

PetiteKnit

VALERIE BLOUSE



Sizes: XXS (XS) S (M) L (XL) 2XL (3XL) 4XL (5XL)

Bust circumference: 78 (83) 89 (94) 98 (109) 118 (129) 138 (149) cm [30 $\frac{3}{4}$ (32 $\frac{3}{4}$) 35 (37) 38 $\frac{1}{2}$ (43) 46 $\frac{1}{2}$ (50 $\frac{3}{4}$) 54 $\frac{1}{4}$ (58 $\frac{3}{4}$) inches]

Length: 46 (49) 51 (53) 56 (57) 58 (59) 62 (63) cm [18 (19 $\frac{1}{4}$) 20 (20 $\frac{3}{4}$) 22 (22 $\frac{1}{2}$) 22 $\frac{3}{4}$ (23 $\frac{1}{4}$) 24 $\frac{1}{2}$ (24 $\frac{3}{4}$) inches] measured mid back

Gauge: 23 sts x 33 rows = 10 x 10 cm [4 x 4 inches] in stockinette stitch on a 3.5 mm [US4] needle

Needles: Circular needles: 3.5 mm [US4] / 40, 60 and 80 and/or 100 cm [16, 24 and 32 and/or 40 inches]

Double-pointed needles: 3.5 mm [US4]

Materials: 175 (200) 200 (200-225) 225 (250) 250 (275) 275 (300) g Soft Silk Mohair by Knitting for Olive (25 g = 225 m [246 yds]) **or** 140 (140) 160 (160) 180 (180-200) 200 (220) 220 (240) g Deluxe Silk Mohair by Krea Deluxe (20 g = 240 m [262 yds]) **or** 200 (200) 200-225 (225) 250 (250-275) 275 (300) 300 (325) g Tynn Silk Mohair by Sandnes Garn (25 g = 212 m [232 yds]) **or** Silk Mohair by Isager Yarn (25 g = 212 m [232 yds]). Note that two strands of yarn are held together throughout. The stated yardage amounts are the total yardage needed.

12 (13) 13 (14) 14 (15) 15 (16) 17 (17) buttons (\varnothing = 10-12 mm) (the number of buttons should be seen as a guide)

PATTERN

The Valerie Blouse is worked from the top down in one piece. The blouse is worked back and forth the same way as a cardigan and has a slanted opening across the front. The front opening is closed at the end with buttons. The yoke is constructed so the sleeve increases are worked first, and then the raglan increases are worked. Short rows are worked to shape the neckline. The sleeves are worked in the round on double-pointed needles or on a circular needle using the Magic Loop technique. Knit a swatch to determine which needle size gives you the correct gauge. Wash the swatch before measuring the gauge as the recommended yarn grows with wash and wear.

Size guide

The Valerie Blouse is designed to have approx. 2 cm [¾ inches] of *negative ease*, meaning it is designed to be approx. 2 cm [¾ inches] *smaller* in circumference than your bust measurement. The sizes XXS (XS) S (M) L (XL) 2XL (3XL) 4XL (5XL) are designed to fit a bust circumference of 75-80 (80-85) 85-90 (90-95) 95-100 (100-110) 110-120 (120-130) 130-140 (140-150) cm [29½-31½ (31½-33½) 33½-35½ (35½-37½) 37½-39½ (39½-43½) 43½-47½ (47½-51½) 51½-55 (55-59) inches]. The measurements for the finished blouse can be found on the front page of the pattern (note that these measurements only apply if the correct gauge is maintained throughout). Measure yourself before beginning your project, to determine which size will fit you the best. For example, if you measure 90 cm [35½ inches] around your bust (or around the widest part of your upper body) you should knit a size S. A size S blouse has a bust circumference of 89 cm [35 inches] which in the given example would give you 1 cm [½ inches] of *negative ease*.

About increases and decreases

Increases and decreases are worked so they either slant to the right (M1R and k2tog) or to the left (M1L and skp) as seen from the RS (see video at www.petiteknit.com).

M1R:

From the RS: Insert the left needle under the strand that runs between two stitches from back to front, then knit this strand.

From the WS: Insert the left needle under the strand that runs between two stitches from back to front, then purl this strand.

M1L:

From the RS: Insert the left needle under the strand that runs between two stitches from front to back, then knit this strand through the back loop (twisted).

From the WS: Insert the left needle under the strand that runs between two stitches from front to back, then purl this strand through the back loop (twisted).

K2tog: Knit 2 stitches together.

Skp: Slip 1 stitch knit-wise, k1, pass the slipped stitch over the knitted stitch.

Yoke

The yoke is worked back and forth on a circular needle, while short rows are worked to shape the neckline. Cast on 136 (140) 144 (148) 156 (164) 164 (168) 172 (176) sts **tightly** on a 3.5 mm [US4] / 60 or 80 cm [24 or 32 inches] circular needle.

WS facing and without knitting the sts, place stitch markers on both sides of the shoulder sts (a total of 4 stitch markers) as follows:

1 stitch (right front), 4 sts (right sleeve), 64 (66) 68 (70) 74 (78) 78 (80) 82 (84) sts (back), 4 sts (left sleeve), 63 (65) 67 (69) 73 (77) 77 (79) 81 (83) sts (left front).

The first row is a WS row.

Now shape the neckline using short rows, so the back of the neck is raised and is higher than the front. At the same time, sleeve increases and increases for the slanted front closing are worked. Use the *German Short Row technique* when turning (see video at www.petiteknit.com). First short rows are worked on one side and then on the other side.

Work short rows as follows:

Row 1 (WS): Purl until there are 59 (61) 63 (65) 69 (73) 73 (75) 77 (79) sts left on the needle (i.e. until 4 sts after the last stitch marker on the needle), turn.

Row 2 (RS): * Knit to marker, slip marker, **M1L**, knit to marker, **M1R**, slip marker *, work from * to * twice, k1 (4 increases have been worked)

Row 3 (WS): Purl to 4 sts after the last WS turn, turn.

Row 4 (RS): * Knit to marker, slip marker, **M1L**, knit to marker, **M1R**, slip marker *, work from * to * twice, **M1R**, k1. (5 increases have been worked) (note that the M1R increases are worked in the same chain at the end of the row)

Row 5 (WS): Work as Row 3.

Row 6 (RS): * Knit to marker, slip marker, **M1L**, knit to marker, **M1R**, slip marker *, work from * to * twice, knit to the last stitch on the needle, **M1R**, k1. (5 increases have been worked)

Work Rows 1-6 once, then work Rows 5 and 6 another 1 (1) 1 (1) 1 (2) 2 (2) 2 (2) times. There are now a total of 155 (159) 163 (167) 175 (188) 188 (192) 196 (200) sts on the needle. The next row is a WS row.

Do not break the yarn, as the next step follows from here.

Work as follows:

Row 1 (WS): Purl to 4 sts after the last WS turn, break the yarn, slip sts from the left to the right needle without knitting them until all of the sts have been moved to the right needle.

Join new yarn and work short rows on the front from the RS as follows:

Row 1 (RS): K3, turn.

Row 2 (WS): Purl to end of row.

Row 3 (RS): Slip first stitch knit-wise, **k2tog**, knit to 4 sts after the last RS turn, turn.

Row 4 (WS): Purl to end of row.

Work Rows 1-4 once, then work Rows 3 and 4 another 2 (2) 2 (2) 2 (3) 3 (3) 3 (3) times. There are now a total of 152 (156) 160 (164) 172 (184) 184 (188) 192 (196) sts on the needle. The next row is a RS row.

Do not break the yarn, as the next step follows from here.

Distribution of stitches:

60 (62) 64 (66) 70 (73) 73 (75) 77 (79) sts (left front), 12 (12) 12 (12) 12 (14) 14 (14) 14 (14) sts (left sleeve), 64 (66) 68 (70) 74 (78) 78 (80) 82 (84) sts (back), 12 (12) 12 (12) 12 (14) 14 (14) 14 (14) sts (right sleeve), 4 (4) 4 (4) 4 (5) 5 (5) 5 (5) sts (right front)

All short rows have now been completed and the neckline has been shaped.

Now work back and forth across all of the sts on the circular needle while working sleeve increases on RS rows. At the same time decreases are worked along the left front and increases are worked along the right front, so the slanted closing is formed. Work as follows:

Row 1 (RS): Slip first stitch knit-wise, **k2tog**, * knit to marker, slip marker, **M1L**, knit to marker, **M1R**, slip marker *, work from * to * twice, knit to the last stitch on the needle, **M1R**, k1 (1 decrease and 5 increases have been worked)

Row 2 (WS): Purl to end of row.

Work Rows 1 and 2 a total of 16 (14) 13 (12) 14 (9) 7 (4) 3 (2) times. There are now a total of 216 (212) 212 (212) 228 (220) 212 (204) 204 (204) sts on the needle. The next row is a RS row.

Distribution of stitches:

44 (48) 51 (54) 56 (64) 66 (71) 74 (77) sts (left front), 44 (40) 38 (36) 40 (32) 28 (22) 20 (18) sts (left sleeve), 64 (66) 68 (70) 74 (78) 78 (80) 82 (84) sts (back), 44 (40) 38 (36) 40 (32) 28 (22) 20 (18) sts (right sleeve), 20 (18) 17 (16) 18 (14) 12 (9) 8 (7) sts (right front)

Continue working back and forth on the needle while at the same time working raglan increases on RS rows.

Work as follows:

Row 1 (RS): Slip first stitch knit-wise, **k2tog**, * knit to 2 sts before marker, **M1R**, k2, slip marker, **M1L**, knit to marker, **M1R**, slip marker, k2, **M1L** *, work from * to * twice, knit to the last stitch on the needle, **M1R**, k1 (1 decrease and 9 increases have been worked)

Row 2 (WS): Purl to end of row.

Work Rows 1 and 2 a total of 11 (13) 14 (16) 16 (20) 24 (29) 33 (37) times. There are now a total of 304 (316) 324 (340) 356 (380) 404 (436) 468 (500) sts on the needle. The next row is a RS row.

Distribution of stitches:

44 (48) 51 (54) 56 (64) 66 (71) 74 (77) sts (*left front*), 66 (66) 66 (68) 72 (72) 76 (80) 86 (92) sts (*left sleeve*), 86 (92) 96 (102) 106 (118) 126 (138) 148 (158) sts (*back*), 66 (66) 66 (68) 72 (72) 76 (80) 86 (92) sts (*right sleeve*), 42 (44) 45 (48) 50 (54) 60 (67) 74 (81) sts (*right front*)

Body

The body is worked back and forth in stockinette stitch on a 3.5 mm [US4] / 60, 80 or 100 cm [24, 32 or 40 inches] circular needle.

Now divide the sts for sleeves and body while at the same time casting on new sts at the underarms as follows:

Row 1 (RS): Slip first stitch knit-wise, **k2tog**, knit to marker, place 66 (66) 66 (68) 72 (72) 76 (80) 86 (92) sts on a stitch holder (*left sleeve*), cast on 4 (4) 6 (6) 7 (7) 10 (10) 11 (13) sts in extension of the sts on the needle using the backward loop method, knit across back sts to marker, place 66 (66) 66 (68) 72 (72) 76 (80) 86 (92) sts on a stitch holder (*right sleeve*), cast on 4 (4) 6 (6) 7 (7) 10 (10) 11 (13) sts in extension of the sts on the needle using the backward loop method, knit across right front to the last stitch on the needle, **M1R**, k1. (1 decrease and 1 increase has been worked)

There are now a total of 180 (192) 204 (216) 226 (250) 272 (296) 318 (342) sts on the needle for the body.

Purl across 1 row. The next row is a RS row.

Now work back and forth in stockinette stitch while continuing to work decreases along the left front and increases along the right front as follows:

Row 1 (RS): Slip first stitch knit-wise, **k2tog**, knit to the last stitch on the needle, **M1R**, k1. (1 decrease and 1 increase has been worked)

Row 2 (WS): Purl to end of row.

Work Rows 1 and 2 until the blouse measures 46 (49) 51 (53) 56 (57) 58 (59) 62 (63) cm [18 (19 $\frac{1}{4}$) 20 (20 $\frac{3}{4}$) 22 (22 $\frac{1}{2}$) 22 $\frac{3}{4}$ (23 $\frac{1}{4}$) 24 $\frac{1}{2}$ (24 $\frac{3}{4}$) inches] measured from the cast-on edge mid back - or to desired length.

Bind off all sts knit-wise from the RS.

Sleeves

The sleeves are worked in the round on 3.5 mm [US4] double-pointed needles or on a circular needle using the Magic Loop technique.

Place the 66 (66) 66 (68) 72 (72) 76 (80) 86 (92) resting sleeve sts on 3.5 mm [US4] double-pointed needles (or on a circular needle if using the Magic Loop technique). RS facing, pick up and knit 4 (4) 6 (6) 7 (7) 10 (10) 11 (13) sts along the underarm sts that you cast on for the body. There are now a total of 70 (70) 72 (74) 79 (79) 86 (90) 97 (105) sts on the needles. Place a marker for the beginning of the round after the first 2 (2) 3 (3) 3 (3) 5 (5) 5 (6) of the newly picked up and knitted sts.

Work in the round in stockinette stitch until the sleeve measures 46 cm [18 inches] or to desired length, while at the same time working decreases every 14 (14) 10 (8) 7 (7) 4 (3) 3 (2) cm [5½ (5½) 4 (3¼) 2¾ (2¾) 1½ (1¼) 1¼ (¾) inches] a total of 2 (2) 3 (4) 5 (5) 8 (10) 13 (16) times by working a decrease round as follows: K1, **k2tog**, knit to the last 3 sts of the round, **skp**, k1. There are now a total of 66 (66) 66 (66) 69 (69) 70 (70) 71 (73) sts on the needle.

Bind off all sts knit-wise.

Weave in all ends.

Buttons

The number of buttons that are installed along the front is optional. If you are planning to wear the blouse without something underneath, the spacing of the buttons should be 5 cm [2 inches]. If the blouse is worn with a top underneath, fewer buttons can be installed. The blouse shown in the photos has 12 buttons installed 5 cm [2 inches] apart.

Start by putting on the blouse and placing safety pins or loops of scrap yarn along the front edges to determine where the buttons should be placed and how many you want. Once the placement has been determined, sew in the buttons to permanently close the blouse – meaning the buttons are not functional, but are used to connect the two sides of the front and close it. Take care to distribute the buttons evenly and make sure that they connect the same placement height-wise on both sides of the front.

Sew in the buttons as follows:

Hold the two sides of the front next to each other, so they touch but do not overlap. Place the button so one hole in the button sits over one side of the front and the other hole sits over the other side of the front. Sew through one hole in the button and down through one side of the front and then come up through the other side of the front and the other hole in the button.

Weave in all ends discreetly.

Abbreviations

k	knit
k2tog	decrease (right-leaning); knit two stitches together
M1L	increase (left-leaning), make one left; from the RS - insert the left needle under the strand that runs between two stitches from front to back, then knit this strand through the back loop (twisted) from the WS - insert the left needle under the strand that runs between two stitches from front to back, then purl this strand through the back loop (twisted)
M1R	increase (right-leaning), make one right; from the RS - insert the left needle under the strand that runs between two stitches from back to front, then knit this strand from the WS - insert the left needle under the strand that runs between two stitches from back to front, then purl this strand
p	purl
RS	right side of your work
skp	decrease (left-leaning); slip 1 stitch knit-wise, k1, pass the slipped stitch over the knitted stitch
st(s)	stitch(es)
WS	wrong side of your work



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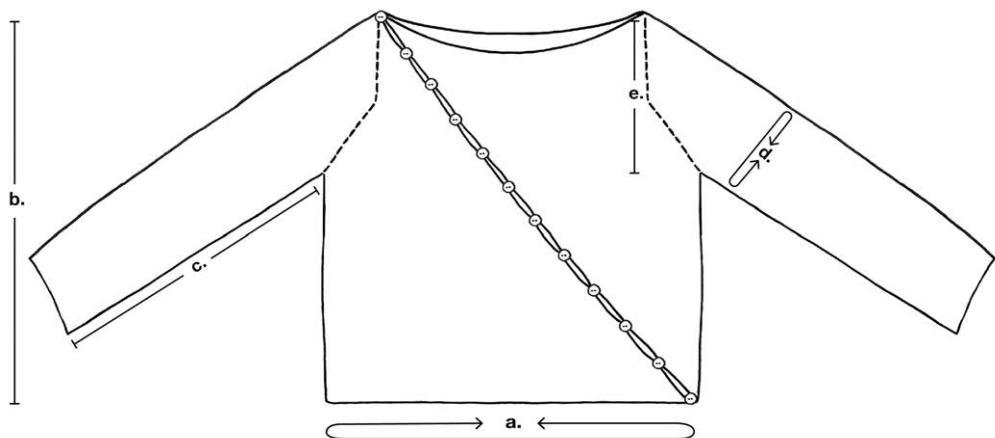
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Centimeter	XXS	XS	S	M	L	XL	2XL	3XL	4XL	5XL
a. Bust circumference	78	83	89	94	98	109	118	129	138	149
b. Length mid back	46	49	51	53	56	57	58	59	62	63
c. Sleeve length at underarm	46	46	46	46	46	46	46	46	46	46
d. Upper arm circumference	30	30	31	32	34	34	37	39	42	46
e. Armhole depth	19	19	19	20	21	21	22	23	25	27

Inches	XXS	XS	S	M	L	XL	2XL	3XL	4XL	5XL
a. Bust circumference	30 $\frac{3}{4}$	32 $\frac{3}{4}$	35	37	38 $\frac{1}{2}$	43	46 $\frac{1}{2}$	50 $\frac{1}{4}$	54 $\frac{1}{4}$	58 $\frac{3}{4}$
b. Length mid back	18	19 $\frac{1}{4}$	20	20 $\frac{1}{4}$	22	22 $\frac{1}{2}$	22 $\frac{3}{4}$	23 $\frac{1}{4}$	24 $\frac{1}{2}$	24 $\frac{3}{4}$
c. Sleeve length at underarm	18	18	18	18	18	18	18	18	18	18
d. Upper arm circumference	11 $\frac{3}{4}$	11 $\frac{3}{4}$	12 $\frac{1}{4}$	12 $\frac{1}{2}$	13 $\frac{1}{2}$	13 $\frac{1}{2}$	14 $\frac{1}{2}$	15 $\frac{1}{4}$	16 $\frac{1}{2}$	18
e. Armhole depth	7 $\frac{1}{2}$	7 $\frac{1}{2}$	7 $\frac{1}{2}$	7 $\frac{3}{4}$	8 $\frac{1}{4}$	8 $\frac{1}{4}$	8 $\frac{3}{4}$	9	9 $\frac{3}{4}$	10 $\frac{1}{2}$

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