



## *Clover Tunic*

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Sized for 12/18 mo (2/3, 4/5, 6/7)  
[8/9, 10/11, 12/13, 14/15] yrs



This lightweight tunic with a flowy fit blooms with a lacy field of clovers, sweet ruffles on the yoke and a delicate keyhole closure. An ideal day-to-day piece to inject some instant charm. Knit from the top-down with instructions included for short or long sleeves.

### Size and Finished Measurements

Sized for 12/18 mo (2/3, 4/5, 6/7)

[8/9, 10/11, 12/13, 14/15] years

Finished Chest circumference:

22½ (24, 26½, 29½) [31, 32, 34½, 36]"

56 (60, 66, 74) [78, 80, 86, 90] cm

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Intended positive ease approximately 3-5" / 7-10 cm

Shown in size 8/9 years (31" / 78 cm)

with 7"/18 cm of positive ease

### Materials

Short sleeve version - approx. 382 (455, 560, 760) [876, 956, 1127, 1225] yards/ 350 (415, 512, 695) [800, 875, 1030, 1120] meters

or 2 (2, 3, 4) [4, 5, 6, 6] balls of Italgamma Filati Fantasia Silk Tweed

(55% Silk, 25% Cotton, 20% Polyester; 218 yd/ 199 m per 50 g ball)

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Long sleeve version - approx. 480 (570, 705, 955) [1100, 1200, 1416, 1540] yards/ 440 (520, 645, 870) [1005, 1100, 1295, 1405] meters

or 3 (3, 4, 5) [5, 6, 7, 7] balls of Garnstudio DROPS Baby Alpaca Silk (70% Camelid - Alpaca, 30% Silk;

183 yd/167 m per 50 g skein)

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or any fingering/sport weight yarn that gives you the correct gauge and produces a drapery fabric after blocking (i.e. contains some silk, bamboo, alpaca, etc.); be sure to test by swatching.

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Short sleeve sample shown in *Natural* (1)

Long sleeve sample shown in *Grey Purple* (4314)

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US 4 / 3.5 mm 16"/40 cm and 32"/80 cm circular needles

If necessary, adjust needle size to obtain accurate gauge

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stitch markers (1 in a different color), scraps of yarn to hold sts, tapestry needle

### Gauge

20 sts and 32 rounds = 4"/10 cm in St st after blocking

22 sts and 32 rounds = 4"/10 cm in Pattern St after

blocking

(circular and flat gauges are identical)

### Pattern Difficulty

Intermediate

### Skills Required

Long-Tail cast on, knit, purl, yarn over, basic increasing and decreasing, working in the round, short rows

## PATTERN NOTES

- Clover Tunic features a circular yoke construction with visible shoulder shaping lines, worked in one piece from the top down. The ruffles are worked flat and set aside to be seamlessly joined later. Then, beginning at the neckline, yoke is worked back and forth in rows to form a keyhole slit, incorporating both shoulder and short-row neck shaping. Then yoke is worked in the round maintaining shoulder shaping to armhole opening. The Front and Back are divided at the armholes and both pieces are worked individually to the base of the armholes. Then the pieces are joined again and the bodice is worked in one piece to the bottom edge.
- Shadow wraps short row technique developed by Alice Yu is used in this pattern (*see Stitch Guide below*), however, you may substitute your preferred short-row method.
- Instructions provided for size 12/18 months with (2/3, 4/5, 6/7) [8/9, 10/11, 12/13, 14/15] years following in parentheses/brackets.

## STITCH GUIDE



### Eyelet Stitch Trim

**Rnd 1:** purl

**Rnd 2:** knit

**Rnd 3:** {k2tog, yo}

**Rnd 4:** purl

### Twin stitch (knit) (TWNK)

With right needle, knit into the purl bump of stitch directly below next stitch on left needle. Slip new stitch from right needle to left needle without twisting it - 2 stitches from 1 stitch.

### Twin stitch (purl) (TWNP)

With yarn in front, slip 1 stitch purlwise to right needle, then insert left needle from back to front into purl bump of stitch below stitch on right needle and purl this stitch - 2 stitches from 1 stitch. Slip both stitches of twin stitch from right needle to left needle without twisting.

**NOTE:** Each twin stitch is made at the end of a short row and is always followed by turning the work and working back in the other direction.

[Link to twin stitches tutorial](#) →

## PATTERN

### Body Ruffle

(make two)

With longer circular needle, cast on 113 (121, 133, 149) [157, 161, 173, 181] sts using the Long-Tail method.

**Row 1 (RS):** purl all.

**Row 2 (WS):** k1, {k2tog, yo} to last 2 sts, k2.

**Rows 3, 4, 6:** purl all.

**Row 5:** knit all.

**Row 7:** k1, {k2tog} to end - 57 (61, 67, 75) [79, 81, 87, 91] sts remain.

**Row 8:** purl all.

**Row 9:** knit all, decreasing 1 st - 56 (60, 66, 74) [78, 80, 86, 90] sts total.

Place all sts on spare needle or waste yarn, cut the yarn and set aside.

### Sleeve Ruffle

(make two)

With longer circular needle, cast on 65 (65, 73, 73) [81, 81, 89, 89] sts using the Long-Tail method.

**Row 1 (RS):** purl all.

**Row 2 (WS):** k1, {k2tog, yo} to last 2 sts, k2.

**Rows 3, 4, 6:** purl all.

**Row 5:** knit all  
**Row 7:** k1, {k2tog} to end - 33 (33, 37) [41, 41, 45, 45] sts remain.

**Row 8:** purl all.

**Row 9:** knit all, decreasing 1 st - 32 (32, 36, 36) [40, 40, 44, 44] sts total.

Place all sts on spare needle or waste yarn, cut the yarn and set aside.

### Neck Trim

**NOTE:** *Work back and forth in rows.*

With shorter circular needle, cast on 69 (69, 81, 81) [89, 89, 89, 101] sts using the Long-Tail method.

Knit 2 rows.

**Next Row (RS):** k1, {k2tog, yo} to last 2 sts, k2.

Purl 2 rows, decreasing 1 st on first row - 68 (68, 80, 80) [88, 88, 88, 100] sts.

## YOKE

### Shape Shoulders and Neck

**NOTE:** *Shoulders and back neck shaping are worked at the same time. Shoulders are formed by increasing on both sides of the shoulder sts on every row; short rows are worked to create a raised back neck.*

**Set-up Row (WS):** p16 (16, 19, 19) [21, 21, 21, 24] - right front sts, pm (shoulder), p1, pm (shoulder), p34 (34, 40, 40) [44, 44, 44, 50] - back sts, pm (shoulder), p1, pm (shoulder), p16 (16, 19, 19) [21, 21, 21, 24] - left front sts.

**Short-row Set 1:** {knit to 1 st before marker, RLI, k1, sm, k1, sm, k1 LLI} twice, knit to last 5 (5, 6, 4) [4, 4, 4, 4] sts, TWK, turn; {purl to 1 st before marker, RLIP, p1, sm, p1, sm, p1, LLIP} twice, purl to last 5 (5, 6, 4) [4, 4, 4, 4] sts, TWP - 8 sts increased.

**Short-row Set 2:** {knit to 1 st before marker, RLI, k1, sm, k1, sm, k1, LLI} twice, knit to 5 (5, 6, 4) [4, 4, 4, 4] sts before previous twin st, TWK, turn; {purl to 1 st before marker, RLIP, p1, sm, p1, sm, p1, LLIP} twice, purl to 5 (5, 6, 4) [4, 4, 4, 4] sts before previous twin st, TWP - 8 sts increased.

Repeat last short-row set 3 (3, 3, 6) [6, 6, 7, 7] more times.

**Next Row (RS):** {knit to 1 st before marker, RLI, k1, sm, k1, sm, k1, LLI} twice, knit to end working twin sts as one - 4 sts increased.

**Next Row (WS):** {purl to 1 st before marker, RLIP, p1, sm, p1, sm, p1, LLIP} twice, purl to end, working twin sts as one - 4 sts increased.



Neck shaping is completed.

Right/Left Front (each): 28 (28, 31, 37) [39, 39, 41, 44] sts.

Back: 58 (58, 64, 76) [80, 80, 84, 90] sts.

There are a total of 116 (116, 128, 152) [160, 160, 168, 180] sts.

### Shape Shoulders and Keyhole

**NOTE:** Continue increasing in every row at shoulder markers and working back and forth. Change to longer needle when necessary.

**Row 1 (RS):** {knit to 1 st before marker, RLI, k1, sm, k1, sm, k1, LLI} twice, knit to end - 4 sts increased.

**Row 2 (WS):** {purl to 1 st before marker, RLlp, p1, sm, p1, sm, p1, LLIp} twice, purl to end - 4 sts increased.

Repeat last two rows twice more, then Row 1, joining work in the round at the end of final row, being careful not to twist the sts. Place BOR marker.

Front each right/left front : 35 (35, 38, 44) [46, 46, 48, 51] sts.

Back: 72 (72, 78, 90) [94, 94, 98, 104] sts.

There are a total of 144 (144, 156, 180) [188, 188, 196,

208] sts.

**Next Rnd (RS):** {knit to 1 st before marker, RLI, k1, sm, k1, sm, k1, LLI} twice, knit to end - 4 sts increased.

Repeat last rnd 7 (9, 11, 9) [11, 12, 15, 14] times more.

**Next Rnd:** knit all.

Front: 86 (90, 100, 108) [116, 118, 128, 132] sts.

Back: 88 (92, 102, 110) [118, 120, 130, 134] sts.

There are a total of 176 (184, 204, 220) [236, 240, 260, 268] sts.

### Shape Front Armhole

**NOTE:** Now you will work back and forth in rows over Front sts.

**Row 1 (RS):** knit to 2 sts before marker, k2tog, rm, k1. Remove next marker and turn work - 1 st decreased.

**Row 2 (WS):** sl1 wyif, p2tog, purl to 2 sts before next shoulder marker, removing BOR marker when you come to it, p2tog tbl, rm, k1. Remove marker - 2 sts decreased.

**Row 3:** sl1 wyif, ssk, knit to 3 sts before end, k2tog, k1 - 2 sts decreased.

**Row 4:** sl1 wyif, p2tog, purl to 3 sts before end, p2tog tbl, k1 - 2 sts decreased.

Repeat last two rows 6 (6, 7, 7) [8, 8, 9, 9] times more.

**Next Row (RS):** sl1 wyif, ssk, knit to end - 1 st decreased.

Place 56 (60, 66, 74) [78, 80, 86, 90] Front sts on spare needle or waste yarn, cut the yarn.

### Shape Back Armhole

**NOTE:** Now you will work back and forth in rows over Back sts.

Hold Back with RS facing and join yarn.

**Row 1 (RS):** sl1 wyif, ssk, knit to 3 sts before end, k2tog, k1 - 2 sts decreased.

**Row 2 (WS):** sl1 wyif, p2tog, purl to 3 sts before end, p2tog tbl, k1 - 2 sts decreased.

Repeat last two rows 7 (7, 8, 8) [9, 9, 10, 10] times more.

Back: 56 (60, 66, 74) [78, 80, 86, 90] sts.

### BODICE

**NOTE:** Do not cut yarn. Now you will be working in the round from the WS which means that the stitch pattern moves more swiftly over knit sts, while the purl sts will be visible on the outside of the tunic.



**Rejoin Front/Back with Ruffles as follows:** Place one Body Ruffle on spare needle and hold parallel to and in front of main needle with right sides together (RS of Back is facing and WS of Ruffle is facing.) Work as follows: k1 Back st, k1 Ruffle st, and continue to alternate until all sts have been worked. Now arrange the Front sts and the 2nd Body Ruffle on the needles the same way and continue across the Front, alternating k1 Front st, k1 Ruffle st to the end. Join work in the round, being careful not to twist the sts. Slip first st from LH needle onto RH needle and pass working yarn onto RS of the work, wrapping this st. Slip wrapped st back to LH needle and turn work to WS/turn tunic inside out so that the WS is facing. Place BOR marker - 224 (240, 264, 296) [312, 320, 344, 360] sts total.

You will work now from the WS.

**Next Rnd:** knit all.

Using Chart or Written Instructions, work Rnds 1-14 of Clover Stitch pattern 2 (3, 3, 5)[5, 6, 6, 7] times. Sizes 12/18mo, 4/5, 8/9, 12/13 only, work Rnds 1-7 once more.

All sizes, knit 4 more rnds.

Work Eyelet Stitch Trim pattern (*see Stitch Guide*) once.

Bind off all sts. Cut the yarn.

## SLEEVES

With RS facing and using shorter needle, pick up and knit 32 (32, 36, 36) [40, 40, 44, 44] sts along the armhole by picking up through both loops of every stitch of the chained border.

**Join Sleeve with Ruffle as follows:** Place one Sleeve Ruffle on spare needle and hold parallel to and in front of Sleeve sts with right sides together (RS of Sleeve is facing and WS of Ruffle is facing.) Work as follows: k1 Sleeve st, k1 Ruffle st, and continue to alternate until all sts have been worked - 64 (64, 72, 72) [80, 80, 88, 88] sts total.

You will now turn Sleeve inside out and work from the WS.

### Short-sleeve version

Using Chart or Written Instructions, work Rnds 1-14 of Clover Stitch pattern 1 (1, 2, 2)[2, 3, 3, 4] times. Sizes 2/3, 8/9, 12/13 only, work Rnds 1-7 once more.

All sizes, knit 4 more rnds.

### Long-sleeve version

Using Chart or Written Instructions, work Rnds 1-14 of Clover Stitch pattern 4 (5, 6, 6)[7, 7, 8, 9] times. Sizes 2/3, 6/7, 10/11, 12/13 only, work Rnds 1-7 once more.

All sizes, knit 3 more rnds.

**Next Rnd:** {k2tog} around - 32 (32, 36, 36) [40, 40, 44, 44] sts remain.

### Both versions

Work Eyelet Stitch Trim pattern (*see Stitch Guide*) once.

Bind off all sts. Cut the yarn.

## FINISHING

Cut one strand of yarn approximately 4 yds/ 3.5 m long or four times as long as you want the finished cord, plus a little bit more. Fold your yarn in half and place the loop on a key or door handle to hold it firm. At the other end knot the 2 ends of yarn together and push a pencil through the loop. With your left hand pull the yarn to keep it tight and with the other hand start winding the pencil in a clockwise direction. Continue to twist consistently in the same direction until it looks twisted and feels like it can't take much more. Take the pencil off the loop, put your finger in the mid point of the cord, fold in half and let cord twist itself up. Slide the loop off whatever's been holding it. The cord will be approximately 3ft / 1 m. If there are spots in your cord where the tension is a little uneven, you can smooth them out with your hands. Pass the cord through the eyelets at the base of neck trim. Make a knot at each end and trim ends.

[Link to video tutorial](#) →

## BLOCKING

Fill a sink with warm water. Immerse finished garment in water and let it soak for 15-20 minutes. Remove from water, gently squeeze out all excess water. Do not twist fabric! Roll inside a dry towel and stomp on it to get out all moisture possible. On a clean blocking surface, lay out your sweater to air dry.

Weave in all ends and enjoy!



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## WRITTEN INSTRUCTIONS FOR CHART

### Clover Stitch Chart

**Rnds 1-4:** knit all

**Rnd 5:** move marker 1 st right, {k1, k2tog, yo, k5}

**Rnd 6:** knit all

**Rnd 7:** {k2tog, yo, k1, yo, ssk, k3}

**Rnds 8-11:** knit all

**Rnd 12:** move marker 1 st left, {k4, k2tog, yo, k2}

**Rnd 13:** knit all

**Rnd 14:** {k3, k2tog, yo, k1, yo, ssk}

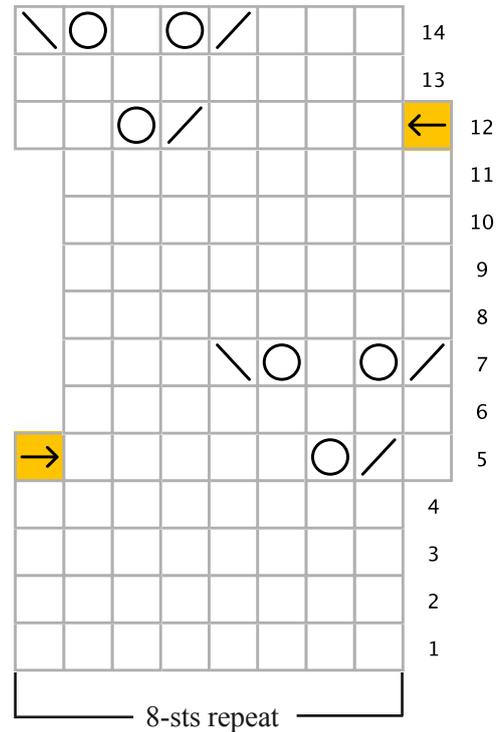
#### Key

- knit
- k2tog
- yo
- ssk
- move marker 1 st right
- ← move marker 1 st left



## CHART

**NOTE:** All chart rows are worked in the round and read from right to left.



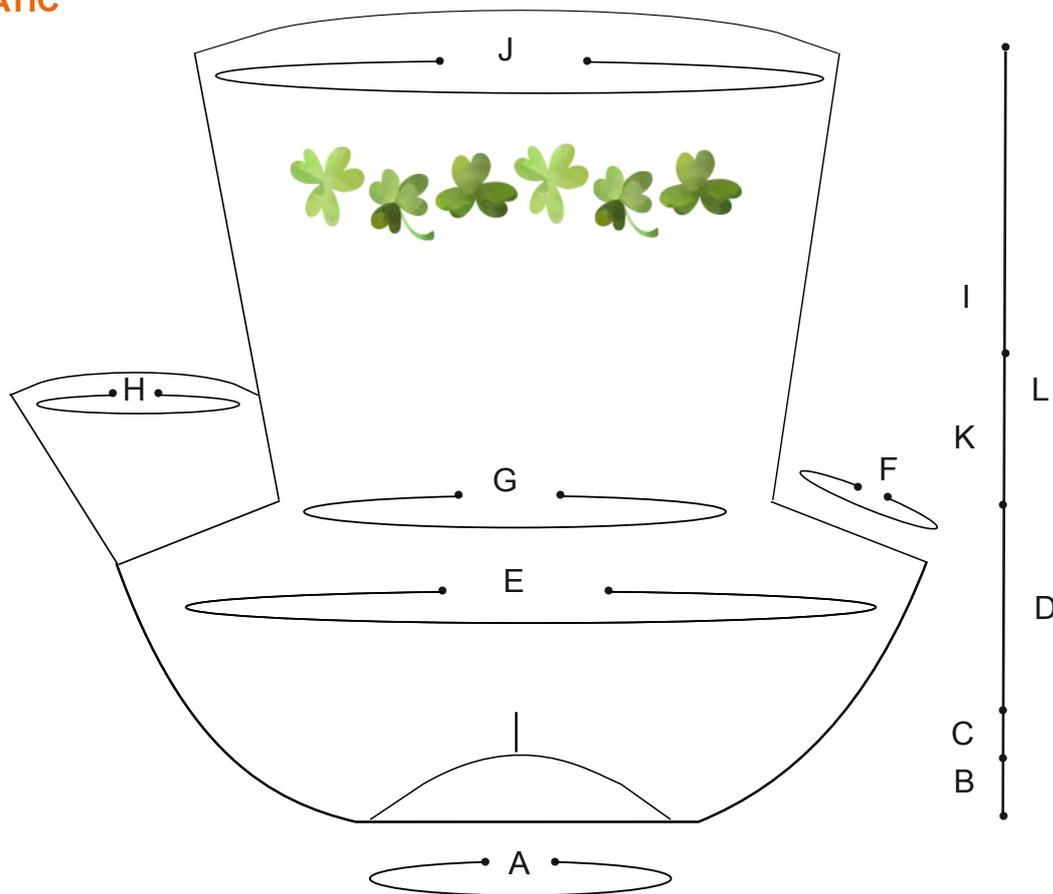
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## Abbreviations

{ } - work instructions within parentheses as many times as directed  
 st(s) - stitch(es)  
 rnd - round  
 BOR - beginning of the round  
 RS - right side  
 WS - wrong side  
 LH - left hand  
 RH - right hand  
 circ - circumference  
 TWK, TWP - see Stitch Guide (page 2)  
 pm - place marker  
 sm - slip marker  
 rm - remove marker  
 k - knit  
 p - purl  
 k2tog - knit 2 sts together  
 p2tog - purl 2 sts together  
 p2tog tbl - purl 2 sts together through the back loop

ssk - slip 2 sts as if to knit, then knit those two together through the back loops  
 sl1 wyif - with yarn in front, slip 1 stitch purlwise  
 yo - yarn over  
 RLI - right lifted increase: knit into the back of the stitch (in the "purl bump") in the row directly below the stitch on the left needle.  
 LLI - left lifted increase: insert left needle into back of the stitch below stitch just knitted, knit this stitch.  
 RLip - right lifted increase: purl into the back of the stitch (in the "purl bump") in the row directly below the stitch on the left needle.  
 LLip - left lifted increase: insert left needle into back of the stitch below stitch just purled, purl this stitch.  
 Move marker 1 st left - at the beg of rnd, move marker 1 st to the left: rm, k1, replace marker for new BOR.  
 Move marker 1 st right - work rnd to last st: sl 1 st from left needle to right needle, rm, sl 1 st back to left needle, replace marker for new BOR.

## SCHEMATIC



A Neck circ	13½ (13½, 16, 16) [17½, 17½, 17½, 20]" 34 (34, 40, 40) [44, 44, 44, 50] cm
B Front neck depth	1¼ (1¼, 1¼, 2) [2, 2, 2¼, 2¼]" 3 (3, 3, 5) [5, 5, 5.5, 5.5] cm
C Keyhole length	1¾ (1¾, 1¾, 1¾) [1¾, 1¾, 1¾, 1¾]" 4 (4, 4, 4) [4, 4, 4, 4] cm
D Yoke depth	6¼ (6½, 6¾, 7½) [7¾, 8, 9, 8¾]" 15 (16, 17, 18.5) [19.5, 20, 22, 22] cm
E Yoke circ	35¼ (36¾, 40¾, 44) [47¼, 48, 52, 53½]" 88 (92, 102, 110) [118, 120, 130, 134] cm
F Armhole circ	6½ (6½, 7¼, 7¼) [8, 8, 8¾, 8¾]" 16 (16, 18, 18) [20, 20, 22, 22] cm
G Chest circ	22½ (24, 26½, 29½) [31, 32, 34½, 36]" 56 (60, 66, 74) [78, 80, 86, 90] cm
H Sleeve circ	11½ (11½, 13, 13) [14½, 14½, 16, 16]" 29 (29, 32.5, 32.5) [36.5, 36.5, 40, 40] cm
I Bodice length	5½ (6¼, 7¼, 9¾) [10½, 11½, 12½, 13¼]" 13.5 (15.5, 18, 24.5) [26.5, 29, 31, 33] cm
J Bodice circ	40¾ (43½, 48, 53¾) [56¾, 58¼, 62½, 65½]" 102 (109, 120, 134.5) [142, 145.5, 156, 163.5] cm
K Short Sleeve length	2¾ (3½, 4½, 4½) [5¼, 6¼, 7, 8]" 7 (9, 11, 11) [13.5, 15.5, 18, 20] cm
Long Sleeve length	8 (10½, 11½, 12¼) [13¼, 14, 15¾, 16¾]" 20 (26.5, 29, 31) [33, 35, 40, 42] cm
L Total length	11¾ (12¾, 14, 17) [18½, 19½, 21¼, 22]" 28.5 (31.5, 35, 43) [46, 49, 53, 55] cm





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