

Drop-stitch On Purpose Tunic



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FINISHED MEASUREMENTS

Sizes	S	M	L	XL
Bust	33 in	35	37.5	42.5
	79 cm	84	90	96
Length	36.25 in	38.75	41.5	44
	87 cm	93	100	106
Sleeve Length from underarm	25 in	25.75	26.5	28
	60 cm	62	64	67

Yarn

Misti Pima Cotton & Silk Hand Paint (80% pima cotton/
20% silk, 100 g = approx 327 yards)
3 (3, 4, 4) hanks

Needles

U.S. 5 (3.75) 24" or longer circular
U.S. E (3.5mm) crochet hook
or correct needle size to obtain gauge

Notions

stitch markers
stitch holders
tapestry needle

Gauge/Tension

22 sts and 28 rows = 4 in/ 10 cm in St st
24 sts and 28 rows = 4 in/ 10 cm in 2x2 ribbing slightly stretched
2.5 drop stitch repeats = 4 in/ 10 cm: 1 drop stitch repeat = k2, p2, k2, p1, drop p1

To knit

Notes:

1. You must use the long-tail cast-on for this design. It is the only cast-on method that will hold dropped stitches firmly at the hem.

2. Drop stitch pattern

Round 1: [p1, k2, p3, k2, p1] repeat around

Round 2 and all following rounds: work sts as they appear

Last round: [p1, k2, p1, drop next st off needle, p1, k2, p1] repeat around. Run dropped sts to lower edge.



To knit

Front and back:

With smaller circ needle and using long-tail method (see Note 1, above), CO 192 (204, 220, 234) sts and k one row (WS), pm after 96

(102, 110, 117) sts (marking front and back).
Join, pm at beginning of round.

Work in drop stitch pattern, beg at first marker as follows:

Size XS: (k3, [p1, k2, p3, k2, p1] repeat [] 10 times, k3), sm, repeat () once more.

Size S: (k1, [p1, k2, p3, k2, p1], repeat [] 11 times, k2), sm, repeat () once more.

Size M: (k1, [p1, k2, p3, k2, p1], repeat [] 12 times, k1), sm, repeat () once more.

Size L: ([p1, k2, p3, k2, p1], repeat 13 times, sm, repeat () once more.

Work stitch pattern for 12 in (12.5, 13, 13)/ 31 cm (32, 33, 33). Work last round of drop stitch pattern = 174 (184, 198, 212) sts.

Now that you've dropped the middle stitch of each p3, you have a k2/p2 rib pattern on your needles. Cont in 2/2 rib pattern until work meas 17 in (17.5, 17.75, 18)/ 43 cm (44, 45, 46). Place front sts on holder.

Back = 88 (92, 100, 106) sts

Armholes:

BO at each side every other row: 4,3,2 sts, then BO 1 st each side every other row until 66 (74, 82, 88) sts rem. Cont until back meas 1.25 in/ 3 cm short of full length.

Shoulder and neck shaping:

Work 17 (19, 21, 22) sts, BO center 32 (36, 40, 44) sts, work rem 17 (19, 21, 22) sts. Working each side separately, BO at neck edge every other row 2 sts once and 1 st two times = 13 (15, 17, 18) shoulder sts rem. BO. Repeat for other shoulder.

Front = 86 (92, 98, 106) sts.

Shape armholes in the same manner as for back until piece meas 2.75 in/ 7 cm short of full length.

Armholes and shoulder shaping:

Work 19 (21, 23, 24) sts, BO center 28 (32, 36, 40) sts, work rem 19 (21, 23, 24) sts.

Neck edge

BO at neck edge 3 sts once, 2 sts once, then 1 st. Work until same length as back. BO. Work other side of front in same manner.

Finishing

Sew shoulder seams.

Crochet armhole and neck edges (not too tightly) as follows:

Row 1: with crochet hook, fasten yarn with 1 sl st, then work 1 rnd SC along entire edge. Do not turn.

Row 2: Work 1 row crab st along entire edge. Cut yarn. (Crab st = 1 sc worked in next st from previous row, working from left to right.)

Optional:

Twist a cord of desired length and pass it through sts along first round of rib pattern, just above drop stitch pattern. Tie at front.