

# SNELL'S SHELL



Named for Snell's Law of Refraction, the drape and reflective nature of silk combines with an angled stitch pattern to create a simple, yet striking design.



## PATTERN INFORMATION

### Supplies

475 (600, 725, 800, 925, 1075, 1150, 1300, 1475) yd. of fingering-weight yarn

Samples worked in Neighborhood Fiber Co. Penthouse Silk Fingering (fingering weight; 100% silk; 500 yd. [457m]/114g per skein) in Canton (blue/green) and Gwynn Oak (orange/pink).

Size 4 (3.5mm) circular needle at least 24 inches long, or size needed to obtain gauge

2 stitch markers

4 removable stitch markers or safety pins

Tapestry needle for weaving in ends

### Pattern Note

The front and back of this top are knit separately, back and forth, and then seamed along the sides and shoulders to give it structure and keep it from stretching lengthwise.

### Skills Used

Slipped-stitch pattern; seaming

### Gauge

24 sts and 32 rows = 4 inches in St st, blocked.  
To save time, take time to check gauge.

### Finished Measurements

24 (28, 32, 36, 40, 44, 48, 52, 56)-inch bust circumference  
20 (22, 23, 23, 24, 25, 25, 26, 27) inches long

### Sizing

This top can be worn with positive or negative ease, depending on the fit desired. For a top with negative ease, make the size just below your actual bust size. For a top with positive ease, make the size just above your actual bust size.

The blue/green sample is shown in the 28-inch bust size and is worn by a model with a 31-inch bust, with 3 inches of negative ease.

The orange/pink sample is shown in the 52-inch bust size and is worn by a model with a 49-inch bust, with 3 inches of positive ease.

### Pattern Stitches

#### Linen Stitch

**ROW 1 (RS):** (K1, sl 1 pwise wyif) to last 2 sts, k2.

**ROW 2 (WS):** P1, sl 1 pwise wyib) to last 2 sts, p2.  
Repeat rows 1 and 2 as called for in pattern.





## INSTRUCTIONS

### Front

CO 70 (82, 94, 106, 118, 130, 142, 154, 166) sts.

Work 10 rows in Linen Stitch (see Pattern Stitches, above).<sup>\*</sup> Then, establish pattern as follows:

**ROW 1 (RS):** Work 5 sts in Linen Stitch as follows: k1, sl 1 pwise wyif, k1, sl 1 pwise wyif, k1. Place marker, then work Chevron Pattern to last 5 sts (working 12-st chart 5 [6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13] times). Place marker, then work last 5 sts in Linen Stitch as follows: sl 1 pwise wyif, k1, sl 1 pwise wyif, k2.

**ROW 2 (WS):** Work 5 sts in Linen Stitch as follows: p1, sl 1 pwise wyib, p1, sl 1 pwise wyib, p1). Slip marker, then work Chevron Pattern to last 5 sts. Slip marker, then work last 5 sts in Linen Stitch as follows: sl 1 pwise wyib, p1, sl 1 pwise wyib, p2.

Continuing to work first and last 5 sts in Linen Stitch as established, repeat 16-row Chevron Pattern 10 (11, 11, 11, 12, 12, 12, 13, 13) times, then work Rows 1–6 of Chevron Pattern 0 (0, 1, 1, 0, 1, 1, 0, 1) time.

Work 10 rows in Linen Stitch. BO.



### Back

Work as for front to <sup>\*</sup>.

Work 5 sts in Linen Stitch, pm, work in St st to last 5 sts, pm, work 5 sts in Linen Stitch.

Continuing to work first and last 5 sts in Linen Stitch as est, work in St st until back measures same length as front.

Work 10 rows in Linen Stitch. BO. I used Jeny's Surprisingly Stretchy Bind Off. Here's a tutorial: <http://knitty.com/ISSUEfall09/FEATjssbo.php>.

### Finishing

Wet block to measurements.

**SIDE SEAMS:** Place removable stitch markers or safety pins 13 (15, 15.5, 15.5, 16, 17, 16.5, 17.5, 18) inches from hem of both sides of front and back. With RSs facing and beginning at hem, seam front to back to markers, leaving 7 (7, 7.5, 7.5, 8, 8, 8.5, 8.5, 9) inches open for armhole.

**SHOULDER SEAMS:** Place removable stitch markers or safety pins 2.25 (2.5, 3, 4, 4.5, 5, 5.5, 6, 7) inches in from each shoulder edge of both sides of front and back. With RSs facing and beginning at shoulder edge, seam shoulders to markers, leaving 7.5 (9, 10, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 14) inches open for neck.







## CHEVRON PATTERN

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### Abbreviations

- BO** bind off
- CO** cast on
- est** established
- k** knit
- m(s)** marker(s)
- p** purl
- pm** place marker
- pwis** purlwise
- rep(s)** repeat(s)
- RS** right side
- WS** wrong side
- sl** slip
- st(s)** stitch(es)
- wyib** with yarn in back of work
- wyif** with yarn in front of work

