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Tribini

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The Danish clown Tribini was recognized for his magic tricks and legendary welcome speeches when he greeted people at the circus tent entrance:

“Highly praised lords, counts, wardrobes, sciences, marriages and devils - all are welcome. Thick and thin. Wide and flat. Rollers, fools and Santas. Jumping Jacks and garbage men. Farmers and jellyfish. Full satisfaction or the money is wasted.”

SIZES

S (M) L (XL) 2XL

MEASUREMENTS

Fits chest sizes: 78- 82 (82-88) 88-96 (96-104)
104-112 cm

Chest: 86 (92) 100 (108) 116 cm

Length: Approx. 53 (55) 57 (59) 59 cm

Length measured from armhole: 32 (33) 34 (35)
35 cm

GAUGE

24 sts and 33 rows in stockinette on 3.5 mm needles
= 10 x 10 cm.

Needle sizes are for guidance only. If you have more sts on 10 cm, change to a larger needle. If you have fewer sts on 10 cm, change to smaller needles.

MATERIALS

Yarn from Filcolana

Colour A (main colour):

50 (100) 100 (100) 100 g Saga in cl. 303 (Sea Glass)
and

50 (75) 75 (75) 100 g Alva in cl. 281 (Rime Frost)

Colour B:

50 (50) 50 (50) 50 g Saga in cl. 120 (Camie) and
25 (50) 50 (50) 50 g Alva in cl. 225 (Christmas Red)

Colour C:

25 g (all sizes) Paia in cl. 703 (Gold Shimmer)

Colours A and B are worked with one strand of each yarn held together.

Colour C (Paia) is 2 Paia strings held together.

3 mm circular needles, 40 and 80 cm

3.5 mm circular needles, 80 cm

Stitch markers or contrast coloured thread



Technique

SPECIAL ABBREVIATIONS

M1L

Right slanted increase. (From right side)

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

Sl1 k1 psso

Slip 1 st knitwise, knit 1 st, and pass the slipped st over the knitted st (1 st decrease).

K2tog

Knit 2 stitches together.

Workflow

Tribini is knitted from the bottom up in one piece.

It has decreases in each side in order to shape the waist and give the top a beautiful fit.

When the desired length of the body has been reached, divide the work into front piece and back, which are knitted and finished individually.

Finally, pick up stitches in neckline and armhole, respectively, and finish work with edges in twisted rib.

To shape the beautiful rounded finish of the rib edges, start with Italian cast on and finish with Italian bind off.





Pattern

Stripe pattern

8 rounds with colour A
 2 rounds with colour C
 4 rounds with colour B
 2 rounds with colour C
 Repeat these 16 rounds throughout work.

BODY

Italian cast on:

Cast on 107 (117) 125 (135) 145 sts with the scrap yarn on 3 mm circular needles.

Knit stockinette over 2 rows. Break the scrap yarn. Join colour A (one string of each quality) to work and purl one row. Do not turn work, but join work and continue in the round. Purl 2 rounds.

Next round: *P1, insert right needle under the lower bar knitted with colour A, 3 rows down (= 1st row with colour A) and knit the st*, repeat from * to *, until you have 1 st left, pick up the last bar and knit this st together with the last st = 212 (232) 248 (268) 288 sts. The Italian cast on is now done.



Next round: P1, place start marker and continue in the round with twisted rib (k1 tbl, p1).

Knit twisted rib until the rib measures 6 cm.

Gently cut off the scrap yarn.

Next round: Knit 106 (116) 124 (134) 144 sts in twisted rib, place a side marker, knit twisted rib over remaining sts.

Change to 3.5 mm needles and begin stripe pattern, while **AT THE SAME TIME** decreasing for the waist as follows:

Knit 2 (3) 3 (4) 4 cm stockinette.

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Next round (decrease round): K1, k2tog, knit to last 3 sts before marker, sl1 k1 psso, k2, k2tog, knit to 3 sts before marker, sl1 k1 psso, k1.

Knit 4 (4) 5 (5) 5 cm stockinette.

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Repeat from * to * an additional 2 times = 200 (220) 236 (256) 276 sts.

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Next round (increase round): K1, M1L, knit to 1 st before marker, M1L, k2, M1L, knit to 1 st before marker, M1L, k1.

Knit stockinette for 4 (4) 5 (5) 5 cm.

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Repeat from * to * one more time, then repeat the increase round once more = 212 (232) 248 (268) 288 sts.

Continue knitting stockinette in the round until work measures 32 (33) 34 (35) 35 cm.

Now work is divided into back and front.

Each part is knitted and finished separately like this:

Next round: Bind off the first 6 (7) 8 (8) 9 sts, knit to last 6 (7) 8 (8) 9 sts before marker, bind off the next 12 (14) 16 (16) 18 sts, knit to last 6 (7) 8 (8) 9 sts, bind off those sts and break yarn.

Let the remaining knitted sts rest on a stitch holder



and continue working the 94 (102) 108 (118) 126 sts of the front flat.

FRONT

Join yarn to right side of work and bind off 3 sts in the beginning of the next 2 rows, then 2 sts in the beginning of the next 2 rows = 84 (92) 98 (108) 116 sts.

Next row (RS): K2, sl1 k1 pssso, knit to last 4 sts, k2tog, k2.

Next row: Purl all sts.

Knit the last 2 rows 4 (5) 6 (6) 7 times in total.

You now have 76 (82) 86 (96) 102 sts.

Continue knitting stockinette flat until work measures 11 (12) 13 (14) 14 cm from the beginning of the armhole, finish with a wrong side row.

NECK

Next row (RS): Knit 31 (33) 35 (39) 41 sts, bind off the next 14 (16) 16 (18) 20 sts, knit remaining sts.

Now the front is divided in two and finished separately.

Right side

Next row (WS): Purl all sts.

Then bind off 4 (4) 4 (6) 6 sts towards the neckline on every right side row once, 3 (3) 3 (3) 3 sts once, 2 (2) 2 (2) 2 sts once and 1 (1) 1 (1) 1 sts twice.

Continue the stockinette until armhole measures 21 (22) 23 (24) 24 cm from the lowest part of the armhole, finish with a wrong side row.

Break yarn and let the remaining 20 (22) 24 (26) 28 sts rest for now on a stitch holder.

Left side

Join yarn to wrong side and finish left side as the right side, only binding off towards the neckline on wrong side rows.

BACK

Slip the back sts onto your needles, join yarn on right side of work and bind off for armholes in the same way as on the front.



Continue knitting stockinette till 6 rows before the shoulder height of the front, finish with a wrong side row.

Next row (RS): Knit 28 (30) 32 (35) 37 sts, bind off the next 20 (22) 22 (26) 28 sts, knit remaining sts.

Now complete the shoulders individually.

Left shoulder

Next row (WS): Purl all sts.

Now bind off the following sts towards the neckline on every right side, first 4 sts once, then 4 (4) 4 (5) 5 sts once = 20 (22) 24 (26) 28 sts.

Knit the shoulder sts together with the front piece shoulder sts using the 3-needle bind off method, knit as follows:

Slip the left front shoulder sts onto a cable needle or new needle. Hold the left shoulder sts of the back and the left front shoulder sts, the two right sides facing each other, in your left hand. Wrong sides turn outwards. *Insert the right needle knitwise into 1st st on the front and then into the 1st st on the back, 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. Break yarn.

Right shoulder

Join yarn to wrong side of work, and bind off on every wrong side row as on the left side.

Knit the right shoulder sts together with the front right shoulder sts using the 3-needle bind off as on left side.

NECKLINE

From the middle of the back of the neck and with 3 mm needles and colour C, pick up 126 (128) 128 (134) 134 sts along the right side of the neckline. Join work in the round and purl one round.

Break yarn and change to colour B.

Knit twisted rib for 3 cm (k1 tbl, p1).

Bind off using Italian bind off technique like this:

Measure a tail at least 3 times the length to be bound off. Thread tail onto a tapestry needle.

1. Insert tapestry needle into the first 2 sts on left needle as if to purl, pull the yarn through.
 2. From behind work insert needle between 2nd and 3rd st. Pull needle and yarn to front of work.
 3. Insert tapestry needle through the 3rd st, from front and out on the back.
 4. Insert tapestry needle from front into the first 2 sts as if to knit them together, slip both sts off needle.
 5. From the front insert tapestry needle - from right to left - into the front leg of the 2nd st (knit st), pull yarn through.
 6. Insert tapestry needle into 1st st as if to purl, slip st off needle.
- Repeat steps 2-6 until you have 1 purl st left on your left needle.

Finish:

7. From right side insert needle, from right to left, into the first bound off st, pull yarn through.
 8. Knit as step 6.
- All sts are bound off. Weave in ends thoroughly.

SLEEVE EDGES

From the middle of the armhole and with 3 mm needles and colour B pick up 141 (149) 157 (165) 165 sts along the right side of the armhole, **AT THE SAME TIME** place a marker after the first 3 sts and before the last 3 sts of the round. Join work and continue in the round.

The 6 middle sts are now marked; these 6 sts are knitted on all rounds.

1st round: K3, *p1, k1 tbl*, repeat from * to * to last st before marker, p1, k2.

2nd round: K3, k2tog tbl, knit rib as pattern indicates to 2 sts before the marker, sl1 k1 pssso, k2.

Repeat rounds 1 and 2 until the rib edge measures 3 cm, decreases are knitted as they fit into the ribbing pattern.

Bind off with Italian bind off as on the neckline.

Knit the second sleeve the same way.

FINISHING

Weave in all loose ends.

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