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SINGING KNIT DRESS



I have always dreamed about designing light and breezy summer dress. I always had this image in my mind about a bit oversized flowy dress. I started to sketch with a dress. I added two tiers and short sleeves. I imagine that the perfect length for it would be a bit above the knee, and that second tiers should be wide to give more movement. Then I added a button row at the middle front of the dress to add a bit more interest. When I finished with the dress sketch, I looked at it and thought that this design would look perfect also in blouse version, with only one tier. So now you can get beautiful garments out of one pattern. Isn't that great?

This design is worked top-down. The front and back of the bodice are worked flat and then joined in the round for the rest of the garment. Sleeve caps are shaped using German short rows to get a set-in sleeve look. With every tier, the garment gets wider. Hem and sleeves are finished with double edge to give a more finished and sophisticated look.

Materials

Check this site to found yarn options for this project.

https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1mwmtrpYEMH_kglta7IDvrAdHXofCFet9ODSvdf48TN8/edit?usp=sharing

Yarn: DK weight yarn. Sample made from 80 % Linen, 10% Polyamide, 10% Polyacrylic yarn, 250 m in 100g.

Yardage

For blouse: Approximately 629 (766, 848, 957, 1001) (1094, 1176, 1285, 1368) yards, 575 (700, 775, 875, 915) (1000, 1075, 1175, 125) m, 230 (280, 310, 350, 365) (400, 430, 470, 500) g.

For dress: Approximately 1132 (1324, 1422, 1608, 1630) (1783, 1936, 2090, 2188) yards, 1035 (1210, 1300, 1470, 1490) (1630, 1770, 1910, 2000) m, 415 (485, 520, 590, 600) (655, 710, 765, 800) g.

Yardage may vary if your gauge/yarn is different.

Gauge: 20 sts & 30 rounds to 4" (10cm) in stockinette, knit in the round, after blocking.

Needles: US #4/ 3.5 mm, 32" (80 cm) circular needle, and DPNs (or longer circular needle for magic loop) for small circumference knitting. Or as required to meet gauge.

Other Notions: Stitch markers (you will need at least 2 removable stitch markers), tapestry needle, stitch holders (or scrap yarn), if you are working on the dress, I would suggest getting knit-in elastic tread, 8-14 buttons in diameter 100-150 mm.

Sizes

This garment is designed to be slightly oversized, with approximately 2-6" (5-15 cm) of positive ease around the bust.

Check the schematics and make sure that all of finished measurements for your dress or blouse makes you happy.

1 (2, 3, 4, 5) (6, 7, 8, 9)

Finished Measurements

A) Finished bust

circumference: 34.25 (39.25, 42.5, 47.25, 50.5) (54.5, 58, 62, 64.5) inches, 85.5 (98, 106, 118, 126) (136, 145, 155, 161) cm.

B) Armhole depth: 7.5 (9, 9.5, 10.5, 11.5) (12.25, 13, 13.75, 14.5) inches, 19 (22.5, 24.5, 27, 29) (31, 33, 35, 37) cm.

C) Body length from underarm to star of first tier: 4 (4.25, 4.25, 4.75, 4.75) (5, 5.5, 5.5, 5.5) inches, 10 (11, 11, 12, 12) (13, 14, 14, 14) cm.

D) Sleeve length: 3 inches, 8 cm.

E) Sleeve circumference (upper arm): 14.5 (16.75, 18.5, 20.5, 21.5) (23.75, 25.75, 27.25, 28.5) inches, 36 (42, 46, 51, 54) (59, 64, 68, 71) cm.

F) First tier circumference: 45 (51.5, 56, 62.5, 66.5) (72, 76.5, 82, 85) inches, 114 (160, 141, 157, 167) (180, 192, 206, 214) cm.

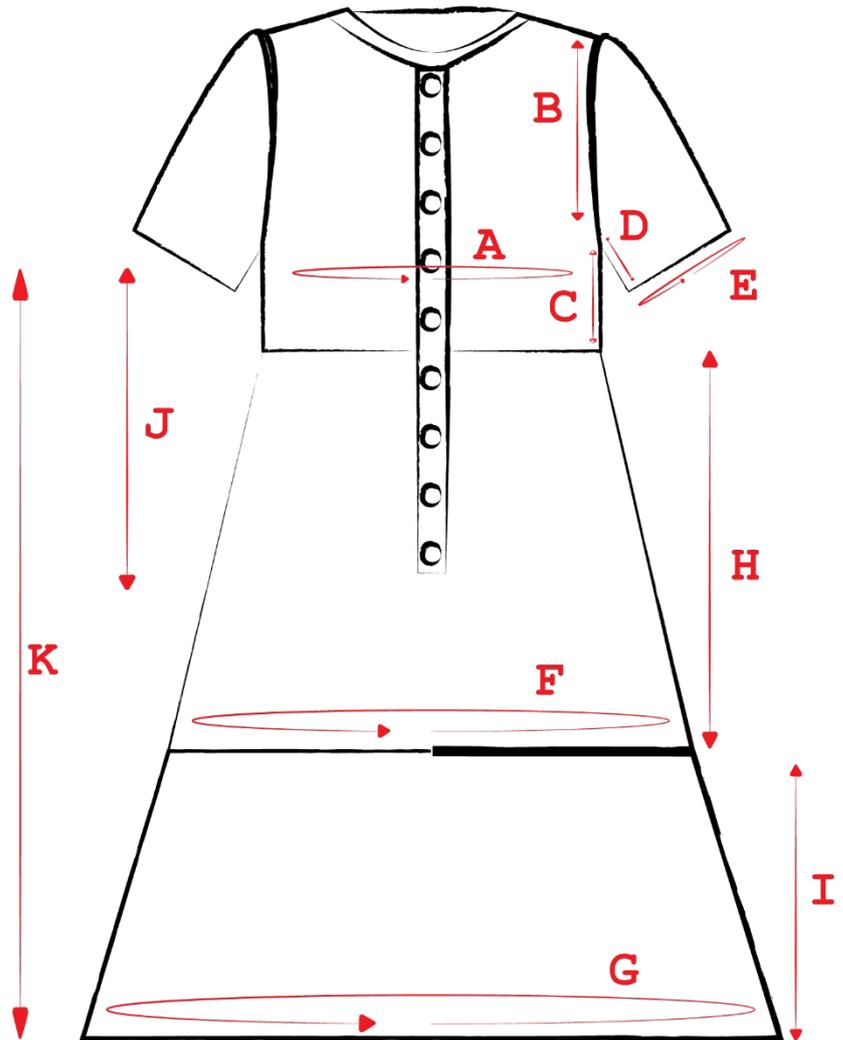
G) Second tier circumference: 60 (69, 70, 78, 77.5) (84, 89.5, 95.5, 99.5) inches, 151 (173, 176, 196, 195) (210, 224, 240, 249) cm.

H) Length of first tier: 11 inches, 28 cm.

I) Length of second tier: 9.5 inches, 24 cm.

J) Length of blouse from underarm: 10.25 (10.75, 10.75, 11, 11) (11.5, 12, 12, 12) inches, 26 (27, 27, 28, 28) (29, 30, 30, 30) cm.

K) Length of dress from underarm: 24.5 (25, 25, 25.25, 25.25) (25.5, 26, 26, 26) inches, 62 (63, 63, 64, 64) (65, 66, 66, 66) cm.



STITCHES

German short rows- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IntDR TEDvI>

Pick up sts for button band- <https://youtu.be/BT36srUcQCo>

Whip-stitch for sleeves, hem and neckline- <https://youtu.be/PY-2Hp9fpJ8>

Pfb- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eSWeKj3u4Ck>

ABBREVIATIONS

* * Repeat.

BOR Beginning of round.

CO Cast on.

DPNs Double pointed needles.

DS In this pattern I use German short rows for neckline and sleeve cap shaping. Slip the first stitch from left to right purlwise with yarn in front. Tug the yarn up and over the right needle, creating a "double" stitch. Continue row as instructed in pattern. When you come to this stitch in the next row, work the "double" stitch (DS) as 1 stitch (k2tog or p2tog of the 2 strands of the "double" stitch, depending on established stitch pattern).

K Knit.

St(s) Stitch (es).

WS Wrong side of the work.

RS Right side of the work.

S1 Slip stitch, purlwise unless otherwise noted.

P Purl.

M1R Pick up the horizontal strand between the needles from back to front, place on left needle, knit the loop you picked up through the front.

M1L Pick up the horizontal strand between the needles from front to back, place on left needle, knit the loop you picked up through the back.

PM Place marker.

SM Slip marker.

M Marker.

Work in pattern Work in the pattern established in the previous round in order to maintain the stitch pattern, unless otherwise specified.

Wyif With yarn in front.

Pfb Purl 1 into front and back of a stitch. To do it, just purl as usual into the front of the next stitch, leave the stitch on your needle, and then purl into the back of the same stitch.

DIRRECTIONS

~BACK BODICE~

CO 56 (60, 64, 68, 70) (72, 74, 78, 80) sts by your preferred method. While casting on sts place removable marker at cast on edge after first 12 (13, 14, 15, 15) (15, 15, 15, 16) sts and then after 32 (34, 36, 38, 40) (42, 44, 48, 48) sts from first marker. Keep these markers at CO edge, they will help when it will be time to pick up sts for front bodice.

Row 1 (WS): P all.

Row 2 (RS): S11, K to end.

Row 3 (WS): S11wyif, P to end.

Back neckline shaping

Left side

Short Row 1 (RS): S11, K11 (12, 13, 14, 14) (14, 14, 14, 15) sts, turn work.

Short Row 2 (WS): DS, P to end.

Short Row 3 (RS): S11, K to DS, resolve DS, K 3 sts, turn work.

Short Row 4 (WS): DS, P to end.

Work **Short rows 3-4** another 2 (2, 3, 3, 3) (4, 4, 4, 4) times.

Row 1 (RS): S11, knit to end, resolve all DSs as you encounter them.

Right side

Short row 1 (WS): S11wyif, P11 (12, 13, 14, 14) (14, 14, 14, 15) sts, turn work.

Short row 2 (RS): DS, K to end.

Short row 3 (WS): S11wyif, P to DS, resolve DS, P 3 sts, turn work.

Short row 4 (RS): DS, K to end.

Work **Short rows 3-4** another 2 (2, 3, 3, 3) (4, 4, 4, 4) times.

Row 1 (WS): S11wyif, P to end, resolve all DSs as you encounter them.

Continue working in pattern for 10 (12, 12, 14, 14) (14, 14, 16, 16) rows. End with WS row.

Increase section

Row 1 (RS): S11, M1R, K to last st, M1L, K1. (2 sts inc.)

Row 2 (WS): S11wyif, P to end.

Row 3: S11, K to end.

Row 4: S11wyif, P to end.

Work **Rows 1-4** another 3 (4, 4, 4, 5) (5, 6, 6, 7) times. [64 (70, 74, 78, 82) (84, 88, 92, 96) sts]

Row 5 (RS): S11, M1R, K to last st, M1L, K1. (2 sts inc.)

Row 6 (WS): S11wyif, P to end.

Work **Rows 5-6** another 6 (7, 9, 11, 11) (12, 13, 14, 15) times. [78 (86, 94, 102, 106) (110, 116, 122, 128) sts]

Row 7 (RS): S11, M1R, K1, M1R, K to last 2 sts, M1L, K1, M1L, K1. (4 sts inc.)

Row 8 (WS): S11wyif, P to end.

Work **Rows 7-8** another 1 (2, 2, 3, 4) (5, 5, 6, 6) times. [86 (98, 106, 118, 126) (134, 140, 150, 156) sts]

Break yarn and place back sts on hold.

~FRONT BODICE~

Starting with right shoulder pick up and knit 12 (13, 14, 15, 15) (15, 15, 15, 16) sts from CO edge. Remove marker from CO edge. CO 32 (34, 36, 38, 40) (42, 44, 48, 48) sts by your preferred method. Remove marker from CO edge. Pick up and knit 12 (13, 14, 15, 15) (15, 15, 15, 16) sts

from left shoulders CO edge. [56 (60, 64, 68, 70) (72, 74, 78, 80) sts]

Row 1 (WS): P all.

Row 2 (RS): S11, K25 (27, 29, 31, 31) (32, 33, 35, 36), PM, P4 (4, 4, 4, 6) (6, 6, 6, 6), PM, K to end.

Row 3 (WS): S11wyif, P to M, SM, K to M, SM, P to end.

From now on you will be working purl stitch column in between the markers. On RS rows you will purl these sts, on WS rows you will knit them.

Front neckline shaping

Right side

Short Row 1 (RS): S11, K11 (12, 13, 14, 14) (14, 14, 14, 15) sts, turn work.

Short Row 2 (WS): DS, P to end.

Short Row 3 (RS): S11, K to DS, resolve DS, K2, turn work.

Short Row 4 (WS): DS, P to end.

Work **Short rows 3-4** another 5 (5, 6, 7, 7) (7, 8, 8, 9) times.

Row 1 (RS): S11, work in pattern to end, resolve all DSs as you encounter them.

Left side

Short row 1 (WS): S11wyif, P11 (12, 13, 14, 14) (14, 14, 14, 15) sts, turn work.

Short row 2 (RS): DS, K to end.

Short row 3 (WS): S11wyif, P to DS, resolve DS, P2, turn work.

Short row 4 (RS): DS, K to end.

Work **Short rows 3-4** another 5 (5, 6, 7, 7) (7, 8, 8, 9) times.

Row 1 (WS): S11wyif, work in pattern to end, resolve all DSs as you encounter them.

Continue working in pattern for 4 (6, 6, 6, 6) (8, 6, 8, 6) rows. End with WS row.

Increase section

Row 1 (RS): S11, M1R, work in pattern to last st, M1L, K1. (2 sts inc.)

Row 2 (WS): S11wyif, work in pattern to end.

Row 3: S11, work in pattern to end.

Row 4: S11wyif, work in pattern to end.

Work **Rows 1-4** another 3 (4, 4, 4, 5) (5, 6, 6, 7) times. [64 (70, 74, 78, 82) (84, 88, 92, 96) sts]

Row 5 (RS): S11, M1R, work in pattern to last st, M1L, K1. (2 sts inc.)

Row 6 (WS): S11wyif, work in pattern to end.

Work **Rows 5-6** another 6 (7, 9, 11, 11) (12, 13, 14, 15) times. [78 (86, 94, 102, 106) (110, 116, 122, 128) sts]

Row 7 (RS): S11, M1R, K1, M1R, work in pattern to last 2 sts, M1L, K1, M1L, K1. (4 sts inc.)

Row 8 (WS): S11wyif, work in pattern to end.

Work **Rows 7-8** another 1 (2, 2, 3, 4) (5, 5, 6, 6) times. [86 (98, 106, 118, 126) (134, 140, 150, 156) sts]

~JOIN FRONT AND BACK BODICE~

Place back bodice 86 (98, 106, 118, 126) (134, 140, 150, 156) sts back on needles.

Work over front sts in pattern, CO - (-, -, -, -) (2, 5, 5, 5) sts, work in pattern over back sts, CO - (-, -, -, -) (2, 5, 5, 5) sts, place BOR.

[172 (196, 212, 236, 252) (272, 290, 310, 322) sts]

Join in the round and continue working stockinette in the rounds and purl stitches in the middle of front, till work measures 4 (4.25, 4.25, 4.75, 4.75) (5, 5.5, 5.5, 5.5) inches/ 10 (11, 11, 12, 12) (13, 14, 14, 14) cm from underarm.

Note: *If you are knitting dress version, I would recommend you to knit in elastic thread at the last round of this section and also at 1st tier increase round. That will give a little bit more support for skirt.*

~1ST TIER~

Round 1: *P2, Pfb; repeat from * to 2 (2, -, -, -) (1, 1, -, -) sts before marker, P to marker, SM, P4 (4, 4, 4, 6) (6, 6, 6, 6), SM, *P2, Pfb; repeat from * to last 1 (1, 1, 1, -) (1, 1, 1, 1) sts, P to end of round. [227 (259, 281, 313, 334) (360, 384, 411, 427) sts]

Round 2: K to M, SM, P4 (4, 4, 4, 6) (6, 6, 6, 6), SM, K to BOR.

Continue working **Round 2** till 1st tier measures 6.25 inches/ 16 cm.

If you want to alter the length, it is easy to do so at this point by knitting the 1st tier longer or shorter. Please be aware that altering the length will affect your yardage.

If you are working on the blouse version, continue work with ~HEM~ directions.

If you are knitting dress, continue working in stockinette (remove markers from middle front, button band will end here), till 1st tier measures 11 inches/ 28 cm.

~2ND TIER~

Round 1: *P2 (2, 3, 3, 5) (5, 5, 5, 5), Pfb; repeat from * to last 2 (1, 1, 1, 4) (-, -, 3, 1) sts, P to end of round. [302 (345, 351, 391, 389) (420, 448, 479, 498) sts]

Round 2: K all.

Continue working **Round 2** till 2nd tier measures 9.5 inches/ 24 cm. Continue to ~Hem~.

If you want to alter the length, it is easy to do so at this point by knitting the 2nd tier longer or shorter. Please be aware that altering the length will affect your yardage.

~SLEEVES~

Starting at the middle of underarm, pick up and knit 72 (84, 92, 102, 108) (118, 128, 136, 142) sts. Join in the round and place BOR marker. Make sure that you have half of sts picked up to shoulder seam and second half to BOR.

Set up round: K6 (8, 8, 9, 9) (11, 13, 13, 14), PM1, K22 (25, 28, 31, 33) (36, 37, 40, 41), PM2, K16 (18, 20, 22, 24) (24, 28, 30, 32), PM3, K22 (25, 28, 31, 33) (36, 37, 40, 41), PM4, K to BOR.

Short row 1 (RS): K to M3, SM, K1, turn work.

Short row 2 (WS): DS, P to M2, SM, P1, turn work.

Short row 3 (RS): DS, K to last DS, resolve DS, K1, turn work.

Short row 4 (WS): DS, P to last DS, resolve DS, P1, turn work.

Continue working **Short rows 3-4** until you have reached M4 and M1.

Next round: K to BOR, resolve all DSs as you encounter them, and you can remove all the markers, except BOR marker.

Work in stockinette till work measures 3 inches/ 8 cm from underarm.

Round 1: P all

Rounds 2-6: K all.

Fold your live stitches to inside, whip-stitch live stitches to inside of sleeve.

~NECKLINE~

Starting from the right shoulder pick up and knit 64 (68, 72, 76, 80) (84, 88, 96, 96) sts around the neckline.

Rounds 1-6: *K2, P2; repeat from * to end.

Round 7: P all.

Rounds 8-13: *K2, P2; repeat from * to end.

Fold your live stitches to inside, so they would meet the place, where you picked up stitches for neckline. Whip-stitch live stitches to base of ribbing.

~HEM~

Round 1: P all.

Rounds 2-11: K all.

Fold your live stitches to inside, whip-stitch live stitches to inside of garment.

~BUTTON BAND~

Starting from bottom right side, pick up and knit 56 (98, 106, 118, 122) (130, 138, 146, 150) sts from the side of your purl column. You will pick up stitches in direction from bottom- up. If your round gauge is a bit off, make sure that stitch count that you are picking up divides by 4+2.

Row 1 (WS): *P2, K2; repeat from * to last 2 sts, P2.

Row 2 (RS): S11, K1, *P2, K2; repeat from * to end.

Row 3 (WS): S11, P1, *K2, P2; repeat from * to end.

Row 4 (RS): S11, K1, *P2, K2; repeat from * to end.

Work **Rows 3-4** another 0 (0, 0, 0, 1) (1, 1, 1, 1) times.

Bind of stitches in pattern at wrong side of the work.

~FINISHING~

Weave in and secure all your ends and block your garment according to measurements. When your garment is dry, sew buttons to button band. I spaced mine buttons with approximately 2 inches/ 5 cm distance from each other (measured from center to center of button).