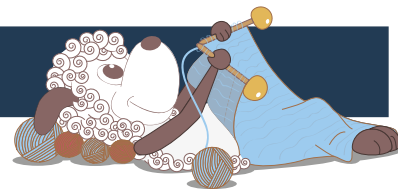


Lotus - a pretty short sleeved blouse



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Lotus is a short-sleeved blouse with a characteristic Nordic pattern on the circular yoke. The lovely floral motif of the pattern is inspired by Lotus flowers, that symbolise pureness of mind and soul.

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Materials

Main colour: 250 (250) 300 (350) g Pernilla by Filcolana in colour 819 (Raindrop melange)
Pattern colour: 50 g (alle str.) Pernilla by Filcolana in colour 101 (Natural White)
3 mm circular needle, 40 cm
3 mm and 3,5 mm circular needle, 80/100 cm
3 mm and 3,5 mm double-pointed needles
Stitch markers

Sizes

S (M) L (XL)

Measurements

Body, chest: 80-86 (86-94) 94-102 (102-110) cm
Top, chest: 88 (96) 104 (112) cm
Sleeve length: 6 (8) 10 (10) cm
Total length: 52 (56) 60 (63) cm
Length to armhole: 28 (30) 32 (34) cm

Gauge

24 sts x 34 rows in stockinette stitch and pattern on 3,5 mm needles = 10 x 10 cm

Special abbreviations

Tbl: Through the back loop.

M1 (Make 1): From the front, lift the horizontal strand between stitches with the left needle and knit through the back loop.



Special techniques

Short rows - GSR (German short rows): Work to where the turn needs to be, turn, then slip the first stitch purl-wise with the yarn held in front. Bring the working yarn up and over the needle and down on the other side, pulling hard enough on the yarn to make the stitch on the needle look like a double stitch (the 2 legs of the stitch are visible). Continue row as pattern describes.

When working across the stitch that looks like a double stitch, work it as 1 stitch, either knitting or purling the 2 legs together, as the pattern describes.

Directions for knitting

The top is worked from the top down. Short rows are worked on the yoke to raise the back. The pattern on the yoke is worked according to the chart, then the work is divided for body and sleeves. The stitches for the sleeves are placed on stitch holders, while the body is worked in the round to the hem. Then the sleeves are worked.

Read before beginning

The pattern has short rows along the back of the yoke to shape the neckline. The top can be worked to your preferred length then finished with the rib edge.

Yoke

Cast on 130 (130) 140 (140) sts for the neck edge on a 3 mm circular needle with the main colour. Join in the round and place a marker for the beginning of the round (mid back).

Knit 1 round, then work 10 (10) 12 (12) rounds in twisted rib: *K1 tbl, p1 *, repeat from * to * to end of round.

Change to a 3,5 mm needle.

Now work short rows to raise the back of the neck as follows:

Short rows 1 (RS): K8, turn (see technique at top of pattern).

Short rows 2 (WS): P16, turn.

Short rows 3: Knit to 10 sts after the last RS turn, turn.

Short rows 4: Purl to 10 sts after the last WS turn, turn.

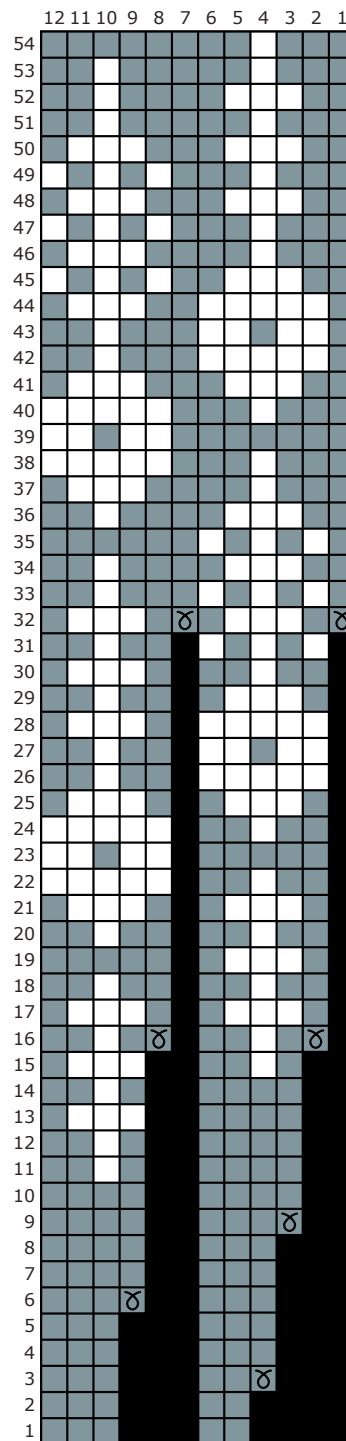
Work Short row 3 and 4 a total of 3 (4) 4 (4) times. Last short row: Knit to beginning of round marker.

Continue in the round and increase 0 (10) 10 (20) sts evenly across the next round. There are now a total of 130 (140) 150 (160) sts on the needle.

Work all rows of the chart. Break pattern colour. There are now a total of 312 (336) 360 (384) sts on the needle.

Work in the round in stockinette stitch until the yoke measures 24 (26) 28 (29) cm mid back.

Chart



- main colour
- contrast colour
- ⌘ M1
- no stitch

Divide the sts for sleeves and body as follows: Knit 47 (51) 55 (60) sts (half back), place the next 62 (66) 70 (72) sts on a stitch holder (sleeve), cast on 12 (12) 12 (14) new sts in extension of the sts on the needle, knit 94 (102) 110 (120) sts (front), place the next 62 (66) 70 (72) sts on a stitch holder (sleeve), cast on 12 (12) 12 (14) new sts in extension of the sts on the needle, knit 47 (51) 55 (60) sts (half back).

Body

Work in the round in stockinette stitch across the 212 (228) 244 (268) sts for the body. Remove beginning of round marker and instead place 2 new markers in the middle of the newly cast on sts under each sleeve. The beginning of the round marker is the marker under the left sleeve.

Work in stockinette stitch until the work measures approx. 24 (26) 28 (29) cm, or desired length before rib.

Change to a 3 mm circular needle and work 14 (14) 14 (16) rounds in twisted rib (k1 tbl, p1).

Bind off in rib.

Sleeves

Place the 62 (66) 70 (72) sts for the first sleeve on 3,5 mm double-pointed needles (or on a long circular needle if using the Magic Loop technique). Pick up and knit 12 (12) 12 (14) sts along the underarm sts on the body. There are now a total of 74 (78) 82 (86) sts on the needle.

Place a marker for beginning of the round in the middle of the picked up underarm sts.

Work 8 (12) 14 (16) rounds in stockinette stitch.

Now work 10 (10) 10 (12) rounds in twisted rib (k1 tbl, p1).

Bind off in rib.

Work the second sleeve the same way as the first.

Finishing

Gently wash the work according to the directions of the yarn label and lay it to dry on a flat surface.

