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Vivienne

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A trip to Paris. Fashion mecca and sidewalk cafes. A moment of calm where everything around you is in motion. Colour impressions that settle on the retina, almost like an obsession, until the vision just has to be knitted. Here in Paris, the idea for a very simple, colourful sweater emerged. A sweater with a feminine boat neck and a long sleeve rib that holds the sleeve in place.

SIZES

S(M)L(XL)

MEASUREMENTS

Chest: 114 (126) 137 (149) cm Length: 56 (57) 57 (59) cm. Sleeve length: 48 (48) 47 (46) cm

GAUGE

smaller needles.

14 sts and 21 rows in stockinette on 7 mm needles = $10 \times 10 \text{ cm}$.

Gauge is measured after washing and blocking the knitting sample.

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

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MATERIALS

Yarn from Filcolana

150 (150) 200 (200) g **Saga** in 254 (Coral) 150 (150) 200 (200) g **Saga** in 196 (French Vanilla) 100 (125) 150 (150) g **Alva** in 370 (Flamingo) 100 (125) 150 (150) g **Alva** in 371 (Hibiscus) 100 (100) 125 (125) g **Paia** in 703 (Gold Shimmer)

The 5 yarns are held together throughout work.

6 and 7 mm circular needles, 80-100 cm. 6 and 7 mm dpns for the sleeves, unless you use magic loop technique on long circular needles.

Extra needle or dpn for knitting the shoulder sts together

Stitch markers Stitch holders





Technical

SPECIAL TECHNIQUES

Knitting shoulder seams together (with 3 needle bind off)

Place back and front piece shoulder sts with the two right sides facing each other. Wrong sides turn outwards. With an extra needle/dpn knit the sts together as follows: *Insert the right needle knitwise into first st on the first needle and then into the first st on the needle behind, knit the 2 sts together*. Repeat from * to * once more, slip the first st on your right hand needle over the other, as you would with normal bind off**. Bind off sts as you knit them. Repeat from * to ** until all sts are bound off.

Workflow

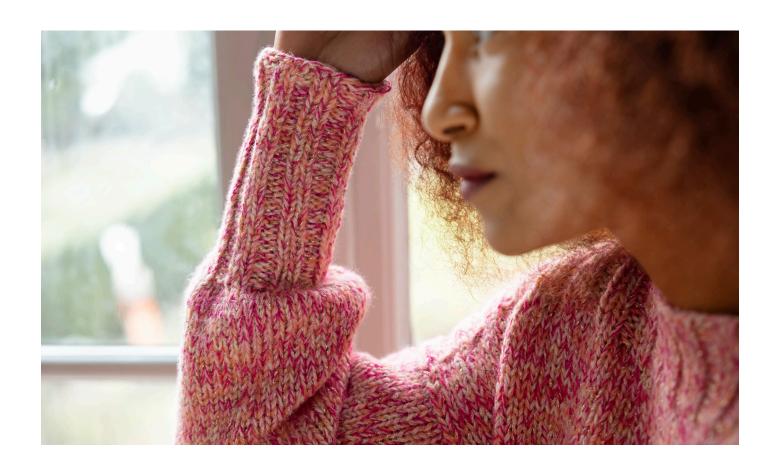
The blouse is knitted from bottom and up.

First the body is knit in the round till the armholes.

Then work is divided and the back and the front are knitted separately.

The shoulder seams are knitted together, and at the end sts are picked up along the armholes.

The sleeves are then knitted top down.





Pattern

BODY

With 6 mm circular needles and 1 string of each yarn held together cast on 160 (176) 192 (208) sts.

Join work in the round and place a startmarker at beginning of round.

Be careful for the sts not to twist around your needles when joining work in the round.

Knit rib like this: p1, *k2, p2*, repeat from * to * to the last 3 sts, k2, p1.

Continue like this, until rib measures 5 cm.

Change to 7 mm circular needles.

Continue in stockinette (knit all sts on every round), until work measures 38 (39) 38 (38) cm.

Now work is divided into back piece and front pieces as follows:



FRONT

Knit 80 (88) 96 (104) sts, turn work and let the remaining sts rest for now.

Continue in stockinette (knit on right side, purl on wrong side) over these 80 (88) 96 (104) sts, until work measures 12 (12) 13 (15) cm from where it was divided, finish with a wong side row.

Next row (RS): k1, * k2, p2*, repeat from * to * to the last 3 sts, k3.

Next row: p1, *p2, k2*, repeat from * to * to the last 3 sts, k3.

Repeat these 2 rows, until the rib measures 6 cm, finish with a wrong side row.

Next row (RS): Knit 23 (27) 31 (33) sts of rib, bind off the next 34 (34) 34 (38) sts as sts indicate, knit 23 (27) 31 (33) sts of rib.

Break yarn and let the shoulder sts rest for now on separate stitch holders.

BACK

Join yarn to the resting back sts and knit all sts on the right side.

Knit back as the front.

Knit the shoulders together using 3 needle bind off as described in Special techniques.

Knit second shoulder together accordingly

SLEEVES

With 6 mm needles pick up sts along the right side of the armhole, begin at the bottom of the armhole and pick up 1 st where the back and the front were separated, then pick up 25 (25) 27 (29) sts along the shoulder seam, pick up 1 st in the shoulder seam itself, and pick up 25 (25) 27 (29) sts along the second part of the armhole = 52 (52) 56 (60) sts in total.

Change to 7 mm needles.

Knit stockinette in the round until sleeve measures 29 (29) 28 (27) cm from the armhole.

Only sizes S, M, and XL

Next round: Knit 2 (2) - (2) sts, *k2tog*, repeat from



* to * to last 2(2) - (2) sts, knit 2(2) - (2) sts = 28(28) - (32) sts.

Only size L

Next round: k2tog, k2tog, *k2tog, k1, k2tog*, repeat from * to * to last 7 sts, k2tog, k2tog, k1, k2tog = 32 sts.

All sizes

Change to 6 mm needles.

Continue in rib (k2, p2) until rib edge measures 18 cm.

Be careful to measure the edge correctly by pulling the ribbing over your wrist so that the it is stretched out in width.

Bind off loosely as sts indicate.

Knit second sleeve the same way.

FINISHING

Weave in all loose ends.

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

