in pattern to the 2nd marker, k 8, cast off 20 stitches, k 8, knit in pattern to the end of row.

Right and Left Shoulders: Begin with row 2: Continue knitting in pattern. You will now be knitting an 8 stitch border along the neck edge. Repeat the 4 rows of the pattern 5X.

Front neck: Row 1: Knit in pattern to the 2nd marker, k8, cast on 20 st, k8, Knit in pattern. Continue knitting in pattern 2X, knitting in garter stitch between the 2nd and 3rd markers. Drop the 2nd and 3rd markers and knit the 4 rows of the pattern 3X.

Sleeves: Knit 6 rows in stockinette stitch maintaining the garter stitch borders. Continue in stockinette stitch. Knit the 2nd and 3rd st together at the beg and end of each row 6X. (12 rows)

Knit the 2nd and 3rd st together at the beginning of each row 6X. (12 rows)

Front Body: Knit in stockinette stitch for 44 rows.

Knit 4 st, place marker, knit to last 4 st, place marker, knit 4 st.

Continue knitting in stockinette st between the garter stitch borders for 24 rows.

Knit the 4 rows of the pattern 3X.

Knit 4 rows and cast off.

Assembly: Sew the side seams together beginning above the garter stitch borders and continue to the end of the sleeve increases. Slip stitch around the neck with H crochet hook. Weave in ends.

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