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#FilcolanaVeronica

Veronica

This top is filled with childhood memories; it's summer, I have bare shoulders and bare legs, I am wearing sandals and my mother knits the finest summer top for me. Veronica is great for a night out on a hot summer evening. It doesn't matter whether you style it with a tulle skirt or denim shorts, because with popcorn and candyfloss you are ready for the next show.

SIZES

S (M) L (XL)

MEASUREMENTS

Chest: 86 (97) 108 (119) cm.

Length without straps: 45 (45) 50 (54) cm.

Length with straps: 51 (51) 56 (60) cm.

Sleeve length: Approx. 8 (8) 11 (11) cm.

GAUGE

26 sts and 42 rows in lace pattern on 3 mm needles
= 10 x 10 cm.

The gauge is measured after washing and blocking.

Needle sizes are for guidance only.

If you have more stitches on 10 cm, change to a larger needle. If you have fewer stitches on 10 cm, change to smaller needles.

MATERIALS

Yarn from Filcolana

200 (200) 250 (250) g Merci in colour 1390 (Salvia)

**Circular needles 2.5 mm and 3 mm, 60-80 cm
2 ea double pointed needles, size 3 mm for the shoulder straps**

Stitch markers

Waste yarn for Italian cast on

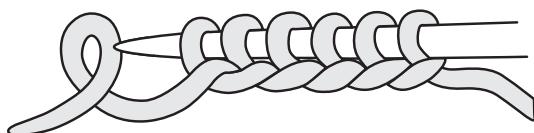
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SPECIAL TECHNIQUES

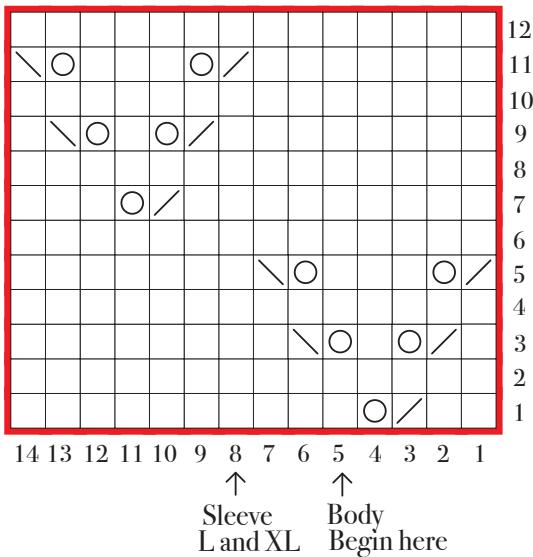
Backward loop cast on

Form a loop with the yarn, so the end attached to the skein of yarn is in front of the end attached to the sts on the needle, insert the right needle through the front of the loop and pull tight so the loop becomes a stitch around the needle.

Repeat until you have the desired number of stitches.



CHART



- Knit on right side, purl on wrong side
- Yarn over
- Knit 2 sts together
- Slip, slip, knit
- Repeat

Workflow

The summer top is knitted in the round, from bottom and up, to the armhole.

Here work is divided and new stitches are cast on for sleeves, which are knitted in extension of the front and the back yoke respectively.

The front and back are bound off in a horizontal line.

Then I-cord shoulder straps are knitted and sewn onto the edges of the front and back respectively.



Pattern

BODY

Begin work with Italian bind off, knit as follows:
With 2.5 mm cast on 113 (127) 141 (155) sts with the waste yarn. Knit 2 rows of stockinette.
Break waste yarn.

Join Merci to work and purl 1 row. Do not turn, but join work and continue in the round.

Purl 2 rounds.

Next round: *p1, insert right needle under the lower bar knit with the main colour 3 rows down (= 1st round of Merci), knit the new st *, repeat from * to * to last st, pick up the last bar and knit it together with the last st = 224 (252) 280 (308) sts.

Next round: P1, place a marker at beginning of round and continue in rib (k1, p1) until ribbing measures 5 cm.

Gently cut off the cast on waste yarn.

Change to 3 mm circular needles.

Knit 1 round.

Continue lace pattern according to chart, start at the arrow and knit till work measures approx. 29.5 (29.5) 33 (36.5) cm, finish with the 5th round of the chart.

Now work is divided, and at the same time you cast on sts for the sleeve. Knit as follows:

Remove start marker, and - in continuation of the sts that are on the right side of the needle - cast on 3 sts with the make 1 increase towards technique. Turn work to wrong side and knit back and forth hereafter.

Next round (WS): Purl 115 (129) 143 (157) sts, cast on 3 sts with the make 1 increase towards technique, turn work.

Work is now divided and you only knit over the newly cast on sts and the sts between those sts, a total of 118 (132) 146 (160) sts.

The remaining sts rest for now.

FRONT

Next row (RS): Follow the 7th row of the chart, cast on 14 sts with make 1 increase towards technique.

Next row: Purl all sts, cast on 14 sts with backward loop cast on technique.

Next row: Follow the 9th row of the chart, cast on 7 (7) 14 (14) sts with backward loop cast on technique.

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You now have 160 (174) 202 (216) sts on your needles.



Follow chart over all sts while knitting the 6 sts in each side as follows:

Only sizes S and M

Next row (RS): slip st as if to knit, k5, knit 11th row of the chart to the last 6 sts, k5, p1.

Next row: Slip st as if to knit, k5, purl to last 6 sts, k5, p1.

Only sizes L and XL

Next row (RS): Slip st as if to knit, k5, knit 11th row of chart (start at the arrow for L and XL) to last 6 sts, k5, p1.

Next row: Slip st as if to knit, k5, purl to last 6 sts, k5, p1.

ALL SIZES

Follow chart and knit the outer 6 sts as indicated above, until work measures 43 (43) 48 (52) cm. Finish with the 12th (12th) 6th (6th) row of the chart.

Work 2 rows of stockinette, and work sleeve edges as before.

Work 10 rows of stockinette, first st is slipped and last st is purled on all rows, finish with a wrong side row.

Bind off with knit sts on next needle.

BACK

With 3 mm needles cast on 3 sts, continue from wrong side of the resting sts and purl those sts, cast on 3 sts with make 1 increase towards technique at the end of the row = 118 (132) 146 (160) sts.

Turn work to right side.

Work the back and finish it just like the front.

SHOULDER STRAPS

With a 2.5 mm dpn cast on 4 sts, do not turn work, *slide the sts to beginning of the needle, so that you can knit the sts from the right side again, tighten the working yarn behind work and knit 4 sts*, repeat from * to * until the strap measures 17 cm.

Knit the 4 sts together.

Knit a second strap similar to the first one.

FINISHING

Sew the lower sleeve seams together with Kitchener sts. Sew the outer st on front and back together, at the very top, and tighten thoroughly.

Measure 19 cm on the top edge and sew the shoulder strap thoroughly onto the front and back. The strap should be positioned approximately in the same place as your bra strap. Place the strap so that it lies vertically on the stockinette edge, approx. 1 cm down, and sew it thoroughly on the inside.

Weave in loose ends thoroughly.

Wash the top according to washing instructions on the labels, and lay it flat to dry on a towel.

