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Linedanser

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This fine summer top is inspired by a line dancer costume from the beginning of the 20th century. It is knitted top down with a European shoulder seam that drapes nicely on the back. The construction also means that it is a little longer at the back than at the front. The top is a little short, so it fits well with a pair of shorts or a skirt.

SIZES

2 yrs/92 cl (4 yrs/104 cl) 6 yrs/116 cl (8 yrs/128 cl)

MEASUREMENTS

Fits chest sizes: 53-56 (57-60) 61-66 (67-70) cm

Chest: 63 (69) 74 (80) cm Length: 31 (34) 38 (42) cm

GAUGE

29 sts and 42 rows in stockinette on 2.5 mm needles = $10 \times 10 \text{ cm}$.

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

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Circular needle 2.5 mm, 60 cm and 80 cm Double pointed needles 2.5 mm (unless you use magic loop technique and long circular needle)

2.5 mm crochet needle

Stitch markers or contrast coloured thread

1 button (approximately 8-10 mm)



Techniques

SPECIAL ABBREVIATIONS

Edge st

K1, first and last st on every needle is knitted.

M₁R

Left slanted increase as seen from right side. From the back, lift the horizontal strand between the two stitches with the left needle and knit through the front loop (1 st increase).

M₁PR

Right slanted increase as seen on right side The M1PR is knitted after the marker. With the left needle pick up the strand between the 2 sts, from back to front. Purl through the front loop.

M₁L

Right slanted increase as seen 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).

M₁PL

Left slanted increase as seen from right side. The M1PL is worked before the marker. With the left needle pick up the strand between 2 sts from front to back. Purl though the back loop.

Sl1 k1 psso

Slip 1 st purlwise, knit 1 st, and pass the slipped st over the knitted st.

CHART

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Workflow

The Linedanser top is knitted from top to bottom.

First knit the two back parts, which are joined into one piece and knitted flat to the armhole.

Then stitches for the two fronts are picked up in the shoulder sts of each back piece and knitted separately.

The front pieces are then assembled into one piece that is worked flat to the armhole.

All parts are then assembled into a body which is worked in the round.

Finally, stitches are picked up along the armholes and the sleeves knitted. The button closure on the back is crocheted onto the top at the end.



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Pattern

YOKE

Left part of the back

With 2.5 mm needles cast on 19 (19) 23 (23) sts. Work is knitted flat on circular needles.

1strow (WS): Purl 16 (16) 20 (20) sts, place marker, p2 (shoulder sts), k1 (edge st).

Knit back and forth in stockinette and increase after the marker on the right side and before the marker on the wrong side as follows:

Next row (RS): K1 (edge st), k2, slip marker, M1L, knit remaining sts.

Next row: Purl to marker, M1PL, slip marker, p2, k1 (edge st).

Repeat these 2 rows until you have worked increases a total of 29 (33) 33 (37) times, last row is a right side row = 48 (52) 56 (60) sts.

Break yarn and let the left back sts rest on a stitch holder for now.



Right part of the back

With 2.5 mm needles cast on 19 (19) 23 (23) sts. Work is knitted flat on circular needles.

1st row (WS): K1 (edge st), p2 (shoulder sts), place marker, purl remaining sts.

Knit back and forth in stockinette and increase before the marker on the right side and after the marker on the wrong side as follows:

Next row (WS): Knit to marker, M1R, slip marker, k2, k1 (edge st).

Next row: K1 (edge st), p2, slip marker, M1PR, purl remaining sts.

Repeat these 2 rows until you have made increases 29 (33) 33 (37) times in total, last row is a right side row = 48 (52) 56 (60) sts.

Do not break yarn.

The back parts are assembled, as follows:

Place the right and left back sts on same needle and knit stockinette back and forth over all sts. Knit as follows: **Next row (wrong side):** Bind off 3 sts, purl remaining sts, slip the resting sts of the left part of the back onto the needle and purl those sts.

Next row: Bind off 3 sts and knit remaining sts = 90 (98) 106 (114) sts.

Continue in stockinette (first and last st are knitted as edge sts) until sleeve measures 8 (9) 10 (11) cm from the bound off shoulder sts, finish with a wrong side row.

Break yarn and let the sts rest on a stitch holder.

RIGHT FRONT

Place the back in front of you with the right side facing upwards, and with 2.5 mm needles pick up 29 (33) 33 (37) sts along the shoulder sts to your right.

Next row (WS): P2 (neckline edge), place marker, purl to last st, k1 (edge st).

Continue knitting stockinette until work measures 2 cm from the cast on edge, finish with a wrong side row.

Continue in stockinette while at the same time making



increases for the neck as follows:

Next row (right side): Knit to marker, M1R, slip marker, k2.

Make increases on every right side row a total of 16 (16) 20 (20) times, last row is a right side row = 45 (49) 53 (57) sts.

Break yarn and let the sts rest on a stitch holder.

LEFT FRONT

Place the back in front of you with right side facing upwards, and with 2.5 mm needles pick up 29 (33) 33 (37) sts along the shoulder sts to your left.

Next row (WS): K1 (edge st), purl 26 (30) 31 (34) sts, place marker, p2 (neckline edge).

Continue knitting stockinette until work measures 2 cm from the cast on edge, make your last row a wrong side row.

Continue in stockinette while at the same time making increases for the neck as follows:

Next row (RS): K2, slip marker, M1L, knit remaining sts.

Make increases on every right side row a total of 16 (16) 20 (20) times, make your last row a right side row = 45 (49) 53 (57) sts.

The front pieces are assembled, as follows:

Do not break yarn but join right and left front on the same needle like this:

Next row (WS): K1 (edge st), purl remaining sts, place the resting right front sts onto the needle and purl to last st, k1 (edge st) = 90 (98) 106 (114) sts.

Continue knitting stockinette over all sts until the front measures 17 (18) 19 (20) cm from the picked up sts, finish with a wrong side row.

BODY

Now the front and the back are assembled like this: **Nextrow (RS):** K2tog, knit to last 2 sts on the front, sl1 k1 psso, place the resting back sts onto the needle, k2tog, knit to last 2 sts, sl1 k1 psso = 176 (192) 208 (224) sts.

Continue stockinette in the round until work measures 25 (28) 32 (36) cm from the middle of the back.

Now follow pattern chart and repeat the 12 rows of the chart twice.

Purl 1 round.

Bind off with knit sts on next round.

SLEEVES

Place work flat in front of you. With 2.5 mm needles, and starting from the lowest part of the armhole on the right side, pick up 64 (72) 80 (88) sts along the armhole

Distribute sts evenly between the front and the back of the armhole.

Knit stockinette for 2 rounds. Then knit the 12 rounds of the chart.

Purl 1 round.
Bind off with knit sts on next round.

Knit second sleeve the same way.

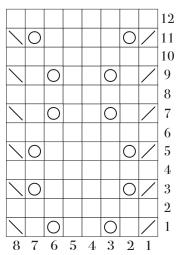
FINISHING

Weave in all loose ends.

With 2.5 mm crochet needle crochet a loop of 7-9 chain sts. Sew the loop onto the top of the back at the slit. Sew in the buttons.

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

CHART.



Knit on right side, purl on wrong side
Yarn over
/ Knit 2 sts together

∖ Slip, slip, knit