

TROPICAL LILY

A knitting pattern by Georgie Hallam



Tropical Lily is a simple seamless easy-to-knit cotton summer apron style top.

The skirt of the top features a lace pattern reminiscent of crochet.
The top features crossover straps and a tie back making it both adjustable and likely to last more than the one summer.

Sized for chest measurement of 18 to 28 inches/46 to 71 cms.
Fits approximately size 1 to size 10.

SIZING:

To fit actual chest measurement of:

18"/46cm - 12 months, (20"/51cm - 24 months, 22"/56cm - 2-3 years, 24"/61cm - 5-6 years), [26"/66cm - 7-8 years, 28"/71cm - 9-10 years]

When choosing a size to knit, please choose the sizing based on the child's actual chest measurement rather than their age. Throughout the pattern you will be directed to knit for age, when knitting for body length.

For more information on sizing, visit:

www.tikkiknits.com/pattern-sizing

Garment is shown in the 20" size on two three year olds.

SUGGESTED YARN:

- Anchor Magicline (100% cotton; 76yd [69m]/50g).
- Any worsted weight yarn that knits up at the required tension.

YARDAGE:

220/205 (250/230, 280/260, 320/295) [370/340, 410/375] yards/metres approximately.

TENSION:

20 stitches and 24 rows/rounds = 4 inches in stocking stitch on US7/4.5mm needles (or size required to gain correct tension). It is advisable to swatch and adjust your needles accordingly to ensure you maintain a consistent tension throughout this project.

NEEDLES AND NOTIONS:

- US7/4.5mm: circular (or size required for tension)
- stitch holder
- two 15mm buttons
- darning needle

CONSTRUCTION NOTES:

Tropical Lily is knit from the bottom up all in one-piece. Stitches are cast on at the top of the skirt to knit the back tie straps. The bodice is shaped with decreases and the cross-over straps are knit last. The edging is integrated into the skirt lace pattern.

ABBREVIATIONS:

k	knit
k2tog	knit 2 stitches together
k3tog	knit 3 stitches together
p	purl
RS	Right Side
sl1	slip one
	Slip stitch from left to right needle purl-wise, unless decreasing.
ssk	slip slip knit
	Slip two stitches knit-wise one at a time. Use left needle to knit through both stitches to decrease.
st/s	stitch/es
WS	Wrong Side
yo	yarn over

SKIRT:

Using a long-tail cast-on, cast on 80 (92, 104, 116) [128, 140] sts.

Rows 1&2: knit.

Rows 3-6: Using either charted or written instructions, work rows 1 to 4 of Skirt Lace Pattern.

Row 7: (RS) knit.

Row 8: (WS) k4, purl to the last 4 sts, k4.

Repeat Skirt Lace Pattern repeat a further 12 (16, 18, 20) [22, 24] times, or until body reaches the desired length.

BACK STRAPS:

Row 1: (RS) knit to end of row, then cast on 30 sts.

Row 2: (WS) knit to end of row, then cast on 30 sts.

Stitch count: 140 (152, 164, 176) [188, 200]

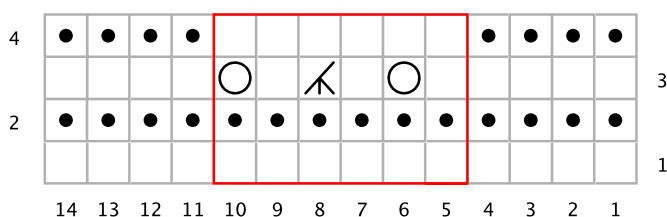
Rows 3-5: knit.

This creates the stitches for the back ties. These are about 6¼"/16cms in length.

Buttonhole Row One: (WS) k42, yo, k2tog, knit to end of row.

Buttonhole Row Two: (RS) k42, yo, k2tog, knit to end of row.

SKIRT LACE PATTERN:



Key

□ RS: knit
WS: purl

● RS: purl
WS: knit

○ yo

⋈ RS: k3tog

□ Lace pattern repeat

Row 1: (RS) knit.

Row 2: (WS) knit.

Row 3: (RS) k4, *k1, yo, k1, k3tog, k1, yo; repeat from * until last 4 sts, k4.

Row 4: (WS) k4, purl to last 4 sts, k4.

Knit 4 rows.

Next row: (WS) Cast off 50 (53, 57, 59) [63, 66] sts, knit to end of row.

Next row: (RS) Cast off 50 (53, 57, 59) [63, 66] sts, knit to end of row.

Stitch count: 40 (46, 50, 58) [62, 68]

BODICE SHAPING:

DECREASE ROWS SET ONE:

Row 1: (WS) knit 5 (5, 5, 5) [7, 7], purl 30 (36, 40, 48) [48, 54], knit 5 (5, 5, 5) [7, 7].

Row 2: (RS) knit.

Row 3: (WS) Repeat Row 1.

Row 4: (RS) knit 5 (5, 5, 5) [7, 7], ssk, knit to last 7 (7, 7, 7) [9, 9] sts, k2tog, knit 5 (5, 5, 5) [7, 7].

Row 5: (WS) Repeat Row 1.

Repeat Rows 4 and 5 a further 4 (4, 4, 5) [5, 5] times, and then Row 4 once for a total of 6 (6, 6, 7) [7, 7] sets of decreases.

Stitch count: 28 (34, 38, 44) [48, 54]

Next Row: (WS) knit.

DECREASE ROWS SET TWO:

Row 1: (RS) knit 5 (5, 5, 5) [7, 7], ssk, knit to last 7 (7, 7, 7) [9, 9] sts, k2tog, knit 5 (5, 5, 5) [7, 7].

Row 2: (WS) knit.

Repeat last two rows twice more, for a total of three sets of decreases.

Stitch count: 22 (28, 32) [42, 48]

BODICE STRAPS:

Row 1: (RS) knit 6 (6, 6, 6) [8, 8], cast off 10 (16, 20, 26) [26, 32], knit 6 (6, 6, 6) [8, 8].

Turn work and knit a further 70 (74, 76, 78) [80, 82] rows (or desired length) on these 6 (6, 6, 6) [8, 8] sts to form straps.

You may wish to place the other stitches on a stitch holder while working the first strap.

When considering strap length, remember the straps will stretch. (The strap in the sample was knit to approximately 9½"/24cms. It has stretched a further 1½"/4cms with wear.)

Cast-off loosely.

Rejoin yarn at remaining live 6 (6, 6, 6) [8, 8] sts and knit 70 (74, 76, 78) [80, 82] rows.

Cast-off loosely.

FINISHING:

Weave in all ends and sew buttons on straps.

Soak in a good quality wool wash and wet block gently being careful not to overstretch the garment.



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