Sally - a soft and light blouse

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This blouse is soft and light like a springtime cloud. The delicate lace pattern at the neckline is one of the simplest, but it always looks so elegant and feminine. Even though the blouse has an oversize fit, the almost vertical raglan and the many increases just below the neckline creates a flattering shape that accentuates the curves of the body beautifully.

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Materials

200 (200) 225 (250) g Tilia by Filcolana in colour 281 (Rime Frost)
3,5 mm and 5 mm circular needle, 80 cm
No. 3 crochet hook
Stitch markers
Stitch holders
3 buttons

Sizes

S (M) L (XL)

Measurements

Body, chest: 80-89 (90-96) 97-106 (107-116) cm

Blouse, chest: 103 (111) 121 (131) cm Total length: 52 (53) 55 (57) cm Sleeve length: 32 (32) 33 (33) cm

Gauge

18 sts and 23 rows in stockinette stitch on 5 mm needles = 10×10 cm

Directions for knitting

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The blouse is worked from the top down. First the neck edge is worked back and forth in the eyelet pattern. Then the work is joined in the round and the





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yoke is worked with raglan increases. The body and sleeve are also worked in the round. Finally, button loops are knitted along the side of the neck edge.

Special abbreviations

<u>Kfb (increase)</u>: Knit into the front and then the back of the same stitch.

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

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

Neck edge

Cast on 90 (94) 98 (104) sts with 2 strands of Tilia held together on a 3,5 mm circular needle, making sure there is a 1 m long tail left over after the caston. Work back and forth on the circular needle. Knit 3 rows. End on a WS row.

Row 4 (RS): K1, *k2tog, yarn over*, repeat from * to * to the last stitch, k1.

Row 5: K1, purl to the last stitch, k1.

Row 6: K1, *yarn over, k2tog*, repeat from * to * to the last stitch, k1.

Row 7: K1, purl to the last stitch, k1.

Rows 8 - 11: Knit to end of row.

Size S, L and XL

Row 12: Knit 4 (-) 4 (2) sts, *M1L, k4*, repeat from * to * to the last 2 sts, M1L, k2. There are now a total of 112 (-) 122 (130) sts on the needle

Size M

Row 12: Knit - (4) - (-) sts, *M1L, k4*, repeat from * to * to the last 2 sts, k2. There are now a total of - (116) - (-) sts on the needle

All sizes

Row 13: K1, purl to the last stitch, k1.

Work Row 4-11 once more.

(Size M: Note that pattern row 4 and 6 end with k2.)

Knit 1 row.

Next row (WS): *Kfb*, repeat from * to * to end of

Backward loop cast-on

Form a loop with the yarn, so the end attached to the skein of yarn is in front of the end attached to the sts on the needle, insert the right needle through the front of the loop and pull tight so the loop becomes a stitch around the needle. Repeat until you have the desired number of stitches.





row. There are now a total of 224 (232) 244 (260) sts on the needle

Change to a 5 mm circular needle.

Knit 1 row. Do not turn the work, but join it in the round with the RS out and place a marker for the beginning of the round.

Knit 1 round.

Next round (markers): Knit 33 (35) 37 (41) sts (half back), knit and mark next stitch (raglanm), knit 44 (44) 46 (46) sts (sleeve), knit and mark next stitch (raglanm), knit 66 (70) 74 (82) sts (front), knit and mark next stitch (raglanm), knit 44 (44) 46 (46) sts (sleeve), knit and mark next stitch (raglanm), knit 33 (35) 37 (41) sts (half back).

Knit 1 round.

Next round (raglan increases): *Knit to marked stitch, M1R, k1, M1L*, repeat from * to * a total of 4 times, knit to end of round.

Knit 4 (3) 3 (3) rounds without increases.

Continue as established, working raglan increases every 5th (4th) 4th (4th) round until a total of 10 (12) 14 (15) raglan increase rounds have been worked. There are now 86 (94) 102 (112) sts on front and back and 64 (68) 74 (76) sts on each sleeve.

Body

Now divide the sts into sleeve and body as follows: **Next round:** Knit to marked stitch, knit marked stitch, slip the next 64 (68) 74 (76) sts (sleeve) to a stitch holder, cast on 5 (4) 5 (6) sts in extension of

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the sts on the needle using the backward loop method, knit to marked stitch, knit marked stitch, slip the next 64 (68) 74 (76) sts (sleeve) to a stitch holder, cast on 5 (4) 5 (6) sts in extension of the sts on the needle using the backward loop method, knit to end of round. There are now a total of 186 (200) 218 (240) sts on the needle

Continue in the round in stockinette stitch until the body measures 24 (25) 25 (25) cm from the bottom of the armhole, while decreasing 0 (0) 1 (0) stitch evenly across the last round. There are now a total of 186 (200) 217 (240) sts on the needle Change to a 3,5 mm circular needle.

Next round: Knit 2 (0) 0 (0) sts, *knit 3 (3) 3 (3) sts, k2tog*, repeat from * to * to last 4 (0) 2 (0) sts, 4 (0) 2 (0) r. There are now a total of 150 (160) 174 (192) sts on the needle Work 6 cm in rib (k1, p1).

Break the yarn so there is a tail approx. 3 times the length of the circumference of the rib and bind off using a sewn Italian bind-off as follows:

- **1.** Insert the needle through the 1st stitch on the left needle as if to purl.
- **2.** Insert the needle between the 1st and 2nd stitch from WS to RS.
- **3.** Insert the needle through the 2nd stitch as if to knit from RS to WS.
- **4.** Insert the needle through the 1st stitch as if to knit and let the stitch fall off the needle.
- **5.** Insert needle through front leg of the 2nd stitch, from RS to WS and from right to left.
- **6.** Insert the needle in the 1st stitch on the left needle as if to purl and let the stitch fall off the needle. Repeat step 2-6 to last (purl) stitch. Finish:
- **7.** Insert the needle from the RS and from right to left through the first of the bound off sts.
- 8. Work as step 6.

All sts have been bound off. Weave in end.

Sleeves

Join the yarn from the RS and pick up and knit 2 (2) 2 (3) sts from the middle of the bottom of the armhole to the resting sts on the needle, knit across resting sts, pick up and knit 2 (2) 3 (3) sts to the middle of the bottom of the armhole. There are now a total of 68 (72) 79 (82) sts on the needle

Join in the round and place a marker for the beginning of the round.

Work in the round in stockinette stitch until the sleeve measures 27 (27) 28 (28) cm.

Change to a 3,5 mm circular needle.

Next round: Knit 6 (4) 3 (3) sts, *k2tog*, repeat from * to * to the last 6 (4) 2 (3) sts, knit 6 (4) 2 (3) sts. There are now a total of 40 (40) 42 (44) sts on the needle

Work 8 cm in rib (k1, p1).

Break the yarn so there is a tail approx. 3 times the

length of the circumference of the rib and bind off using a sewn Italian bind-off the same as on the hem.

Button loops

Using the long end from the cast on and a no. 3 crochet hook crochet button loops along the end of the neck edge. *Crochet 4 chain sts, attach it to the neck edge between the 2nd garter ridge and the first row of the eyelet pattern with a slip stitch, crochet 2 slip sts to next garter ridge*, repeat from * to * until a total of 3 button loops have been worked. The last chain stitch is attached to the bottom garter ridge. Continue up the opposite end of the neck edge, working slip sts all the way along the edge. Break the yarn and weave in the end.

Finishing

Weave in ends, sew the button in across from the button loops. If are holes at the sides of the underarms, sew them closed.

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