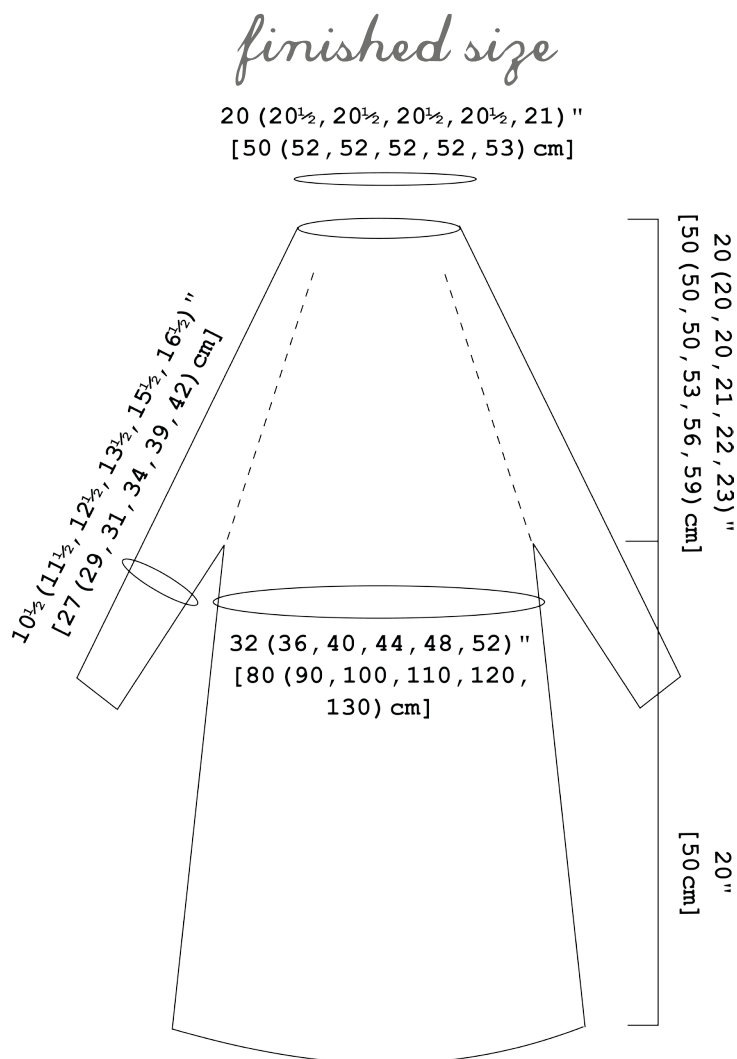




bulb

by Veera Välimäki

Modern loose fitting shape meets bright neon accents in this wonderful comfy tunic. This sweater is easily knitted from top down and subtly shaped for a lovely relaxed fit.



materials

Yarn: 4 (4, 4, 5, 5, 5) skeins of Tosh Merino Light by Madelinetosh (100% merino wool; 420 yards [384 meters] per skein), 3 (3, 3, 4, 4, 5) skeins in MC and 1 skein in CC. Approx. 1450 (1550, 1680, 1780, 1900, 2100) yards [1325 (1420, 1540, 1630, 1730, 1920) meters] of fingering weight yarn. Sample is knit in colorways Smokestack (grey, MC) and Edison Bulb (yellow, CC), in size medium.

Needles: US 2½ [3 mm] circular needle, 32" [80 cm] long, and dpns. Adjust needle size if necessary to obtain the correct gauge.

Other: Tapestry needle, stitch markers, stitch holders/waste yarn and blocking aids.

sizing

Xs (S, M, L, Xl, Xxl)

Finished chest circumference: 32 (36, 40, 44, 48, 52)" [80 (90, 100, 110, 120, 130) cm]. Choose a size with 2" of positive ease.

gauge

24 sts and 36 rows = 4" [10 cm] in Stockinette stitch.

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yoke

Using circular needle and MC, CO 120 (124, 124, 124, 124, 128) sts. Pm for beginning of round and carefully join without twisting your stitches. Work in Stockinette stitch until piece measures 1" [2.5 cm]. Begin raglan shaping.

Setup row (RS): sm, k 14 (12, 8, 6, 6, 4) [sleeve stitches], pm, k 46 (50, 54, 56, 56, 60), pm, k 14 (12, 8, 6, 6, 4) [sleeve stitches], pm, k 46 (50, 54, 56, 56, 60) to end of round.

Row 1 (RS): *sm, m1L, k to m, m1R, sm, k4, m1L, k until 4 sts before m remain, m1R, k to m; repeat once from *.

Rows 2-6 (RS): knit all sts slipping markers.

Repeat **rows 1-6** - 19 (19, 19, 21, 23, 25) times more [280 (284, 284, 300, 316, 336) sts on needle].

Divide for body and sleeves

(RS): sm, place all sts before next marker on holder, CO 5 (9, 13, 16, 20, 22) sts using backward-loop cast-on method, pm, CO 5 (9, 13, 16, 20, 22) sts using backward-loop cast-on, remove marker, k to m, remove marker, place all sts before next marker on holder, CO 5 (9, 13, 16, 20, 22) sts using backward-loop cast-on method, pm, CO 5 (9, 13, 16, 20, 22) sts using backward-loop cast-on, remove marker, k to end.

You have 192 (216, 240, 264, 288, 312) sts on needle for the body and 54 (52, 48, 50, 54, 56) sts on each holder for sleeves.

body

Continue even in MC and in Stockinette stitch for 2" [5 cm]. Begin increases.

Increase row (RS): sm, *k until 3 sts before m remain, m1R, k to m, sm, k3, m1L; repeat once from *, k to end of round.

Work the increase round on every 10th round. Continue as established in Stockinette stitch and increases until the body measures 15" [38 cm] from underarm. Change to CC and work in Stockinette stitch and increase

every 10th round until the body measures 20" [50 cm] from underarm. BO sts loosely.

sleeves

Place sleeve stitches from holder on dpns. Working with MC yarn, pick up and knit 5 (9, 13, 16, 20, 22) sts from middle of the cast-on stitches of underarm, knit all sts from dpns and pick up and knit 5 (9, 13, 16, 20, 22) sts to middle of cast-on stitches of underarm [64 (70, 74, 82, 94, 100) sts on needles]. Pm to beginning of round and join. Work in Stockinette stitch until sleeve measures 1½" [4 cm] from underarm.

Decrease round (knit round): k4, ssk, knit until 6 sts remain, k2tog, k to end.

Work the decrease round 5 times total every 1½" [4 cm]. Work in Stockinette stitch and decreasing as established until sleeve measures 4" [10 cm] from underarm. Change to CC and continue working in St st and decreasing as established until CC part of the sleeve measures 5" [13 cm]. BO sleeve sts loosely.

finishing

Weave in all yarn ends. Block the tunic using your preferred method.



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glossary

abbreviations

CO: cast on

BO: bind off

st(s): stitch(es)

RS: right side

WS: wrong side

MC: main color

CC: contrasting color

k: knit

St st: Stockinette stitch - knit on RS, purl on WS.

pm: place marker

sm: slip marker

k2tog: knit 2 sts together; decrease.

ssk: slip, slip, knit slipped sts tbl; decrease.

m1R: increase, make one right; lift loop between stitches from the back, knit into the front of loop.

m1L: increase, make one left; lift loop between stitches from the front, knit into the back of loop.