



AZALEA TOP-DOWN LACE TOP



A short-sleeved raglan sweater knitted in one piece from the top down in the round. Lace trims on the sleeves and neckline as well as a lace stitch on the body give this garment an elegant look.

SIZE

Women's S [M, L, XL]

Required level of skills: intermediate

Knitting stitches: knit, purl, yarn over, k2tog, p2tog, kfb, lifted increases

FINISHED MEASUREMENTS

Chest: 32 [36, 40, 44] " / 81 [91.5, 101.5, 112] cm

Length (center front/back): 20 [21, 21.5, 22.5]" / 51 [53, 55, 57] cm

Armhole depth: 6.5 [7.5, 8, 9]" / 16.5 [19, 20, 23] cm

YARN

DK weight cotton yarn, 137 yds/125m, 1.76oz/50g per skein:

5 [6, 7, 8] skeins

Total: 685 [822, 959, 1096] yds / 625 [750, 875, 1000] m

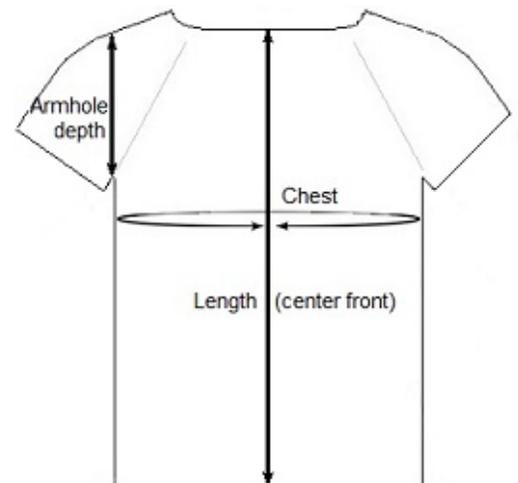
RECOMMENDED NEEDLES

24-29" US #7 (4.5 mm) circular needle for main knitting

24-29" US #5 or 6 (3.75-4 mm) circular needle for edging

Optional US #5 or 6 (3.75-4 mm) straight needles for neckline edging

Optional US #5 or 6 (3.75-4 mm) dp needles for sleeve edging



GAUGE

20 sts/26-28 rows = 4"/10 cm in stockinette stitch with US #7 (4.5 mm) needle

NOTIONS

Stitch markers (5)

Waste yarn to hold sleeve stitches (2 strands 25" / 60 cm each)

Button

Yarn needle

ABBREVIATIONS

k: knit
p: purl
yo: yarn over
st(s): stitch(es)
inc(s): increase(s)
rs: right side
ws: wrong side
k2tog: knit 2 stitches together

p2tog: purl 2 stitches together
kfb: knit 1 st in front and 1 st in back of same st (simple 1 st inc)
m: marker
pm: place marker
rep: repeat
beg: beginning
Rli: knit right lifted increase
Lli: knit left lifted increase

TUTORIAL**YOKE**

Yoke starts with 9 rows, then continues in the round.

Using smaller size needle, cast on 80 [80, 88, 88] sts and work rows:

Set-up row: k.

Row 1 (rs): k2, *yo, k2tog, rep from *, end k1.

Row 2 (ws): k.

Row 3: k across making 8 **simple** incs distributed evenly: k5 [5, 7, 7], kfb, (k9, kfb) 7 times, k to end of row.

Row 4: p.

Row 5: k across making 8 **simple** incs distributed evenly: k6 [6, 8, 8], kfb, (k10, kfb) 7 times, k to end of row.

Row 6: k.

Row 7: k2, *yo, k2tog, rep from * making 8 **yarn-over** incs (yo, k1 *instead of k2tog*) distributed evenly on row, end k1.

Row 8: k.

Stitch count: **104 [104, 112, 112]** sts.

Change to **larger** size circular needle on next row.

Row 9: k18 [18, 20, 20], pm, k16, pm, k36 [36, 40, 40], pm, k16, pm, k18 [18, 20, 20].

Place m and join to work in the **round**.

Round 1: (k to 1 st to m, Rli, k1, sm, k1, Lli) 4 times, k to end.

Round 2: k.

Round 3: (k to 1 st to m, yo, k1, sm, k1, yo) 4 times, k to end.

Round 4: k.

Round 5: (k to 2 sts to m, yo, k2, sm, k2, yo) 4 times, k to end.

Round 6: k.

Rep rounds (3-6) 7 [9, 10, 12] more times.

Next 3 rounds: rep rounds 1, 2, 1.

Next step is dividing for the body and sleeves and joining the back and front on **same round**.

DIVIDING FOR BODY AND SLEEVES*Joining Back and Front*

Next round: *knit to m, remove m, place sleeve sts (*between removed m and next m*) to waste yarn with yarn needle, remove m, cast on **6 [8, 10, 12]** sts (*for underarm*) using backwards loop method**, rep once more from * to **, knit to end of round.

After the back and front are joined, the round counts **160 [180, 200, 220]** sts.



Backwards loop cast on

BODY

Every body section has separate round count.

Middle Body

K next 3"/7.5 cm in the round. Move m for beg of rounds to either center underarm.

On last round of this section, place markers 10 [15, 10, 15] sts before and after each center underarm.

Stitch distribution is 20 [30, 20, 30] sts below each underarm and 60 [60, 80, 80] sts at front/back.

Lower Body

Continue lower body to **hem** in following manner:

Work 20 [30, 20, 30] sts below each underarm in stockinette stitch: k.

At the same time, work 60 [60, 80, 80] sts between markers at front and back (lace panels) in following stitch:

Lace Panel

Round 1: *k1, yo, k7, (p2tog) twice, k7, yo, k1, rep from * to m.

Round 2 and following even rounds: k.

Round 3: *k2, yo, k6, (p2tog) twice, k6, yo, k2, rep from * to m.

Round 5: *k3, yo, k5, (p2tog) twice, k5, yo, k3, rep from * to m.

Round 7: *k4, yo, k4, (p2tog) twice, k4, yo, k4, rep from * to m.

Round 9: *k5, yo, k3, (p2tog) twice, k3, yo, k5, rep from * to m.

Round 11: *k6, yo, k2, (p2tog) twice, k2, yo, k6, rep from * to m.

Round 13: *k7, yo, k1, (p2tog) twice, k1, yo, k7, rep from * to m.

Rep rounds (1-6) 5 times.

Next 14 rounds of lace panel:

Round 1: *k7, yo, k1, (p2tog) twice, k1, yo, k7, rep from * to m.

Round 2 and following even rounds: k.

Round 3: as round 1.

Round 5: *k6, yo, k2, (p2tog) twice, k2, yo, k6, rep from * to m.

Round 7: *k5, yo, k3, (p2tog) twice, k3, yo, k5, rep from * to m.

Round 9: *k4, yo, k4, (p2tog) twice, k4, yo, k4, rep from * to m.

Round 11: *k3, yo, k5, (p2tog) twice, k5, yo, k3, rep from * to m.

Round 13: *k2, yo, k6, (p2tog) twice, k6, yo, k2, rep from * to m.

Change to **smaller** size needle and work **hem** (5 last rounds):

Round 1: p across **entire** round.

Round 2: slip 1 st purl-wise with yarn in back (*for jogless garter stitch*), k sections below underarms and work following pattern between markers at front and back:

*k1, (yo, k1) 3 times, (k2tog) 6 times, k1, (yo, k1) 3 times, rep from * to m.

Round 3: p across entire round.

Round 4: as round 2.

Round 5: k1, p across entire round, p1 as if for following round (*for jogless garter stitch*), then start binding off.

Bind off sts p knit-wise through back loop.

SLEEVES (identical)

Place sleeve sts to **smaller** size circular needle or 2-3 dp needles (*do not pick up underarm sts*) and work **rows**:

For sizes S and M (start on **ws**):

Row 0 (ws): k, k2tog, k to last 3 sts, k2tog, k1.

Row 1 (rs): *yo, k2tog, rep from *, end k1.

Row 2 (ws): k.

Row 3 (rs): k.

Row 4 : p.

Row 5: k.

Row 6 : k.

Row 7: *yo, k2tog, rep from *, end k1.

Row 8: k.

Bind off sts knit-wise through back loop tightly enough on rs.

For sizes L and XL (start on **rs**):

Work 5 rows in stockinette stitch: k on rs and p on ws.

Row 6 (ws): k, k2tog, k to last 3 sts, k2tog, k1.

Row 7 (rs): *yo, k2tog, rep from *, end k1.

Row 8 (ws): k.

Row 9 (rs): k.

Row 10 : p.

Row 11: k.

Row 12 : k.

Row 13: *yo, k2tog, rep from *, end k1.

Row 14: k.

Bind off sts knit-wise through back loop tightly enough on rs.

FINISHING

Wet block the top.

Sew the sleeve seams, joining them partly to the respective underarm edges and partly to each other.

Sew a button on the neckline.

