



Pattern Collection: Women



Stairstep Tunic

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SIZES

Small (Medium, Large, 1X, 2X)

FINISHED MEASUREMENTS

Bust: 33¾ (38¾, 41¾, 46¾, 49¾)''

MATERIALS

Universal Yarn Classic Shades Frenzy (70% acrylic, 30% wool; 100g/158 yds

- 907 Urban Transit – 6 (7, 8, 9, 9) balls

Needles: US Size 10½ (6.5 mm) straight or size needed to obtain gauge

Notions: Tapestry needle, stitch markers

GAUGE

14 sts x 20 rows = 4'' in St st

Save time, check your gauge.

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PATTERN NOTES

This tunic is worked from the bottom up in pieces and seamed.

The Twisted Columns on the Front and Back pieces are gradually ended. To end a Twisted Column you will be knitting 2 stitches together to compensate for the difference in gauge between stockinette stitch and the Twisted Column.

STITCH GUIDE

Right Twist (RT): K2tog but do not slide sts from ndl, knit the first st again, then slide sts from ndl.

Twisted Column

(worked over 4 sts)

Row 1 (RS): P1, RT, p1.

Row 2 (WS): K1, p2, k1.

Rep Rows 1 & 2 for patt.

BACK

Cast on 67 (75, 81, 91, 95) sts. Purl 1 row. Knit 1 row. Purl 1 row.

Hem

Set-up row 1 (RS): K4, * pm, p1, kfb, p1, pm, k4 (5, 4, 5, 4); rep from * 7 (7, 9, 9, 11) more times, pm, p1, kfb, p1, k4.

Set-up row 2 (WS): * Purl to m, k1, p2, k1; rep from * to last m, purl to end.

Row 1: * Knit to m, work Row 1 of Twisted Column patt to m; rep from * to last m, knit to end.

Row 2: Purl to m, work Row 2 of Twisted Column patt to m; rep from * to last m, purl to end.

Rep Rows 1 & 2 until Hem meas 4½", ending with WS row.

Decrease Section

Note: The Twisted Columns are gradually ended in this section. Once a column is ended, work in St st over the remaining former column sts.

Read through the remainder of this section before beginning.

Row 1 (RS): Work in patt as established to the marker just before the center Twisted Column, remove m, k1, k2tog, k1, work in patt to end – 1 st dec'd.

End columns in this manner, in pairs, working from the center out, every 10 (10, 10, 10, 8, 8) rows until all columns have been eliminated.

At the same time, when piece meas 10 (10½, 10½, 11, 11)" from cast-on edge, proceed to Shape Waist section.

Shape Waist

Dec row (RS): K1, k2tog, work in patt to last 3 sts, ssk, k1 – 2 sts dec'd. Rep Dec row every 14 (14, 14, 10, 14) rows, 3 (3, 3, 4, 3) more times. After all columns have ended and all Dec rows have been worked, 59 (67, 73, 81, 87) sts rem. Work even in St st until piece meas 21 (21½, 21½, 22, 22)" from cast-on edge, ending with WS row.

Shape Armholes

Bind off 3 (4, 5, 6, 7) sts at beg of next 2 rows – 53 (59, 63, 69, 73) sts rem.

Dec 1 st each Armhole edge every row, 2 (2, 2, 4, 4) times, then dec 1 st each Armhole edge every other row, 3 (4, 4, 3, 4) times – 43 (47, 51, 55, 57) sts rem. Work even in St st until Armholes meas 7½ (8, 8½, 9, 9¼)", ending with WS row.

Shape Shoulders

Bind off 3 (4, 4, 5, 5) sts at beg of next 2 rows, 3 (4, 4, 5, 5) sts at beg of next 2 rows, and 4 (4, 5, 5, 5) sts at beg of next 2 rows. Bind off rem 23 (23, 25, 25, 27) sts.

FRONT

Work as for Back to Shape Armholes Section.

Shape Armholes, Neck, Separate Left and Right Fronts

Place a marker on either side of the center 11 sts.

Row 1 (RS): Bind off 3 (4, 5, 6, 7) sts, knit to m, attach new ball of yarn and bind off center 11 sts, knit to end.

Row 2 (WS): Bind off 3 (4, 5, 6, 7) sts, purl to end. Working both sides at once, Shape Armholes as for Front.

At the same time, dec 1 st at both sides of Neck edge every 6 rows, 6 (6, 7, 7, 8) times. When all Neck and Armhole shaping is complete, 10 (12, 13, 15, 15) sts rem for each Shoulder.

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After all shaping is complete, work even in St st, if necessary, until Armholes meas 7½ (8, 8½, 9, 9¼)”, ending with WS row.

Shape Shoulders

Bind off 3 (4, 4, 5, 5) sts at beg of next 2 rows, 3 (4, 4, 5, 5) sts at beg of next 2 rows. Bind off rem 4 (4, 5, 5, 5) sts.

SLEEVES

Cast on 32 (32, 32, 37, 37) sts. Purl 1 row. Knit 1 row. Purl 1 row.

Cuff

Set-up row (RS): * K2, p1, kfb, p1; rep from * to last 2 sts, k2 – 38 (38, 38, 44, 44) sts.

Set-up row 2 (WS): * P2, k1; rep from * to last 2 sts, p2.

Row 1 (RS): * K2, work Row 1 of Twisted Column pattover 4 sts; rep from * to last 2 sts, k2.

Row 2 (WS): * P2, work Row 2 of Twisted Column patt; rep from * to last 2 sts, p2.

Rep Rows 1 & 2 until Cuff meas 4”, ending with WS row.

Dec row (RS): K3, * k2tog, k4; rep from * to last 5 sts, k2tog, knit to end – 32 (32, 32, 37, 37) sts rem. Work 3 rows even in St st.

Shape Sleeve

Inc row (RS): K1, m1, knit to last st, m1, k1 – 2 sts inc'd. Rep Inc row every 8 (6, 4, 6, 4) rows, 4 (5, 2, 9, 2) more times, then rep Inc row every 10 (8, 6, -, 6) rows, 2 (3, 8, -, 8) times – 46 (50, 54, 57, 59) sts. Work even in St st until Sleeve meas 19 (19, 19, 19½, 19½)” from cast-on edge, ending with WS row.

Shape Cap

Bind off 3 (4, 5, 6, 7) sts at beg of next 2 rows – 40 (42, 44, 45, 45) sts rem.

Dec 1 st each side of Cap every 4 rows, 5 (6, 6, 6, 7) times, every 2 rows, 2 (2, 3, 6, 5) times, and every row, 2 (2, 2, -, -) times – 22 (22, 22, 21, 21) sts rem. Bind off 3 sts at beg of next 2 rows, bind off 4 sts at beg of next 2 rows. Bind off rem 8 (8, 8, 7, 7) sts.

COLLAR

Cast on 104 (110, 116, 122, 128) sts.

Set-up row (WS): * P2, k1; rep from * to last 2 sts, p2.

Row 1 (RS): * K2, work Row 1 of Twisted Column over 4 sts; rep from * to last 2 sts, k2.

Row 2 (WS): * P2, work Row 2 of Twisted Column over 4 sts, p2.

Rep Rows 1 & 2 until Collar meas 2½”, ending with WS row.

Dec row (RS): K3, * k2tog; k4; rep from * to last 5 sts, k2tog, knit to end – 87 (92, 97, 102, 107) sts rem. Purl a WS row. Bind off all sts kwise over the next RS row.

FINISHING

Block pieces to finished measurements. Sew Shoulder seams. Sew Sleeve Caps into Armholes. Sew Sleeve and side seams. Sew cast-on edge of Collar along Neck opening. Overlap ends of Collar and sew the sides to the Front Neck bind-off. Weave in ends.



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Abbreviations

| | |
|----------------|---|
| beg | begin(ning) |
| cont | continue |
| dec('d) | decrease(d) |
| inc('d) | increase(d) |
| k | knit |
| kfb | knit into front and back of next st (1 st inc'd) |
| k2tog | knit 2 stitches together (1 st dec'd) |
| kwise | knitwise |
| LH | left hand |
| m | marker |
| m1 | insert left needle from front to back under horizontal strand of yarn lying between st just worked and next st, knit or purl this st through the back loop (1 st inc'd) |
| meas | measures |
| ndl | needle |
| patt | pattern |
| p | purl |
| pm | place marker |
| rem | remain(ing) |
| rep | repeat |
| RH | right hand |
| RS | right side |
| st(s) | stitch(es) |
| St st | Stockinette stitch (knit on RS rows, purl on WS rows; in the rnd, knit every rnd) |
| tog | together |
| WS | wrong side |

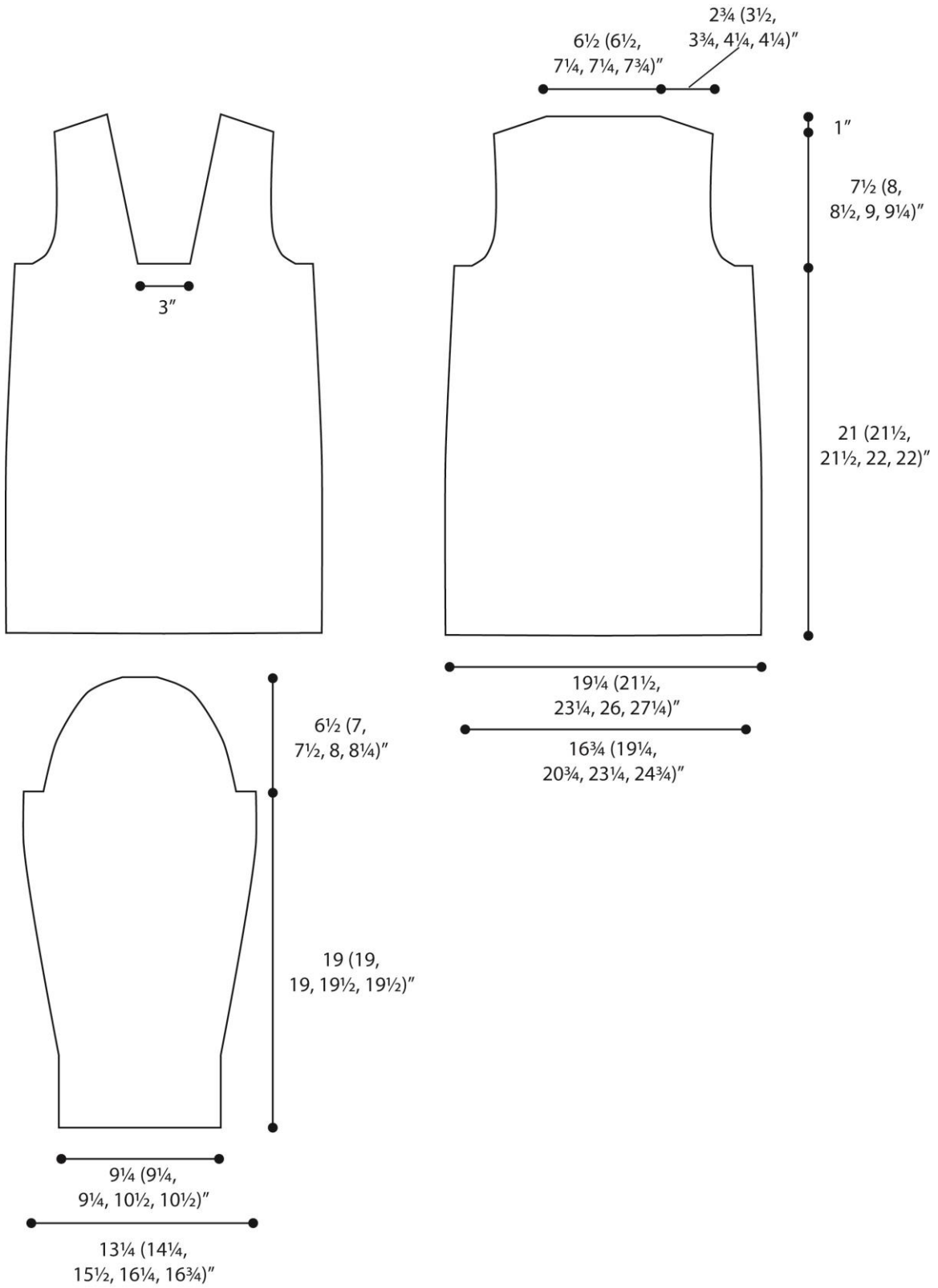
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