

Today's Catch Top



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This lacy, dolman-style top is knit flat from the bottom of the front, up, then separated at the armholes to work the neck and shoulders. Stitches are then cast on for the back of the neck to work the back of the garment. The front has an eye-catching zig-zag mesh panel, banded by gradually increasing garter stitch borders, to create a dolman shape. The back is knit in garter stitch to provide more coverage.

YARN & NEEDLES

US 8 (5 mm)

Once Upon a Corgi Polworth/Silk
(85% Polworth, 15% Silk)
Colorway: Narnia
2 skeins (700 yards)

GAUGE

32 stitches x 32 rows = 4"
gauge in garter stitch on US 8 needles

FINISHED SIZES

S (M, L)
Chest Circumference: 41" (42", 43")
Meant to be worn with positive ease.

ADDITIONAL NOTIONS

Tapestry needle
Scrap yarn

SKILL LEVEL

Intermediate

TERMS & ABBREVIATIONS

k - knit

yo - yarn over

p - purl

k2tog - knit two stitches together

pm - place marker

m - marker

ssk - slip, slip, knit

kfb - knit in the front and back of this stitch

sl1wyif - slip 1 stitch purl wise with yarn in front

PATTERN

WORK BOTTOM BAND

With US 8 needles, cast on 8 (10, 12) stitches, pm, cast on 60 stitches, pm, cast on 8 (10, 12) stitches.

K1, (k1, p1) to last stitch, sl1wyif.

Repeat last row 13 more times.

WORK MESH SECTION & BODY OF TOP

Row 1: k to m, (yo, k2tog) to second m, k to last st, sl1wyif.

Row 2: k to m, p to next m, k to last st, sl1wyif.

Row 3: k to m, (yo, k2tog) to second m, k to last st, sl1wyif.

Row 4: k to m, p to next m, k to last st, sl1wyif.

Row 5: k to 1 st before m, kfb, slip m, (yo, k2tog) to second m, slip m, kfb, k to last stitch, sl1wyif.

Row 6: k to m, p to next m, k to last stitch, sl1wyif.

Row 7: k to m, (ssk, yo) to second m, slip m, k to last st, sl1wyif.

Row 8: k to m, p to next m, k to last st, sl1wyif.

Row 9: k to m, (ssk, yo) to second m, k to last st, sl1wyif.

Row 10: k to m, p to next m, k to last st, sl1wyif.

Row 11: k to 1 st before m, kfb, slip m, (ssk, yo) to m, slip m, kfb, k to last st, sl1wyif.

Row 12: k to m, p to next m, k to last st, sl1wyif.

Repeat last 12 rows six more times. 104 (108, 112) stitches.

SEPARATE FOR LEFT AND RIGHT SHOULDER

Row 1: K to m, slip m, (yo, k2tog) for 30 stitches, place remaining 52 (54, 56) stitches on hold, keeping marker in place.

WORK LEFT SHOULDER

Row 2: Turn work, bind off 4 stitches, p to m, slip m, k to last st, sl1wyif.

Row 3: k to m, slip m, (yo, k2tog) to end.

Row 4: Turn work, bind off 2 stitches, p to m, slip m, k to last st, sl1wyif.

Row 5: k to 1 st before m, kfb, slip m, (yo, k2tog) to end.

Row 6: Turn work, bind off 2 stitches, p to m, slip m, k to last st, sl1wyif.

Row 7: k to m, slip m, (ssk, yo) to last 2 stitches, ssk.

Row 8: Turn work, bind off 1 stitch, p to m, slip m, k to last st, sl1wyif.

Row 9: k to m, slip m, (ssk, yo) to last 2 stitches, ssk.

Row 10: Turn work, bind off 1 stitch, p to m, slip m, k to last st, sl1wyif.

Row 11: k to 1 stitch before m, kfb, slip m, (ssk, yo) to last 2 stitches, ssk.

Row 12: Turn work, bind off 1 stitch, p to m, k to last st, sl1wyif.

Then work:

Row 1: K to m, slip m (yo, k2tog) to end.

Row 2: Bind off 2 stitches, p to m, k to last st, sl1wyif.

Repeat Rows 3 to 12 from above. 30 (32, 34) stitches.

Cut yarn, put left shoulder stitches on hold.

WORK RIGHT SHOULDER

Place the stitches currently on hold for right shoulder onto the needles. Starting with a right side row, join yarn and work as follows:

Row 1: Bind off 4 stitches, (yo, k2tog) to 1 st before m, k1, slip m, k to last st, sl1wyif.

Row 2: k to m, sl m, p to end.

Row 3: Bind off 2 stitches, (yo, k2tog) to 1 st before m, k1, slip m, k to last st, sl1wyif.

Row 4: k to m, sl m, p to end.

Row 5: Bind off 2 stitches, (yo, k2tog) to 1 st before m, k1, slip m, kfb, k to last st, sl1wyif.

Row 6: k to m, sl m, p to end.

Row 7: Bind off 1 stitch, (ssk, yo) to 2 stitches before m, ssk, sl m, k to last st, sl1wyif.

Row 8: k to m, sl m, p to end.

Row 9: Bind off 1 stitch, (ssk, yo) to 2 stitches before m, ssk, sl m, k to last st, sl1wyif.

Row 10: k to m, sl m, p to end.

Row 11: Bind off 1 stitch, (ssk, yo) to 2 stitches before m, ssk, sl m, kfb, k to last st, sl1wyif.

Row 12: k to m, sl m, p to end.

Then work:

Bind off 2 stitches, (yo, k2tog) to 1 stitch before m, k1, slip m, k to last st, sl1wyif.

Repeat Rows 2 - 12 from above. 30 (32, 34) stitches.

With right shoulder stitches on needle, using the Cable cast-on method, cast on 52 stitches for the back of the neck. Cut your yarn and place the left shoulder stitches on needle. 114 (116, 118).

WORK BACK OF TOP

Starting with a right side row, join yarn, then work as follows:

Rows 1 - 4, 6 - 10, and 12: k to last st, sl1wyif.

Rows 5 & 11: k to 2 stitches before m, k2tog, slip m, k to next m, slip m, k2tog, k to last st, sl1wyif.

Repeat these last 12 rows eight more times. 78 (80, 82) stitches.

WORK BOTTOM BAND

k1, (k1, p1) to last stitch, sl1wyif. Work this row 13 more times.

It's going to look a little short here, but when you block the garment, it will grow a lot because of the mesh lace and garter edges!

Fold garment in half wrong sides together. Seam the sides, leaving 21 garter ridges open on each side for the arm holes.

WORK NECKBAND

Starting at center back of the neck, pick up and knit 106 stitches. Place a marker for beginning of the round, join to work in the round.

Work in k1, p1 rib for four rows, then bind off in pattern.

Weave in your ends and block to size.

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