

Knitting for Olive



Leaf tunic

Sizes: 3-6 (9-12, 12-18 months // 2, 3-4, 5-6 years)

Full length: approx. 28 (30, 32 // 36, 40, 44) cm

Needles: 3 mm needles and 2½ mm and 3 mm double pointed needles

Gauge: approx. 28 sts to 10 cm using 3 mm needles

Yarn: Knitting for Olives Merino (fingering)

Yarn requirements: 100 (100, 150 // 150, 150, 200)

The leaf tunic is knitted across

The front piece and the back piece of the leaf tunic is knitted in one piece

Neck opening and sleeve opening is formed as you go, in the right side of the piece

The leaves are knitted in the left side of the piece, in a 18 row pattern which is repeated all the way through the work.

Use a provisional cast on to avoid visible seams. Alternatively you can use a basic cast on method and subsequently stitch the pieces of the tunic together.

Front and back piece must be knitted in 2 pieces, if you choose not to use Provisional cast on (If you are NOT using Provisional cast on, follow the instructions in the parentheses)

To add width to the tunic, you will knit wedges in the left side of the piece, using short rows
 This pattern uses Wrap and turn technique (see description on last page), but any short row technique can be used

IMPORTANT!

The shape of the tunic is wide, which might make it appear too short while knitting it, but it will be longer after wash

Front piece

Cast on 41 (45, 49 // 57, 65, 73) sts using Provisional cast on
 (If you are NOT using Provisional cast on, cast on 41 (45, 49 // 57, 65, 73) sts using your usual cast on method) Knit 1 row from the wrong side, on this row place 1 marker as follows:
 k9, pm, p32 (36, 40 // 48, 56, 64)

Knit in st st until you reach the marker, then knit leaf pattern after the marker (see explanations and abbreviations on last pages)

Knit 4 (4, 6 // 6, 6, 8) rows, at the end of the 4. (4., 6. // 6., 6., 8.) row, cast on 24 (26, 28 // // 30, 32, 34) sts using Provisional cast on
 (If you are NOT using Provisional cast on, cast on using your usual cast on-method)
 You now have 56 (62, 68 // 78, 88, 98) sts on the row before the marker
 Knit 4 (4, 6 // 6, 8, 10) rows.

Now make **the wedge:**

1. row	K to marker, leaf pattern
2. row	Leaf pattern, p5 (6, 7 // 8, 9, 10), wt
3. row	k5 (6, 7 // 8, 9, 10), leaf pattern
4. row	Leaf pattern, p10 (12, 14 // 16, 18, 20), wt
5. row	k10 (12, 14 // 16, 18, 20), leaf pattern
6. row	Leaf pattern, p15 (18, 21 // 24, 27, 30), wt
7. row	k15 (18, 21 // 24, 27, 30), leaf pattern
8. row	Leaf pattern, p20 (24, 28 // 32, 36, 40), wt
9. row	k20 (24, 28 // 32, 36, 40), leaf pattern
10. row	Leaf pattern, p25 (30, 35 // 40, 45, 50), wt
11. row	k25 (30, 35 // 40, 45, 50), leaf pattern
12. row	Leaf pattern, p30 (36, 42 // 48, 54, 60), wt
13. row	k30 (36, 42 // 48, 54, 60), leaf pattern
14. row	Leaf pattern, p35 (42, 49 // 56, 63, 70), wt
15. row	k35 (42, 49 // 56, 63, 70), leaf pattern
16. row	Leaf pattern, p40 (48, 56 // 64, 72, 80), wt
17. row	k40 (48, 56 // 64, 72, 80), leaf pattern

18. row	Leaf pattern, p all sts
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Knit 10 (12, 14 // 14, 16, 18) rows

Knit a wedge as previously described

Knit 10 (12, 14 // 14, 16, 18) rows, AT THE SAME TIME begin shaping of the neck opening:

At the beginning of 3. (3., 3. // 3., 5., 5.) row cast off 5 (6, 7 // 7, 8, 9) sts

At the beginning of 5. and 7. (5. and 7., 5. 7. and 9. // 5. 7. og 9., 7. 9. and 11., 7. 9. og 11.) row cast off 1 st

Now you have 49 (54, 58 // 68, 77, 86) sts on the needle before the marker. Knit the last 3 (5, 5 // 5, 5, 7) rows

Knit a wedge as previously described

Knit 8 (12, 14 // 14, 16, 18) rows

Knit a wedge as previously described, this wedge = center front

Knit 8 (12, 14 // 14, 16, 18) rows

Knit a wedge as previously described

Knit 10 (12, 14 // 14, 16, 18) rows, AT THE SAME TIME shape the last bit of the neck opening:

Cast on 1 st at the end of 2. and 4. (4. and 6., 4. and 6. and 8. // 4. and 6. and 8., 4. and 6. and 8., 6. and 8. and 10.) row

Cast on 5 (6, 7 // 7, 8, 9) sts at the end of 6. (8., 10. // 10., 10., 12.) row

Knit the last 4 (4, 4 // 4, 6, 6) rows (rows 11 - 14)

Knit a wedge as previously described

Knit 10 (12, 14 // 14, 16, 18) rows

Knit a wedge as previously described

Knit 4 (4, 6 // 6, 8, 10) rows

On 5. (5., 7. // 7., 7., 11.) row knit 24 (26, 28 // 30, 32, 34) sts, place these sts on scrap yarn to put them aside for sleeve, knit the rest of the row

(If you are NOT using Provisional cast on, cast off these sts

Now you have 32 (36, 40 // 48, 56, 64) sts before the marker. Knit another 3 (5, 5 // 5, 7, 7) rows

Now you have finished knitting the front piece

If you are using Provisional cast on, continue knitting the back piece extending from the front piece

(If you are NOT using Provisional cast on, cast off the sts and cast on the same number of sts for back piece as you did for the front piece)

Back piece

Continue in st st until you reach the marker and leaf pattern after the marker

Knit 4 (4, 6 // 6, 6, 8) rows, at the end of 4. (4., 6. // 6., 6., 8.) row, cast on 24 (26, 28 //

// 30, 32, 34) sts using Provisional cast on

(If you are NOT using Provisional cast on, cast on using your usual cast on-method)

Now you have 56 (62, 68 // 78, 88, 98) sts on the needle before the marker. Knit 4 (4, 6 // 6, 8, 10) rows

Knit a wedge as previously described

Knit 10 (12, 14 // 14, 16, 18) rows

Knit a wedge as previously described

Knit 10 (12, 14 // 14, 16, 18) rows, AT THE SAME TIME begin shaping of the neck opening:

At the beginning of 3. (3., 3. // 3., 5., 5.) row cast off 3 (4, 5 // 5, 6, 7) sts

At the beginning of 5. (5., 5. and 7. // 5. and 7., 7. and 9., 7. and 9.) row, cast off 1 st

Now you have 52 (57, 61 // 71, 80, 89) sts on the row before the marker

Knit the last 5 (7, 7 // 7, 7, 9) rows

Knit a wedge as previously described

Knit 8 (12, 14 // 14, 16, 18) rows

Knit a wedge as previously described, this wedge = center back, AT THE SAME TIME

At the beginning of the 1. row of the wedge cast of 4 sts for split opening in the neck

Knit the wedge rows 2 - 17

At the end of the last row of the wedge = row 18, cast on 4 sts using a basic cast on method

Knit 8 (12, 14 // 14, 16, 18) rows

Knit a wedge as previously described

Knit 10 (12, 14 // 14, 16, 18) rows, AT THE SAME TIME shape the ending of the neck opening:

Cast on 1 st at the end of 4. (6., 6. and 8. // 6. and 8., 6. and 8., 8. 10.) row

Cast on 3 (4, 5 // 5, 6, 7) sts at the end of the 6. (8., 10. // 10., 10., 12.) row

Knit the last 4 (4, 4 // 4, 6, 6) rows

Knit a wedge as previously described

Knit 10 (12, 14 // 14, 16, 18) rows

Knit a wedge as previously described

Knit 4 (4, 6 // 6, 8, 10) rows

On the 5. (5., 7. // 7., 7., 11.) row knit 24 (26, 28 // 30, 32, 34) sts, place these sts on scrap yarn to put them aside for sleeve, knit the rest of the row

(If you are NOT using Provisional cast on, cast off the sts)

Now you have 32 (36, 40 // 48, 56, 64) sts before the marker. Knit another 3 (5, 5 // 5, 7, 7) rows

The back piece is now complete

Place the cast on sts from the beginning of the work on a knitting needle and stitch the beginning and the end of the work together using kitchener stitch

Stitch the shoulder seams together

(If you are NOT using Provisional cast on, sew the front and back piece together in the sides and sew the shoulder seams together)

Sleeves

The sleeves are knitted in the round in st st

Place the 48 (52, 56 // 60, 64, 68) sts from the arm opening on a needle/double pointed needles

Begin the round mid under sleeve by picking up 3 (3, 5 // 5, 6, 7) sts

Knit the sts from the arm opening and pick up another 3 (3) 5 // 5 (6) 7 sts

Now you have 54 (58, 66 // 70, 76, 82) sts

Knit 1 round AT THE SAME TIME on the 1. round place markers as follows:

K2 (2, 4 // 4, 5, 6), pm, k23 (25, 27 // 29, 31, 33), k2tog, sl1k, k1, pssso, k23 (25, 27 // 29, 31, 33), pm, k2 (2, 4 // 4, 5, 6)

Now you have 52 (56, 64 // 68, 74, 80) sts

Decrease as follows:

Knit until 2 sts remain before the first marker (for the 2 smallest sizes = 0 sts), k2tog, k to marker, mm to right hand needle, sl1k, k1, pssso, k to beginning of round

Decrease as described on every other round, until 2 sts remain between the 2 markers under the sleeve

Now you have 50 (54, 58 // 62, 66, 70) sts

Remove one marker and place the other marker between the 2 sts under the sleeve

From this point, decrease on every 6. Round as follows:

k1, k2tog, k until 3 sts remain, sl1k, k1, pssso

Continue as described until you have 40 (42, 44 // 46, 48, 50) sts left

Continue straight up until the sleeve measures 15 (17, 19 // 23, 26, 29) cm or until you have reached desired length

Change to 2½ mm needles and p 1 round AT THE SAME TIME on the 1. round decrease 4 sts evenly across the round = 36 (38, 40 // 42, 44, 46) sts

Proceed as follows: *k 1 round, p 1 round*, repeat * to * a total of 4 times

= 5 garter ridges in total

On the next round cast off in garter stitch

Knit another sleeve

Neck edge

Using 2½ mm needles pick up sts along the neck line, (pick up approx. 1 st in 3 out of 4 sts along the neck line)

Knit 5 rows in garter stitch, AT THE SAME TIME on 4. row decrease 6 (6, 8 // 8, 8, 8) sts evenly across row

On the next row cast off in garter stitch from the right side, using the last stitch to make a crochet loop for button hole

Weave in all the loose ends and sew on button

Chart, abbreviations and techniques

Leaf pattern

Row	
1	k6 - yarn over - k1 - yarn over - k2
2	p6 - k 2 in one st - k4
3	k5 - p1 - k2 - yarn over - k1 - yarn over - k3
4	p8 - k 2 in one st - k5
5	k5 - p2 - k3 - yarn over - k1 - yarn over k4
6	p10 - k 2 in one st - k6
7	k5 - p3 - k4 - yarn over - k1 - yarn over - k5
8	p12 - k 2 in one st - k7
9	k5 - p4 - k2tog tbl - k7 - k2tog - k1
10	p10 - k 2 in one st - k8
11	k5 - p5 - k2tog tbl - k5 - k2tog - k1
12	p8 - k 2 in one st - k2 - p1 - k6
13	k5 - p1 - k1 - p4 - k2tog tbl - k3 - k2tog - k1
14	p6 - k 2 in one st - k3 - p1 - k6
15	k5 - p1 - k1 - p5 - k2tog tbl - k1 - k2tog - k1
16	p4 - k 2 in one st - k4 - p1 - k6
17	k5 - p1 - k1 - p6 - sl 1 - k2tog - pssso - k1
18	cast off 5 sts (BUT p2tog for the first cast off st) - k1 - p1 - k6

Abbreviations

K – knit

P - Purl

Sts – stitch/stitches

St st - stocking stitch - in circular knitting knit all, knitting back and forth, 1 row knit, 1 row purl

Pm – place marker

Mm – move marker

K2tog – knit 2 stitches together

Yo – yarn over

P2tog – purl 2 stitches together

Tbl – through back loop

Sl 1 – slip one stitch

Pssso – pass slipped stitch over

Wrap and Turn

On the right side:

Knit all stitches to the stitch you are going to wrap and turn, keeping your yarn in the back, slip next stitch onto right needle as if to purl it. Place your yarn between the stitches on right and left needle, and lift it around to the front, slip the slipped stitch back on left needle, and place yarn in the back again. You now have a wrapped stitch. Turn to purl back.

On the backside:

Purl all stitches to the stitch you are going to wrap and turn, keep your yarn in the front,

Slip next stitch onto right needle, as if to knit it. Place your yarn between the stitches on right and left needle, and lift it around to the back, slip the slipped stitch back on left needle, and place yarn in the front again. You now have a wrapped stitch. Turn to knit back.

Knitting a wrapped stitch:

On the right side: Knit to the wrapped stitch, insert the right needle tip into the wrap from top to bottom, and then into the stitch on the needle, and knit these stitches.

On the wrong side: Purl to the wrapped stitch, insert the right needle tip into the wrap from bottom to top, and then into the stitch on the needle, and purl these stitches through front loop.

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