

Aperitif Hour

a design by Josée Paquin



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MATERIALS

Approximately 904 (1009, 1139, 1244, 1334, 1484) metres / 989 (1104, 1246, 1361, 1459, 1623) yards of fingering yarn

Sample shown in Plucky Knitter Crewbie, colorway “Aperitif”

3.5 mm/US 4 circular needle and two DPN’s (adjust needle size if necessary to obtain the correct gauge)

3.25 mm/US 3 short circular needle (approximately 40 cm/16 inches long) for the sleeves

Tapestry needle, 2 stitch markers, waste yarn or stitch holders

SIZES

S (M, L, XL, 2XL, 3XL) approx. 86 (102, 112, 127, 137, 152.5) cm / 34 (40, 44, 50, 54, 60) inches of finished circumference at the bust.

Choose a size with 5 to 15 cm / 2 to 6 inches of ease. *Please refer to the drawing and table on the last page to help determine a size.*

Shown here in size Large with 18 cm / 7 inches of positive ease at the bust.

GAUGE

24 sts and 36 rows = 10 cm / 4 inches in lace pattern (same gauge in St st) on 3.5 mm/US 4 needle

Note that the lace row gauge for this design is not crucial.

23 sts and 34 rows = 10 cm / 4 inches in rib on 3.5 mm/US 4 needle for the collar

24 sts and 36 rows = 10 cm / 4 inches in rib on 3.25 mm/US 3 needle for the sleeves

ABBREVIATIONS

k = knit

p = purl

CO = cast on

BO = bind off

st(s) = stitch(es)

pm = place marker

BORM = beginning of the round marker

slm = slip marker

inc = increase (s) (ed)

dec = decrease (s) (ed)

YO = yarn over

St st = stockinette stitch, working flat: knit on RS and purl on WS; working in the round: knit

RS = right side

WS = wrong side

k2tog = knit 2 stitches together

ssk = slip 2 stitches as if to knit, knit them together through the back loops

pssso = pass the slipped stitch over the last st

sl1 = slip 1 st

tbl = through the back loop

w&t = wrap and turn (see explanation on the last page)



Aperitif Hour is a boxy top worked from the top-down, in one piece and seamlessly. Starting with the back to the underarm which is knit flat, followed by the front, both pieces are then joined in the round to knit the body. Stitches are picked up at the end for the sleeves. The lace pattern will keep the knitting fun and creates a nice texture. This top will be a delight to wear in warmer weather!

It has a boat neck, dropped shoulders, wide arm openings and slimming ribbed short sleeves. The bottom edge has a drawstring.

BACK

With a 3.5 mm/US 4 circular needle, cast on 104 (122, 134, 152, 164, 182) sts using cable cast on.

We will do some short rows and place markers. It will not be mentioned but pick up the wraps when you encounter them (i.e. k or p the st together with the wrap).

Short row 1 (RS): k 26 (32, 35, 41, 47, 53), pm, k1tbl, *p2, k1tbl; work from * a total of 17 (19, 21, 23, 23, 25) times, pm, k4, w&t

Short row 2 (WS): p to the m, slm, p1tbl, k2, p1tbl, k1, w&t

Short row 3: p1, k1tbl, p2, k1tbl, slm, k to 6 sts past the wrap (note: the wrap does not count as a st), w&t

Short row 4: p to the m, slm, *p1tbl, k2; repeat from * 2 times total, p1tbl, k1, w&t

Short row 5: p1, k1tbl, *p2, k1tbl; repeat from * to the m, slm, k to 6 sts past the wrap, w&t

Short row 6: p to the m, slm, p1tbl, *k2, p1tbl; repeat from * to the m, slm, p4, w&t

Short row 7: k to the m, slm, k1tbl, p2, k1tbl, p1, w&t

Short row 8: k1, p1tbl, k2, p1tbl, slm, p to 6 sts past the wrap, w&t

Short row 9: k to the m, slm, *k1tbl, p2; repeat from * 2 times total, k1tbl, p1, w&t

Short row 10: k1, p1tbl, *k2, p1tbl; repeat from * to the m, slm, p to 6 sts past the wrap, w&t



Short row 11: k to the m, slm, k1tbl, *p2, k1tbl; repeat from * to the m, slm, k to the end

This is the end of the short rows.

Next row (WS): p to the m, slm, p1tbl, *k2, p1tbl; repeat from * to the m, slm, p to the end

Row 1 (RS): k to the m, slm, k1tbl, *p2, k1tbl; repeat from * to the m, slm, k to the end

Next row 2 (WS): p to the m, slm, p1tbl, *k2, p1tbl; repeat from * to the m, slm, p to the end

Work the last 2 rows a total 3 times. Remove markers.

We will now start our pattern sequence, **keeping a selvage st at each end**. Please see the chart and written instructions on p. 8.

Note that sizes S, L and 2XL will have one extra st before and after the selvage st on rows 1 to 22 (selvage st, k1 (p1 on rows 15 and 18), work chart repeats, k1 (p1 on rows 15 and 18), selvage st).

S= 10x10 sts (pattern repeat) + 2 sts + 2 selvage sts= 104 sts

L= 13x10 sts (pattern repeat) + 2 sts + 2 selvage sts= 134 sts

2XL= 16x10 sts (pattern repeat) + 2 sts + 2 selvage sts= 164 sts



Work until the piece measures 19 (20, 23, 23, 24, 24) cm / 7.5 (8, 9, 9, 9.5, 9.5)'' from top right corner. Cut the yarn and leave the sts on hold.

FRONT

With a 3.5 mm/US 4 circular needle, the right side of the back piece facing you and starting at the corner, pick up and knit 26 (32, 35, 41, 47, 53) sts along the cast on edge to the beginning of the ribbing. Then cast on 52 (58, 64, 70, 70, 76) sts using a cable cast on (you will have to turn the work first). And finally, turn the work again so the right side is facing you and pick up and knit 26 (32, 35, 41, 47, 53) sts along the cast on edge, starting at the end of the ribbing. You have 104 (122, 134, 152, 164, 182) sts.

As per back, we will do some short rows. Pick up the wraps when you encounter them.

Short row 1 (WS): p 26 (32, 35, 41, 47, 53), pm, p1tbl, *k2, p1tbl; work from * a total of 17 (19, 21, 23, 23, 25) times, pm, p4, w&t

Short row 2 (RS): k to the m, slm, k1tbl, p2, k1tbl, p1, w&t

Short row 3: k1, p1tbl, k2, p1tbl, slm, p to 6 sts past the wrap, w&t

Short row 4: k to the m, slm, *k1tbl, p2; repeat from * 2 times total, k1tbl, p1, w&t

Short row 5: k1, p1tbl, *k2, p1tbl; repeat from * to the m, slm, p to 6 sts past the wrap, w&t

Short row 6: k to the m, slm, *k1tbl, p2; repeat from * 3 times total, k1tbl, p1, w&t

Short row 7: k1, p1tbl, *k2, p1tbl; repeat from * to the m, slm, p to 6 sts past the wrap, w&t

Short row 8: k to the m, slm, *k1tbl, p2; repeat from * 4 times total, k1tbl, p1, w&t

Short row 9: k1, p1tbl, *k2, p1tbl; repeat from * to the m, slm, p to the end

Short row 10: k to the m, slm, *k1tbl, p2; repeat from * 5 times total, k1tbl, p1, w&t

Short row 11: k1, p1tbl, *k2, p1tbl; repeat from * to the m, slm, p to the end

Short row 12: k to the m, slm, k1tbl, *p2, k1tbl; repeat from * to the m, slm, k4, w&t

Short row 13: p to the m, slm, p1tbl, k2, p1tbl, k1, w&t

Short row 14: p1, k1tbl, p2, k1tbl, slm, k to 6 sts past the wrap, w&t

Short row 15: p to the m, slm, *p1tbl, k2; repeat from * 2 times total, p1tbl, k1, w&t

Short row 16: p1, k1tbl, *p2, k1tbl; repeat from * to the m, slm, k to 6 sts past the wrap, w&t

Short row 17: p to the m, slm, *p1tbl, k2; repeat from * 3 times total, p1tbl, k1, w&t

Short row 18: p1, k1tbl, *p2, k1tbl; repeat from * to the m, slm, k to 6 sts past the wrap, w&t

Short row 19: p to the m, slm, *p1tbl, k2; repeat from * 4 times total, p1tbl, k1, w&t

Short row 20: p1, k1tbl, *p2, k1tbl; repeat from * to the m, slm, k to the end

Short row 21: p to the m, slm, *p1tbl, k2; repeat from * 5 times total, p1tbl, k1, w&t

Short row 22: p1, k1tbl, *p2, k1tbl; repeat from * to the m, slm, k to the end

This is the end of the short rows.

Next row (WS): p to the m, slm, p1tbl, *k2, p1tbl; repeat from * to the m, slm, p to the end

Row 1 (RS): k to the m, slm, k1tbl, *p2, k1tbl; repeat from * to the m, slm, k to the end

Row 2 (WS): p to the m, slm, p1tbl, *k2, p1tbl; repeat from * to the m, slm, p to the end
Remove markers.

We will now start our pattern sequence, keeping a selvage st at each end.

Note that, as per back, sizes S, L and 2XL will have one extra knit st before and after the selvage st on rows 1 to 22 (selvage st, k1 (p1 on rows 15 and 18), work chart repeats, k1 (p1 on rows 15 and 18), selvage st).

Work until the front measures the same as the back, ending on the same row of the pattern sequence.

BODY

We will now reunite front and back together to knit in the round.

Next row: **k2tog**, work chart to 2 sts before the end of the front sts, **ssk, pm**, join the back sts, **k2tog**, work chart to 2 sts before the end of the back sts, **ssk, pm (BORM)**

You now have 204 (240, 264, 300, 324, 360) sts.

We will continue working the chart repeat as established. We will no longer have a selvage st.

Sizes S, L and 2XL, will still have one extra st at the beginning and the end of both front and back. Work rounds 1 to 22 as follow: k1 (p1 on rounds 15 and 18), work chart repeats to 1 st before the side m, k1 (p1 on rounds 15 and 18), slm, k1 (p1 on rounds 15 and 18), work chart repeat to 1 st before BORM, k1 (p1 on rounds 15 and 18).

Continue as established until the body measures 30.5 (30.5, 33, 33, 33, 35.5) cm / 12 (12, 13, 13, 13, 14)" from armhole. We will now do the casing for the i-cord.

Knit 3 rounds.

Next round: k 48 (57, 63, 72, 78, 87), k2tog, YO, k2, YO, k2tog, k to the end



Knit 2 rounds.
Purl one round.
Knit 5 rounds.

Bind off all sts.

Fold the bottom edge at the purl row and sew the bind off edge on the reverse side of the sweater to create the casing.

TIP: I steamed the curled edge with an iron at this point so that it would be easier to work with.

SLEEVES

With a 3.25 mm / US 3 circular needle, pick up and knit 109 (115, 121, 121, 127, 127) sts around the arm opening (approx 3 sts for every 4 rgs). Place a m (BORM) and join as if to work in the round but we will be making short rows.

Next round (RS): *k1tbl, p2; work from * a total of 23 (24, 25, 25, 26, 26) times, k1tbl, w&t

Next round (WS): *p1tbl, k2; work from a total of * 10 times, p1tbl, w&t

Next round: work sts as they appear to the wrapped st, pick up the wrap (p the st together with the wrap), p1, k1tbl, w&t

Next round: work sts as they appear to the wrapped st, pick up the wrap (k the st together with the wrap), k1, p1tbl, w&t

Work the last 2 rounds until you have only 2 sts unwrapped on either side of the BORM.

Next round: work sts as they appear to the BORM

Next round: k1tbl, p2tog, *k1tbl, p2; repeat from * to last 3 sts, p2tog, k1tbl

BO all sts in rib.

I-CORD

With two 3.5 mm / US 4 DPNs, CO 3 sts.

K the 3 sts, do not turn but slide the sts to the other side of the needle and start knitting again. Continue in this way until it is long enough to go around your hips and tie with a bow. To finish the i-cord, cut the yarn and pull through the sts.

FINISHING

Weave in all ends, wash and dry according to the instructions on the yarn label. Pass the i-cord in the casing at the bottom.

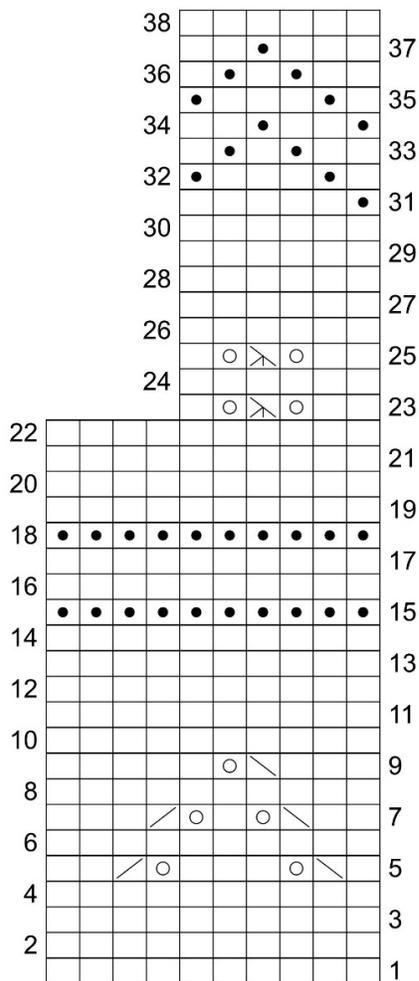


Chart (flat for front and back to the underarms)

Row 1: k to the end
 Row 2 and all other WS rows (**except rows 18, 32, 34 and 36**): p to the end
 Row 3: k to the end
 Row 5: *k1, ssk, YO, k3, YO, k2tog, k2; repeat from * to the end
 Row 7: *k2, ssk, YO, k1, YO, k2tog, k3; repeat from * to the end
 Row 9: *k3, ssk, YO, k5; repeat from * to the end
 Rows 11 and 13: k to the end
 Row 15: p to the end
 Row 17: k to the end
Row 18: k to the end
 Rows 19 and 21: k to the end
 Rows 23 and 25: *k2, YO, s1, k2tog, pssso, YO, k1; repeat from * to the end
 Rows 27 and 29: k to the end
 Row 31: *p1, k5; repeat from * to to the end
Row 32: *k1, p3, k1, p1; repeat from to the end
 Row 33: *k2, p1, k1, p1, k1; repeat from * to to the end
Row 34: *p2, k1; repeat from * to the end
 Row 35: * k1, p1, k3, p1; repeat from * to the end
Row 36: *p1, k1, p1, k1, p2; repeat from * to the end
 Row 37: *k3, p1, k2; repeat from * to the end

Reminder: Sizes S, L, 2XL will have one extra stitch at the beginning and the end of rows 1-22.

Chart (in the round for the body)

Rounds 1 to 4: k all sts
 Round 5: *k1, ssk, YO, k3, YO, k2tog, k2; repeat from * to the end
 Rounds 6 and 8: k all sts
 Round 7: *k2, ssk, YO, k1, YO, k2tog, k3; repeat from * to the end
 Round 9: *k3, ssk, YO, k5; repeat from * to the end
 Rounds 10 to 14: k all sts
 Rounds 15 and 18: p all sts
 Rounds 16 and 17: k all sts
 Rounds 19 to 22: k all sts
 Rounds 23 and 25: *k2, YO, s1, k2tog, pssso, YO, k1; repeat from * to the end
 Round 24 and 26 to 30: k all sts

Round 31: *p1, k5; repeat from * to to the end

Rounds 32 and 35: *k1, p1, k3, p1; repeat from * to the end

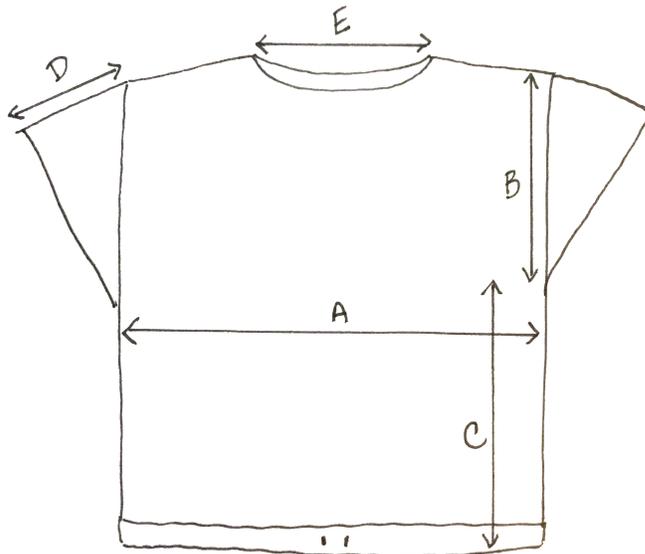
Rounds 33 and 36: *k2, p1, k1, p1, k1; repeat from * to the end

Round 34: *p1, k2, p1, k2; repeat from * to the end

Round 37: *k3, p1, k2; repeat from * to the end

Round 38: k all sts

	S	(M	L	XL	2XL	3XL)		S	(M	L	XL	2XL	3XL)
A	43	51	56	63.5	68.5	76	A	17	20	22	25	27	30
B	19	20	23	23	24	24	B	7.5	8	9	9	9.5	9.5
C	32.5	32.5	35	35	35	37.5	C	12.75	12.75	13.75	13.75	13.75	14.75
D	8	8	9	9	9.5	9.5	D	3.25	3.25	3.5	3.5	3.75	3.75
E	23	25.5	28	30.5	30.5	33.5	E	9	10	11	12	12	13.25



Wrap & turn:

RS (knit) row: with yarn in back, slip the next st purlwise onto the right needle, bring yarn to front and slip the same st back onto the left needle and turn work.

WS (purl) row: with yarn in front, slip the next st purlwise onto the right needle, bring yarn to back and slip the same st back onto the left needle, bring yarn back to front and turn work.

Picking up the wrap sts:

When the wrapped st is a knit st: insert right needle into both the wrap and the st on the needle from the bottom in one motion as if to knit, and k together.

When the wrapped st is a purl st: with right needle behind left needle, insert right needle into wrap from the bottom and lift the wrap onto the left needle, then p together with the st on the needle.

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