



# Polka-Dot Tabard

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A tabard is a short coat with open sides and a belt. Tabards are normally embellished on the front with a coat of arms. So maybe your coat of arms is a little more advanced than some simple polka dots, but these are far more fun.

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## Sizes

Woman's small/medium (large/X-large, 2X-large/3X-large)

Instructions are given for smallest size, with larger sizes in parentheses. When only 1 number is given, it applies to all sizes.

## Finished Measurements

**Chest:** 42 (52, 56) inches

**Length:** 25 (27, 27) inches

## Materials

- Cascade Yarns Cascade 220 Sport (sport weight; 100% Peruvian Highland wool; 164 yds/50g per skein): 5 skeins blue velvet #7818 (MC); 2 skeins blue topaz #8906 (A); 1 skein flamingo pink #7805 (B)
- Size 6 (4mm) 24-inch circular needle or size needed to obtain gauge
- Size G/6 (4mm) crochet hook (for provisional cast-on)



## Gauge

19 sts and 28 rows = 4 inches/10cm in 2-color stranded St st (blocked).

18 sts and 27 rows = 4 inches/10cm in single-color St st (blocked).

## Special Abbreviations

**Slip, slip, purl (ssp):** Slip next 2 sts kwise, 1 at a time, from LH to RH

needle; slip these sts back to LH needle keeping them twisted; p2tog-tbl.

**Make 1 Left (M1L):** Insert LH needle from front to back under strand between sts; knit through back of resulting loop.

**Make 1 Right (M1R):** Insert LH needle from back to front under strand between sts; knit into front of resulting loop.

**Make 1 Purl (M1P):** Insert LH needle from back to front under strand between sts; purl into front of resulting loop.

## Pattern Stitch

### Polka Dot

Refer to chart provided to work Polka Dot pat.

## Pattern Notes

Center sections of front and back are identical and are worked in Color pat.

Garage stitch rows are worked as purl rows.

Each side/sleeve is worked in 1 piece beginning at shoulder line and ending at lower edge for the first half; the other half is worked down from the live

stitches of the unzipped provisional cast-on. Increases/decreases are worked at the center edge, end of right-side rows for right front/left back, and beginning of right-side rows for left front/right back.

Work increases and decreases 1 stitch in from the edge. On right-side rows, work a k2tog decrease at beginning of the row and a ssk decrease at the end. On wrong-side rows, work a ssp decrease at the beginning and a p2tog decrease at the end.

## Center Front/Back

### Make 2

With MC, cast on 77 sts.

**Row 1 (RS)–4:** Purl.

**Rows 5–89:** Work in Color pat, dec 1 st each side [every 5 rows] 17 times—43 sts.

Work 5 (11, 11) rows even.

Inc 1 st each side on next row, then [every 5 (4, 4) rows] 14 (16, 16) times—73 (75, 75) sts.

Work 8 (20, 20) rows even—14 (15, 15) reps of pat are completed.

With MC, knit 5 rows.

Bind off.

## Right Front/Left Back

### Make 2

## First Half-Sleeve/Side

Using provisional cast-on method (see page 127) and MC, cast on 54 (64, 68) sts.

## Designer's TIP

For an ombré effect, use several progressing colors for the polka dots.



Work 2 rows in St st.  
 Continuing in St st, inc 1 st at center edge on next then [every 5 rows] 0 (2, 2) times, [every 4 rows] once, then [every 3 rows] 13 (11, 11) times—69 (79, 83) sts.  
 Work 1 (4, 4) row(s) even.  
**Next row (RS):** Bind off 43 sts at sleeve edge, work to end of row—26 (36, 40) sts.  
 Inc 1 st at center edge every [5 rows] 5 times—31 (41, 45) sts.  
 Work 9 (14, 14) rows even.  
 Dec 1 st at center edge on next row, then [every 5 rows] 8 times, [every 6 rows] 5 times, then [every 4 rows] 3 times—14 (24, 28) sts.  
 Work 3 rows even.  
 Purl 4 rows.  
 Bind off.

**Left Front/Right Back**

**2nd Half-Sleeve/Side**

Unzip provisional cast-on, placing 54 (64, 68) sts on needle.  
 Rep First Half-Sleeve/Side.

**Finishing**

Sew center front/back at shoulder leaving 12½ (13, 13) inches open in center for neck.

Sew center and sleeve/sides tog.  
 Block to measurements.

**Sleeve Edging**

Pick up and knit sts at a rate of 2 sts for every 3 rows along sleeve edge.  
 Knit 2 rows.  
 Bind off.  
 Rep on other sleeve.  
 Sew underarm seam and side seam to straight area of center section, leaving rem length to lower edge open.

**Side Edging**

Pick up and knit sts at a rate of 2 sts for every 3 rows along side opening.  
 Knit 2 rows.  
 Bind off.

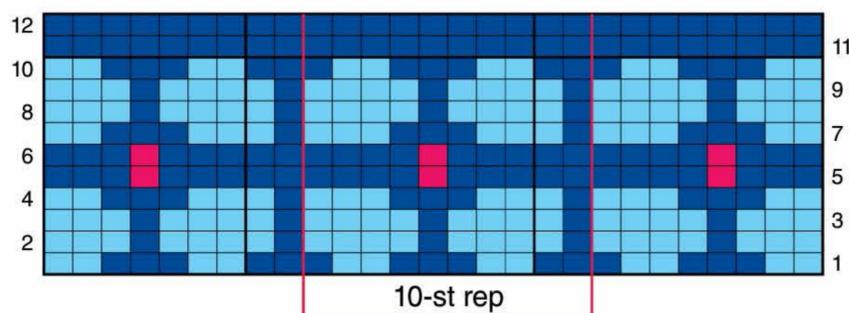
**Twisted Cord**

Referring to photo for placement, make a twisted cord for front. Cut 8 strands approx 6 times the desired finished length.  
 Fold in strands in half, tie ends tog with a loose overhand knot and secure folded end to a stationary object (such as a doorknob).

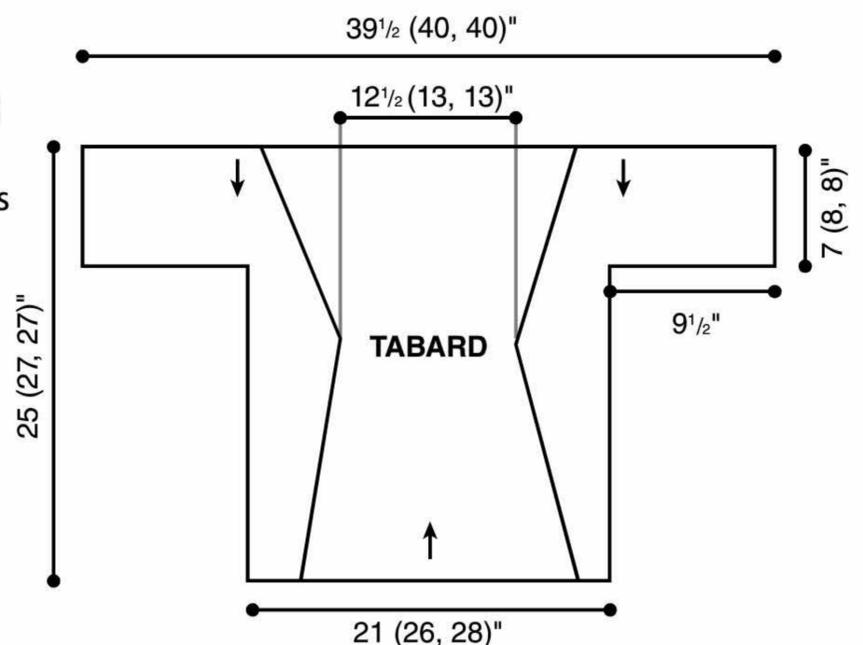
Twist yarn until it begins to double back on itself. Fold in half again with both ends tog and allow to twist upon itself. Cut to desired length (if necessary) and knot the ends to secure.  
 Make 2 tassels (see page 128) 3 inches long. Attach a tassel to each end of cord.  
 Referring to photo, insert cord at narrow portion of center section and tie in a bow. ■

**COLOR KEY**

- MC
- A
- B



POLKA DOT CHART



Note: Arrows indicate direction of knitting.