

 paper moon knits



lokta

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Lotka is a tee for cool comfort, dressed up or down, and worked at an open gauge in linen and silk mohair.

SIZES

- 1 (2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8)

FINISHED MEASUREMENTS

- Bust: 35 (39, 43, 47, 51, 55, 59, 63)" [89 (99, 109, 119, 130, 140, 151, 160)cm]

Tee is shown in Size 2 and is modeled with 3" [7.5cm] of positive ease.

YARN

- 2 (3, 3, 3, 3, 4, 4, 5) skeins *Shibui Knits Reed* 100% linen
246 yds [225m] per 50g
Shown in color Caffeine
+
- 3 (3, 4, 4, 4, 5, 5, 6) skeins *Shibui Knits Tweed Silk Cloud*
65% silk, 35% mohair
190 yds [174m] per 25g
Shown in color Bone

Note that both yarns are held together.

or

- 467 (540, 590, 673, 736, 808, 901, 987) yds [427 (494, 540, 615, 673, 739, 824, 903)m] each of a fingering weight and a lace weight held together, or a single strand of light DK weight yarn

** see NOTES & TIPS #3*

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NEEDLES

- US 9 [5.5mm] circular needle, for yoke and body *
- US 9 [5.5mm] or smaller spare needle, for 3-needle bind-off

** see NOTES & TIPS #4.*

NOTIONS

- stitch markers (1 in color A + 3 in color B)
- removable markers (4)
- stitch holder or waste yarn
- tapestry needle

GAUGE

- 17.5 sts and 27.5 rows/rnds = 4" [10cm] over Stockinette stitch, blocked

IF NECESSARY, CHANGE NEEDLE SIZE TO ACHIEVE SPECIFIED GAUGE.

SKILLS USED

- basic lace
- knitting flat and in the round
- reading charts (optional)
- 3-needle bind-off
- picking up stitches

NOTES & TIPS

1. The lace yoke is worked flat in four pieces, creating subtle scallops at the arm openings. Front halves and Back halves are joined using a 3-needle bind off with an intentionally visible seam. Stitches are then picked up along the edge of the lace panels to work Front and Back separately to the bottom of the armhole. The work is then joined to work the Body in the round.
2. The lace pattern is both written (*page 3*) and charted (*page 5*).
3. Both yarns, a fingering weight linen and a lace weight silk/mohair, are held together and worked at a loose, open gauge.

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4. No needle lengths are listed; you'll need 1 to 3 lengths to accommodate the following: working the 30-st yoke sections back and forth in rows, working the back and front separately for several rows, then working the body in the round.

TECHNIQUES

- **3-needle Bind-off (visible)**
With wrong sides together, hold two needles with equal number of stitches on each. With third needle, knit together one stitch from each needle, then *knit together one stitch from each needle, pass first stitch worked over second to bind off; repeat from * until 1 st remains. Cut working yarn and pull through last stitch to secure.

HELPFUL LINKS

- [Video: 3-needle Bind-off](#)

Note that this video shows the technique being worked with right sides together. For this tee, you will be holding wrong sides together.

ABBREVIATIONS

beg	beginning
BOR	beginning of round
cont	continue
k	knit
k2tog	knit 2 sts together
k3tog	knit 3 sts together
p	purl
patt	pattern
pm	place marker
rep	repeat
rnd(s)	round(s)
RS	right side
ssk	[slip 1 st as if to knit] twice, insert left needle into front of these 2 sts and knit them together
sssk	[slip 1 st as if to knit] three times, insert left needle into front of these 3 sts and knit them together

st(s)	stitch(es)
St st	stockinette stitch
tbl	through back loop
WS	wrong side
yo	yarn over

PATTERN STITCHES

Stockinette Stitch *in rows* (St st)

ROW 1 (RS): Knit.

ROW 2 (WS): Purl.

Rep ROWS 1 – 2.

Stockinette Stitch *in the round* (St st)

Knit every round.

Lace Pattern *in rows*

ROW 1 (RS): K5, [yo, k2, ssk, k3, k2tog, k2, yo, k1] 2x, k1.

ROW 2 and all WS ROWS: Purl.

ROW 3: K6, [yo, k2, ssk, k1, k2tog, k2, yo, k3] 2x.

ROW 5: K6, [k1, yo, k2, k3tog, k2, yo, k4] 2x.

ROW 7: K1, [k1, yo, k2, ssk, k3, k2tog, k2, yo] 2x, k5.

ROW 9: K3, [yo, k2, ssk, k1, k2tog, k2, yo, k3] 2x, k3.

ROW 11: K4, [yo, k2, sssk, k2, yo, k5] 2x, k2.

Rep ROWS 1 – 12 for patt.

1x1 Twisted Rib *in the round*

Every rnd: K1tbl, p1; rep to end.



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YOKE

Right Front

Cast on 30 sts and work 12 rows of Lace patt 2 (2, 3, 3, 4, 5, 5, 6) times. Then work 5 (11, 5, 11, 11, 5, 11, 5) rows more, place removable marker at end of this row, then work 30 rows more, ending with RS ROW 11 (5, 11, 5, 5, 11, 5, 11). Break yarn and place sts on waste yarn or holder.



Left Front

Cast on 30 sts and work 12 rows of Lace patt 2 (2, 3, 3, 4, 5, 5, 6) times. Then work 4 (10, 4, 10, 10, 4, 10, 4) rows more, place removable marker at end of this row, then work 31 rows more, ending with RS ROW 11 (5, 11, 5, 5, 11, 5, 11). Do not break yarn.

Place Right Front sts onto spare needle and with wrong sides together, join Fronts using 3-needle bind-off. (Seam will be visible on RS.)

Work Left Back as for Right Front.

Work Right Back as for Left Front.

Join Left Back to Right Back with 3-needle bind-off as for Fronts.

Sew Back to Front at shoulders, lining up markers and seaming each side from marker to outside edge.

BACK

With WS facing, pick up and knit 78 (86, 96, 104, 114, 122, 132, 140) sts along long edge of BACK between first and second stitches.

Turn and beg with a RS row, work 4 (6, 8, 10, 12, 14, 16, 20) rows of St st. End WS row. Place sts on holder.

FRONT

With WS facing, pick up and knit 78 (86, 96, 104, 114, 122, 132, 140) sts along long edge of FRONT between first and second stitches.

Turn and beg with a RS row, work 4 (6, 8, 10, 12, 14, 16, 20) rows of St st. End WS row.

BODY

Join Front & Back

Turn work to RS. P1, k1, p1, place BOR marker in color A, k to last 3 sts of FRONT, pm in color B, p1, k1, p1; cont on BACK, p1, k1, p1, pm in color B, knit to last 3 sts of BACK, pm in color B, p1, k1, p1. Join to work in rnd. [156 (172, 192, 208, 228, 244, 264, 280) sts]

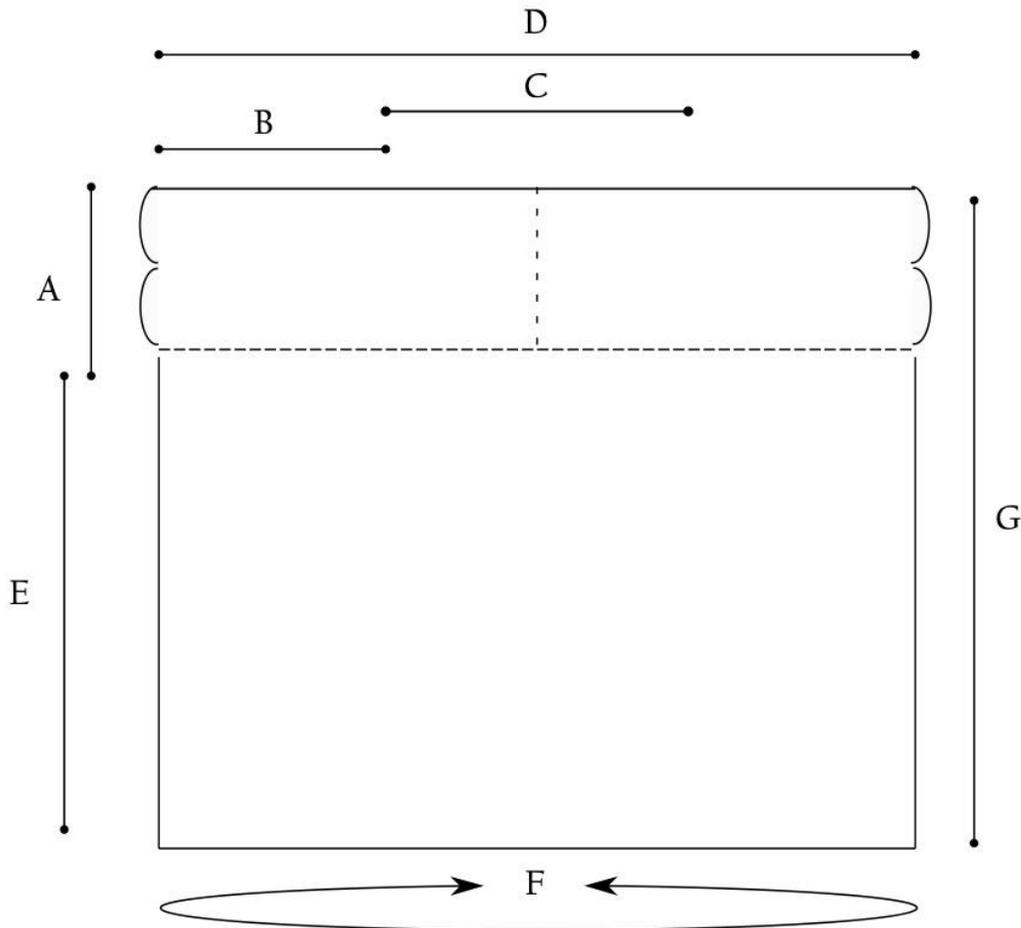
Maintaining patt as established, work even for 10½ (10½, 11, 11, 11½, 11½, 12, 12)” [26.5 (26.5, 28, 28, 29, 29, 30.5, 30.5)cm] or desired length from underarm to hem.

Note that lengthening the BODY will require additional yarn.

Ribbing

Set-up rnd: Work in 1x1 Twisted Rib to 2 sts before next marker, k2togtbl, sm, work in patt as established to next marker, sm, work in 1x1 Twisted Rib to 2 sts before next marker, k2togtbl, sm, work in patt as established to BOR marker.

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Finished Measurements

- A 7¼ (7½, 7¾, 8, 8¼, 8¾, 9, 9½)" [18 (19, 19.5, 20, 21, 21.5, 22.5, 24)cm]
- B 4¼ (5¼, 6¼, 7¼, 8¼, 9¼, 10¾, 11¼)" [11 (13.5, 16, 18.5, 21, 23.5, 27.5, 28.5)cm]
- C 9" [23cm]
- D 17½ (19½, 21½, 23½, 25½, 27½, 29½, 31½)" [44.5 (49.5, 54.5, 59.5, 65, 70, 75.5, 80)cm]
- E 10½ (10½, 11, 11, 11½, 11½, 12, 12)" [26.5 (26.5, 28, 28, 29, 29, 30.5, 30.5)cm]
- F 35 (39, 43, 47, 51, 55, 59, 63)" [89 (99, 109, 119, 130, 140, 151, 160)cm]
- G 17¾ (18, 18¾, 19, 19¾, 20¼, 21, 21½)" [44.5 (45.5, 47.5, 48, 50, 50.5, 53, 54.5)cm]