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Diva

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Diva oozes extravagance and is inspired by Marilyn Monroe in the iconic film “Some like it hot”. It is a wonderfully soft and luxurious explosion of silk, mohair, and alpaca. The blouse has a straight cut, deep armholes, and wide sleeves, and it falls heavy and beautiful. The lace details on the neck and sleeves makes one think of the art deco style pearl-beaded dresses of the 20s.

SIZES

XS (S) M (L) XL

MEASUREMENTS

Fits chest circumference: 80-86 (87-94) 95-102
(103-110) 111-120 cm

Circumference: 108 (116) 124 (132) 140 cm

Sleeve length (from armpit): 18 (18) 19 (19) 20 cm

Length: 49 (50) 51 (53) 55 cm excl. neck collar

The blouse should have approx. 24-26 cm positive ease compared to your chest measurement.

GAUGE

16 sts and 22 rows in stockinette using 5 mm needles and holding the 4 bases together = 10 x 10 cm.

The gauge is measured after washing and blocking.

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

225 (250) 250 (300) 300 g Alva in col. 207 (Desert Sand)

100 (100) 100 (125) 125 g Tilia in col. 336 (Latte)

100 (100) 100 (125) 125 g Tilia in col. 358 (Silver)

The design is worked using 2 strands of Alva and 1 strand of each Tilia, 4 strands in total, held together throughout work.

5 mm circular needles, 40 cm and 80-120 cm

4,5 mm circular needles, 40 cm

8 stitch markers

Stitch holders

Techniques

SPECIAL ABBREVIATIONS

M1R (Right slanted increase)

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

M1L (Left slanted increase)

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

K2tog (right leaning decrease)

Knit 2 sts together.

SSK (left leaning decrease)

Slip 2 sts one at a time as if to knit, slip the sts back onto the left needle and knit them through the back loop.

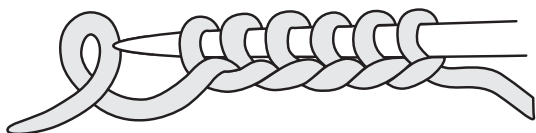
db-k-inc (Double knitted increase)

Knit [k1, k1tbl, k1] in the same st = 2 sts increased.

SPECIAL TECHNIQUES

Backward loop cast on

Hold your working yarn over your right index finger, bend the index finger towards you. This will create a loop around your finger. Insert the tip of your right-hand needle into the back of the new loop and release it onto the needle. Repeat this till you have the required number of stitches.



Workflow

The yoke is knitted in the round top-down with raglan increases.

After this, work is divided, and the body is finished separately.

Later sts are picked up in the armholes and the sleeves are knitted top-down in the round.





Pattern

NECKLINE

With 2 strands of Alva and 1 strand of each Tilia colourway held together, cast on 74 (74) 78 (80) 84 sts using 4.5 mm circular needles.

Join round and place a start marker.

Knit in the round as follows:

Knit 1 round, purl 1 round, knit 2 rounds, purl 1 round.

Next round: *Yarn over, ssk*, repeat from * to * over all sts.

Then purl 1 round, knit 2 rounds, purl 1 round, knit 1 round, purl 1 round.

You have knit 12 rounds and the neckline is complete.

Change to the short 5 mm circular needle.

YOKE

On next round divide the sts into shoulders, front and back. At the same time place stitch markers and work increases to shape the shoulder puffs.

The start marker marks the transition between the back and right shoulder.

Start-up row: P1 (raglan st), place marker, knit [k1, k1tbl, k1] in each of the next 3 sts (shoulder sts), place marker, p1 (raglan st), place marker, knit 32 (32) 34 (35) 37 sts (front), place marker, p1 (raglan st), place marker, knit [k1, k1tbl, k1] in each of the next 3 sts (shoulder sts), place marker, p1 (raglan st), place marker, knit 32 (32) 34 (35) 37 sts (back).

You now have 9 sts on each shoulder.

On next round knit raglan increases on each side of the raglan markers and increase the shoulder sts, like this:

Next round: P1 (raglan st), M1L, knit * k1, [k1, k1tbl, k1], k1 *, work from * to * a total of 3 times, M1R, p1 (raglan st), M1L, knit to next marker, M1R, p1 (raglan st), M1L, knit * k1, [k1, k1tbl, k1], k1 *, work from * to * a total of 3 times, M1R, p1 (raglan st), M1L, knit to start marker, M1R.

You now have 17 sts on each shoulder.



On next round increase the shoulder sts as follows:

Next round: P1 (raglan st), k1, * k1, [k1, k1tbl, k1], k1, [k1, k1tbl, k1], k1 *, work from * to * a total of 3 times, k1, p1 (raglan st), knit to next marker, p1 (raglan st), k1, * k1, [k1, k1tbl, k1], k1, [k1, k1tbl, k1], k1 *, work from * to * a total of 3 times, k1, p1 (raglan st), knit to start marker.

You now have 29 sts on each shoulder.

The sts are now distributed as follows: 1 raglan st, 29 sts (shoulder), 1 raglan st, 34 (34) 36 (37) 39 sts (front), 1 raglan st, 29 sts (shoulder), 1 raglan st, 34 (34) 36 (37) 39 sts (back).

From here knit raglan increases on every 2nd round, note that the raglan sts are purled on all rounds.

If necessary, change to a longer set of needles as the st count increases.

1st round: * P1 (raglan st), M1L, knit to next marker, M1R *, repeat from * to * a total of 4 times.

2nd round: Knit all sts, except for the raglan sts which are purled.



Repeat 1st and 2nd rounds an additional 25 (27) 29 (31) 33 gange times.

You have now completed 26 (28) 30 (32) 34 rounds with raglan increases, 52 (56) 60 (64) 68 rounds in total.

The sts are now distributed as follows:

1 raglan st, 79 (83) 87 (91) 95 sts (sleeve), 1 raglan st, 84 (88) 94 (99) 105 sts (front), 1 raglan st, 79 (83) 87 (91) 95 sts (sleeve), 1 raglan st, 84 (88) 94 (99) 105 sts (back).

BODY

Now work is divided into body and sleeves, remove the stitch markers as you go along. Knis as follows:

Let the first 81 (85) 89 (93) 97 sts (the sleeve sts plus the 2 raglan sts) rest on a stitch holder, cast on 1 (2) 2 (3) 3 new st(s) using backward loop cast on technique, place start marker, cast on 2 (3) 3 (4) 4 new st(s), knit the 84 (88) 94 (99) 105 front sts, place the following 81 (85) 89 (93) 97 sts (the sleeve sts plus the 2 raglan sts) on a stitch holder, cast on 3 (5) 5 (7) 7 new sts, knit the 84 (88) 94 (99) 105 back sts.

You now have 174 (186) 198 (212) 224 sts on your needles.

Continue knitting stockinette in the round, until work measures 46.5 (47.5) 48.5 (50.5) 52.5 cm, measured from the neckline and down, or till work has the desired length.

Note that the bottom edge of the blouse measures approx. 2.5 cm.

Tip! The hem of the blouse should rest just below your hip bone, use this as an indicator when measuring the length of the body.

The hem of the blouse is knitted with decreases in order to prevent it from rolling up.

Hem

Change to 4.5 mm circular needles.

Next round: * P2tog, p11 *, repeat from * to * 13 (14) 15 (16) 17 times, p2tog, purl 3 (2) 1 (2) 1 st(s).

Knit 1 round, purl 1 round, knit 2 rounds, purl 1 round, knit 1 round.

Bind off on next round like this:

* Bind off 8 sts purlwise, make a p2tog *, repeat from * to * as many times as the st count allows, bind off the remaining sts as purl.





SLEEVES

Slip the 81 (85) 89 (93) 97 sleeve sts onto a 5 mm circular needle or 5 mm dpns.

Pick up sts along the armhole like this:
Starting from middle of under arm and from the right side, pick up 4 (5) 5 (6) 6 sts, knit the resting sleeve sts, pick up 3 (4) 4 (5) 5 sts, place start marker, and join round.

1st round: Knit 2 (3) 3 (4) 4 sts, k2tog, knit to 3 (4) 4 (5) 5 sts before start marker, ssk, knit all sts.

2nd round: Knit 1 (2) 2 (3) 3 st(s), k2tog, knit to 2 (3) 3 (4) 4 sts before start marker, ssk, knit remaining sts.

You now have 84 (90) 94 (100) 104 sts on the sleeve.

Knit stockinette in the round, until the sleeve measures 14 (14) 15 (15) 16 cm measured from the armpit or till it has the desired sleeve length.

Note that the final edge of the sleeve measures approx. 4 cm.

Tip! The sleeve length is designed to be 1/3 of the lower arm length, measured from the elbow.

Sleeve edge

Change to 4.5 mm circular needles or dpns.

Purl 1 round, knit 1 round, purl 1 round, knit 2 rounds, purl 1 round.

Next round: * Yarn over, ssk *, repeat from * to * over all sts.

Purl 1 round, knit 2 rounds, purl 1 round, knit 1 round.

Bind off in purl on next round.

Knit the second sleeve the same way.

FINISHING

Weave in all loose ends.

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