

Laureles Top - Lottie Knitwear



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Sizes

(XS, S, M)(L, XL, XXL)

The sizes correspond with a bust circumference of (80-85, 85-90, 90-95)(95-100, 100-110, 110-120) cm or approx. (31.5-33.5, 33.5-35.5, 35.5-37.5)(37.5-39.5, 39.5-43.5, 43.5-47.25) inches.

Measurements

The Laureles Top is designed as a form fitting halter with 15-25 cm / 6-10 inches of negative ease. For a fitted halter you should choose a size that has a circumference 15-25 cm / 6-10 inches smaller than your bust circumference. If you prefer a looser fit I recommend sizing up.

Circumference (62, 66, 71)(77, 85, 94) cm / approx. (24.5, 26, 28)(30.5, 33.5, 37) inches

Length (30, 33, 33)(33, 34, 35) cm / approx. (12, 13, 13)(13, 13.5, 14) inches or preferred length

Needles

3mm 60-80 cm circular needles for body

2.5mm 60-80 cm circular needles for ribbed edge

Gauge

27 sts x 36 rows = 10x10cm / 4x4 inches in stockinette stitch after blocking.

Notions

Tapestry needle

Stitch markers

2 buttons approx. 10mm in diameter

Sewing needle & matching thread

Yarn

Sample is knit using Drops Flora shade Pistachio held with Sandnes Garn Tynn Silk Mohair shade 2009 and Drops Kid Silk shade Apple Green for the ribbed trim.

You will need (100, 125, 150)(150, 175, 200) g of Drops Flora and (50, 50, 75)(75, 100, 100) g of Sandnes Garn Tynn Silk Mohair.

Yarn Alternatives

Here are some alternative yarns you can use. Remember to check your gauge first as these yarns may affect it. The top is knit using 1 strand of fingering weight yarn with 1 strand of lace weight mohair yarn. If you would like to make the top without a mohair, choose a sport weight yarn.

Isager Alpaca 2 (50% alpaca, 50% wool)

Sandnes Garn Babyull Lanett (100% merino wool)

Knitting for Olive Merino (100% merino wool)

Drops Nord (45% alpaca, 30% polyamide, 25% wool)

Isager Silk Mohair (75% super kid mohair, 25% silk)

Knitting for Olive Soft Silk Mohair (70% mohair, 30% silk)

Lang Yarns Lace (58% mohair, 42% silk)

Biches & Bûches Le Petit Silk & Mohair (30% silk, 70% mohair)

Front Piece

With 3mm 60-80 cm circular needles cast on (42, 44, 44)(46, 52, 58) stitches to begin the front piece. Use the long tail CO method/ stretchy method of your preference.

All sizes: Work 4 rows of stockinette to set up.

Next, begin working increases every 4 rows.

Row 1: k2, M1L, k until last 2 sts, M1R, k2

Row 2: purl all

Row 3: knit all

Row 4: purl all

Repeat rows 1-4 a total of (15, 17, 19)(21, 23, 25) times. You now have (72, 78, 82)(88, 98, 108) stitches.

Body

To work the body first knit across all front piece stitches.

After knitting all sts you will CO new sts for the body. CO (84, 90, 98)(108, 118, 128) new stitches using the backwards loop CO method. Place a stitch marker after (3, 3, 4)(5, 5, 5) newly cast on sts to mark the BOR.

Continue knitting the body in the round until it measures (26, 29, 29)(29, 30, 32) cm / approx. (10.5, 11.5, 11.5)(11.5, 12, 12.5) inches from the back where new sts were CO or preferred length.

Finish the body with 4 cm / 1.5 inches of 1x1 ribbing (knit 1, purl 1, repeat). Bind off using the Italian BO method / stretchy BO method of your preference.

Ribbed Edge

With 2.5mm 60-80 cm circular needles begin picking up stitches for the ribbed edge. You will begin at the CO edge of the front piece in the left top corner when looking at the top RS facing you. Pick up stitches along the increase edge, along the top of the back and up the other increase edge. Finish at the right corner along the right side.

Pick up with the ratio of 3/4 (pick up 3, skip 1, repeat) along the increase edges and every stitch along the back.

Pick up approx. (174, 192, 210)(232, 248, 266) stitches.

Work 3 rows of 1x1 ribbing (knit 1, purl 1, repeat) and BO using the Italian bind off method.

Ribbed Collar

For your ribbed collar you'll need to make a measurement of your neck. Measurement the circumference of the base of your neck.

Using a gauge of your 1x1 ribbing (either from your hem ribbing or from a separate gauge swatch) calculate the number of stitches needed to cover the circumference of your neck. The stitches should be slightly stretched.

Then subtract the number of stitches you will have on the top of the front piece.

I recommend a ratio of 3/4 for picking up stitches along the top edge.

Example: for size S, 44 sts were CO for the top and with a ratio of 3/4 that means 33 sts will be picked up. Based on gauge 74 stitches are needed for the neck circumference. If we subtract the approx. 33 stitches from the top edge we are given 41. Divided that number by 2 for approx. 20 sts. This is the number of each side of your collar.

Once you have calculated the amount of stitches needed for your collar begin by casting on half your number to 3 mm needles. Use both of your yarns held together. In the example of 74 stitches needed it was calculated that 20 stitches would be needed on each side. With the long tail CO method cast on your stitches. For this CO you will need a long tail long enough for all stitches (ex, 74 sts).

After casting on one side of your stitches begin picking up stitches along the top edge of your front piece. Pick up with a ratio of 3/4 or approx. (28, 33, 33)(34, 39, 43) stitches. Hold both your working yarn and long tail together while picking up stitches.

Finally CO the other half of your stitches. (ex, 20) using the long tail CO method. Use the extra strand of yarn that was carried across the top edge.

Now work 1x1 ribbing (knit 1, purl 1, repeat) across all stitches. Work ribbing for 14 rows or until collar measures approx. 4 cm / 1.5 inches. Bind off using the Italian BO method.

Buttons

Begin by sewing in your 2 buttons evenly spaced to the front of one side of your collar.

Work a crochet chain or braid your fingering weight yarn to create a thicker cord. Create a 15 cm / 6 inch cord.

Cut the cord into 2 small pieces approx 4 cm / 1.5 inches, fold in half and sew down to the inside of the other side of your collar.



Finishing

Finish your top by blocking using warm water and weaving in your ends.

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Abbreviations:

CO: Cast on

BO: Bind off

BOR: Beginning of round

K: Knit

P: Purl

STS: Stitches

SSK: Slip slip knit, slip 2 stitches knitwise and knit them together to decrease 1 stitch.

K3tog: Knit 3 stitches together

P2tog: Purl 2 stitches together

YO: Yarn over

SM: Stitch marker/ slip marker

M1: Marker 1

M2: Marker 2

M1R: Increase 1 stitch using M1R method

M1L: Increase 1 stitch using M1L method

M1Lp: Increase 1 stitch left purlwise

M1Rp: Increase 1 stitch right purlwise

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