Chevron lace top

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MEASUREMENTS

To fit chest/bust 66-76, 82-86, 92-97, 102-107cm; Finished measurements Bust at underarm 77(90:102:115)cm; Approximate length 70(71:73:74)cm.

MATERIALS

4(4:5:5) 100g balls of Patons Smoothie DK in colour #02001.

Pair each size 3.75mm, 4mm and 4.50mm knitting needles.

Call 01484 681881 for yarn and book stockists.

TENSION

19 sts and 25 rows to 10cm square over st-st, using 4.50mm needles.

ABBREVIATIONS

beg beginning; cm centimetres; cont continue; dec decrease; foll following; k knit; p purl; patt pattern; psso pass slipped st over; rem remaining; rep repeat; RS right side; skpo sl 1, k1, psso; sl slip; st(s) stitch(es); st-st stocking stitch; tog together; yf yarn forward.

BACK

With 4mm needles, cast on 99(115:131:147) sts and p 4 rows. Change to 4.50mm needles. **1st row** (RS) K2, * yf, k4, skpo, yf, sl 1, k2tog, psso, yf, k2tog, k4, yf, k1; rep from * to last st, k1. **2nd row** P. Rep 1st and 2nd rows 3 times more, then 1st row once again. **10th row** (WS) K. **11th row** P. **12th row** P. 1st to 12th rows **form** the hem patt. Rep these 12 rows once more, then 1st to 4th rows again. **Next row** K2, * yf, k2, [skpo] twice,

yf, sl 1, k2tog, psso, yf, [k2tog] twice, k2, yf, k1; rep from * to last st, k1. 87(101:115:129) sts. Next row P. Next row K2, * yf, k3, skpo, yf, sl 1, k2tog, psso, yf, k2tog, k3, yf, k1; rep from * to last st, k1. Rep last 2 rows once more. Next row (WS) K. Next row P. **Next row** P. Now work in main patt as follows: 1st row (RS) K2, * yf, k3, skpo, yf, sl 1, k2tog, psso, yf, k2tog, k3, yf, k1; rep from * to last st, k1. 2nd row P. These 2 rows form the main patt and are repeated. Cont in patt until work measures 25cm from beg, ending with a p row. Change to 4mm needles and cont in patt until work measures 50cm from beg, ending with a p row.

Shape armholes

Note When shaping in patt, do not work yfs unless you have sufficient sts to work, k2tog, skpo or sl 1, k2tog, psso to compensate for them, and vice versa. Keeping patt correct, cast off 3(6:9:9) sts at beg of next 2 rows. 81(89:97:111) sts. Dec one st at each end of next row, then in every foll RS row until 71(77:81:93) sts rem **. Cont in patt without shaping until armhole measures 20(21:23:24)cm, ending with a p row.

Shape shoulders

Cast off 8(9:9:11) sts at beg of next 4 rows. Leave rem 39(41:45:49) sts on a holder.

FRONT

Work as for Back to **. Patt 1 row. **Shape neck**

Next row (RS) Patt 29(31:32:37), turn.

*** Cont on these sts only and leave
rem sts on a spare needle. Dec one
st at neck edge of next 6 rows, then
every foll RS row until 19(21:22:25)
sts rem, then every foll 4th row until
18(20:19:23) sts rem, then every foll
6th row until 16(18:18:22) sts rem.
Cont in patt without shaping until
armhole measures same as Back to

beg of shoulder shaping, ending with a p row.

Shape shoulder

Cast off 8(9:9:11) sts at beg of next row. Work 1 row. Cast off rem 8(9:9:11) sts ***. With RS facing, slip 13(15:17:19) sts at centre front onto a holder, rejoin yarn to rem sts and patt to end. Rep from *** to ***, working 1 row more before shoulder shaping.

SLEEVES

With 4mm needles, cast on 45(49:53:55) sts. K 3 rows. Change to 4.50mm needles. Beg with a k row, work in st-st and dec one st at each end of next row, then in every foll RS row until 13(13:15:15) sts rem. Work 1 row. Cast off.

NECK EDGING

Join right shoulder seam. With RS facing and using 3.75mm needles, pick up and k25(25:27:27) sts evenly down left front neck, k across 13(15:17:19) sts from centre front holder, pick up and k 25(25:27:27) sts evenly up right front neck, then k across 39(41:45:49) sts from back neck holder. 102(106:116:122) sts. K 1 row. Cast off knitwise.

TO MAKE UP

Join left shoulder and neck edging seam. Join side seams. Sew sleeves into armholes, with centre of sleeve to shoulder seams and side edges of sleeve sitting approximately 3/4 of the way down the armhole.

With RS facing and 3.75mm needles, pick up and k24(26:28:30) sts evenly around remainder of armhole edge. K 1 row. Cast off knitwise.

Taken from Patons Book PBN0000-3841, approx. £6.10.