

Top Down Raglan Tunic for LittleFee

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Abbreviations:

RS = right side

WS = wrong side

k = knit

p = purl

st or sts = stitch or stitches

rw or rws = row or rows

M = marker

PM = place marker or pass marker

m1 = make 1 (pick up strand lying between two stitches and knit into the back of it).

kfb = knit front and back (knit into front and back of next stitch to increase)

k2tog = knit 2 stitches together

ssk = slip, slip knit. Slip two stitches, one at a time knitwise, and then knit them together through the back.

dp = double pointed needles

BO = bind off

Gauge in stockinette on 2.5mm needles = 9sts and 12rws to the inch. *Getting gauge is very important to the final fit.*

Fingering or sock weight yarn: ½ ounce or more if you are trying to match colour patterning.

2mm and 2.5mm needles (or U.S. sizes 0 and 1 ½). *OR the size you need to achieve gauge!* These can be circular needles or a combination of straight and dp needles.

4 stitch markers

ruler or measuring tape

Wool needle

Approximately 3 ½" of ¼" ribbon (optional) and matching thread.

Sewing needle

2 or 3 small snap sets



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Body

Starting at neck and using 2mm needles, cast on 32 st and work 2 rws k1, p1 ribbing.

Next row: (work 3 sts in ribbing pattern, m1) repeat across to last 2 sts, k1, p1. (42sts).

Change to 2.5mm needles and purl across, cast on 1 stitch.

Next row, RS: k9, kfb, PM, ~ kfb, k5, kfb, PM, ~ kfb, k10, kfb, PM, ~ kfb, k5, kfb, PM, ~ kfb, k6. When finished this row will “read” as follows: 11 - 9 - 14 - 9 - 8 (51 sts).

Purl WS row.

Next row: *Knit to 1 st before marker, kfb, PM kfb, repeat from * across, knit to end of row.

Repeat last 2 rows until you get to the underarm level, ending with a WS row. For LTF this was the row that “read” 15 – 17 – 22 – 17 – 12 (83 sts).

Knit 1 more row, this time increasing only on the sleeve side of the markers to 19sts for the sleeves. 12 – 19 – 22 – 19 – 15 (87 sts).

Purl the next row removing 19 sleeve stitches to string holders and casting on 4sts for underarms in their place. 12 – 4 – 22 – 4 – 15 (57 sts).

Knit even until back opening measures 2 ½”, ending with a WS row.

Increase row: k15, m1, k4, m1, k22, m1, k4, m1, k9, transfer last 3 sts of the row to a spare needle. (61 sts)

Form work into a circle, RS out, overlapping stitches held on spare needle with first 3 sts of beginning of last row, with right back edge under left back edge. Joining into a round, knit together a stitch from each needle 3 times, (in the same manner as a 3 needle bind off, without actually binding off) reducing the total number of stitches to 58 and creating underlap of back opening.

Continue even in stockinette until piece measures 4 ” from beginning. Change to k1, p1 ribbing and work even until piece measures 4 3/8” from beginning. BO.

Sleeves:

Pick up stitches from holder. Purl 1 row. (19 sts).

Increase 1 st at beginning and end of next RS row. (21 sts).

Purl 1 row.

Repeat increase row joining at end to continue knitting in rounds. (23 sts).

Knit even until 1 ½” from underarm, sewing underarm seam before measuring.

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Decrease 1 st each end of round. (21 sts).

Knit 6 rounds. Sleeve should measure approximately 2".

Next round: K1, ssk, k7, k2tog, k7, k2tog. (18 sts).

Change to 2mm needles and continue in k1, p1 ribbing until sleeve measures 2 ½" from underarm.

Weave in ends. Wash and block tunic. Carefully sew coordinating ¼" ribbon to WS of left back edge to support one side of snaps without having stitches show through to right side of garment. Sew the other side of the snaps to the RS of right back.