Here Comes The Sun

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After a long cold winter, the sun peeks its head out and you can finally wear short sleeves again and let the sun kiss your skin. Here Comes the Sun with all its lovely details is designed with days like these in mind, with thoughts of lightness and sunshine. You can choose to knit the T-shirt on its own, or you can combine it with the Strawberry Fields skirt for a matching summer set.

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Materials

200 (200) 250 (250) 300 (350) 400 g Merci by Filcolana in colour 614 (Strawberry Daiquiri) 3 mm circular needle, 60-80 cm 2,5 mm circular needle, 40 cm and 60-80 cm Stitch markers

Contrast coloured sewing thread

Sizes

XS (S) M (L) XL (2XL) 3XL

Measurements

Body, chest: 80-87 (88-93) 94-99 (100-107) 108-116

(117-126) 127-136) cm

Top, chest: 94 (101) 108 (115) 128 (139) 151 cm Total length: 46 (47) 49 (51) 54 (57) 60 cm

Gauge

26 sts and 34 rows in stockinette stitch on 3 mm needles = 10×10 cm.

Special abbreviations

M1R (Make 1 Right): from the back, lift the horizontal strand between stitches with the left needle and knit through the front loop.

M1L (Make 1 Left): from the front, lift the horizontal strand between stitches with the left needle and knit through the back loop.





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 $\underline{\mathsf{Sk2p}}$: Slip 1 stitch knit-wise, k2tog, pass slipped stitch over.

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 design is worked from the top down. First the pattern panel at the top of the back is worked, then the rest of the back yoke is worked to the bottom of the armholes. After this, stitches are picked up and knitted at either end of the back cast-on edge for the front shoulders. Short rows are worked to create good fit and a slope to the shoulders, then increases are worked to shape the rounded neckline. The two shoulders are joined for the front yoke, which is worked to the bottom of the armholes. Then front and back are joined for the body, which is worked in the round to the folded hem. Stitches are then picked up



and knitted along the armholes and the sleeves are worked with a pattern border and a folded stockinette stitch edge. Finally, a rib neck edge is knitted on, folded and knitted together, then bound off.

Back

Cast on 119 (128) 137 (146) 161 (176) 191 sts on a 3 mm circular needle. Purl 1 row from the WS. Now begin the pattern panel:

Row 1 (**RS**): K1, *sk2p, yarn over*, repeat from * to * to the last 4 sts, sk2p, k1. There are now a total of 118 (127) 136 (145) 160 (175) 190 sts on the needle.

Row 2: Purl to end of row.

Row 3: K2, *yarn over, sk2p*, repeat from * to * to the last 2 sts, yarn over, k2. There are now a total of 119 (128) 137 (146) 161 (176) 191 sts on the needle.

Row 4: Purl to end of row.

Work Row 1 to 4 a total of 7 times (the pattern panel now measures approx. 8 cm).

Continue in stockinette stitch until the work measures 21 (22) 23 (24) 25 (26) 27 cm. Place the sts on a stitch holder and let the rest, while the front is being worked.

Left shoulder

Pick up and knit 40 (44) 47 (49) 54 (60) 66 sts along the left side of the back cast on edge using the short end of the working yarn. Count 40 (44) 47 (49) 54 (60) 66 sts in the from the left side along the cast-on edge and begin picking up sts from here. Slide the sts to the opposite end of the needle, so the first row can be worked from the RS with the long end of the working yarn as follows:

Row 1 (RS): Knit to the last 5 sts, turn.

Row 2: GSR, purl to end of row.

Row 3: Knit to 5 (5) 5 (6) 6 (7) 7 sts before last turn, turn.

Row 4: GSR, purl to end of row.

Repeat Row 3 and 4 until a total of 7 short row turns have been worked. Knit the 2 legs of the "double sts" together on the next RS row.

Work 18 (18) 20 (20) 22 (22) 24 rows in stockinette stitch. End on a RS row.

Now work increases for the neck:

Row 1 (WS): Purl to the last st, M1L, p1.

Row 2: Knit to end of row.

Repeat Row 1 and 2 a total of 12 (12) 13 (14) 15 (16) 17 times. There are now a total of 52 (56) 60 (63) 69 (76) 83 sts on the needle. Break the yarn. Place the sts on a stitch holder and let the rest, while the right shoulder is being worked.

Right shoulder

Pick up and knit 40 (44) 47 (49) 54 (60) 66) sts along the right side of the back cast on edge using the long end of the working yarn and beginning at the right edge.

Row 1 (WS): Purl to the last 5 sts, turn.

Row 2: GSR, knit to end of row.

Row 3: Purl to 5 (5) 5 (6) 6 (7) 7 sts before last turn, turn.

Row 4: GSR, knit to end of row.

Repeat Row 3 and 4 until a total of 7 short row turns have been worked. Purl the 2 legs of the "double sts" together on the next WS row.

Work 18 (18) 20 (20) 22 (22) 24 rows in stockinette stitch. End on a WS row.

Now work increases for the neck:

Row 1 (RS): Knit to the last stitch on the needle, M1L, 1 r.

Row 2: Purl to end of row.

Repeat Row 1 and 2 a total of 12 (12) 13 (14) 15 (16) 17 times. There are now a total of 52 (56) 60 (63) 69 (76) 83 sts on the needle.

Front

Now join the right and left shoulder for the front. Begin by placing the left shoulder sts back on the needle.

Now work as follows (RS): Knit across the sts for the right shoulder, cast on 15 (16) 17 (20) 23 (24) 25 sts in extension of the sts for the right shoulder using the backward loop method, knit across the sts for the left shoulder. There are now a total of (119 (128) 137 (146) 161 (176) 191 sts on the needle.

Work back and forth in stockinette stitch until the front measures 21 (22) 23 (24) 25 (26) 27 cm measured from where the sts were picked up and knitted for the shoulders. End on a WS row.

Body

Now join the front and back for the body. Begin by placing the back sts back on the needle.

Now work as follows (RS): Knit across the 119 (128) 137 (146) 161 (176) 191 sts for the front, cast on 3 (3) 3 (3) 6 (6) 6 sts in extension of the front sts using the backward loop method, knit across the sts for the back, cast on 3 (3) 3 (3) 6 (6) 6 sts in extension of the back sts using the backward loop method. There are now a total of 244 (262) 280 (298) 334 (364) 394 sts on the needle.

<u>Size XS (S) M (L)</u>: Join in the round and place a marker for the beginning of the round after the first of the 3 cast on sts at the underarm.

<u>Size XL (2XL) 3XL</u>: Join in the round and place a marker for the beginning of the round after the first 3 of the 6 cast on sts at the underarm.

Now work in the round in stockinette sts until the work measures 42 (43) 45 (47) 50 (53) 56 cm measured mid back.

Knit the next round holding a contrast-coloured sewing thread along with the yarn. This will make it easier to locate the correct round when knitting to-



gether and binding off the folded edge. Work 8 more cm in stockinette stitch.

Now fold the last 8 cm double towards the WS, so the sts on the needle are parallel to the round knitted with the sewing thread.

Now knit together the edge while at the same time binding off the sts as follows:

Knit the first stitch on the needle together with the first stitch of the round with the sewing thread. Knit the next stitch on the needle together with the next stitch of the round with the sewing thread. Pass the first stitch over the second to bind it off, while at the same time pulling the sewing thread out of this stitch. Take care not to bind off too tightly of too loosely. Continue in the round as established until all the sts have been bound off. Break the yarn and weave in all ends.

Sleeves

Pick up and knit a total of 123 (129) 135 (141) 147 (153) 159 sts around the armhole as follows: Pick up and knit 3 (3) 3 (3) 5 (5) 5 sts along the backward loop cast on sts at the underarm, pick up and knit 60 (63) 66 (69) 71 (74) 77 sts on either side of the shoulder seam (approx. 3/4 of the sts along the stockinette stitch section and 4/5 of the sts along the pattern panel sts). Join in the round and place a marker for the beginning of the round.

Work pattern border as follows:

Round 1: *Sk2p, yarn over*, repeat from * to * to end of round.

Round 2: Knit to end of round.

Round 3: K1, *yarn over, sk2p*, repeat from * to * to the last 2 sts, yarn over, sk2p (the last decrease

includes the first stitch of the next round. For this reason, the marker must be removed while working the decrease and replaced between the sts after). **Round 4:** Knit to end of round.

Work Round 1 - 4 a total of 4 times. Then work Round 1 and 2 once more (the pattern border now measures 5 cm).

Now work folded stockinette stitch edge as follows: Change to a 2,5 mm needle and work 10 rounds in stockinette stitch, knitting the first round holding a contrast-coloured sewing thread along with the yarn the same as for the hem.

Now fold the stockinette stitch section double towards the WS, so the sts on the needle are parallel to the round knitted with the sewing thread. Now knit together the edge while at the same time binding off the sts the same as for the hem. Break the yarn and weave in all ends.

Work the second sleeve the same way as the first.

Neck edge

Pick up and knit a total of 144 (146) 160 (172) 186 (194) 208 sts around the neck opening using a 2,5 mm circular needle as follows: Begin at the right side of the back of the neck, pick up and knit 39 (40) 43 (48) 53 (56) 59 sts along the back neck edge, 24 (24) 27 (27) 29 (29) 32 sts along the straight section of the left front neck edge, 21 (21) 23 (25) 26 (28) 30 sts along the slanted section of the left front neck edge, 15 (16) 17 (20) 23 (24) 25 sts along the straight section mid front, 21 (21) 23 (25) 26 (28) 30 sts along the slanted section of the right front neck edge, 24 (24) 27 (27) 29 (29) 32 sts along the straight section of the right front edge. Join in the round and place a marker for the begin-

ning of the round. Work in the round in rib (k1, p1) until the neck edge

work in the round in rib (k1, p1) until the neck edge measures 4 cm.

Fold the rib edge double towards the WS, so the sts on the needle are parallel to the round where sts were picked up. Now knit together the edge while at the same time binding off the sts the same as for the body and sleeves. (Alternatively the edge can be bound off the normal way and then sewn together). Break the yarn and weave in all ends.

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