



Hothess top

With a silhouette that flatters the figure, this lacy-yoked black top proves that knit lace isn't always prim and proper. It's a stunning night out look in black but other colors can be used for a more feminine mood.

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Directions are for size Small; changes for sizes Medium, Large, XLarge and XXLarge are in parentheses.

Finished Bust: 36 (40, 44, 48, 52)".

Finished Length: 21½ (22¼, 23, 23¾, 24½,)".

Stitch Nation by Debbie Stoller™ "Washable Ewe™": 3 (4, 5, 6, 7) balls 3012 Licorice.

Knitting Needles: 4.5mm [US 7].

Circular Knitting Needles: 4.5mm [US 7] 16" long. Stitch holders (4), stitch markers (2), yarn needle.

GAUGE: 20 sts = 4"; 28 rows = 4" in St st. CHECK YOUR GAUGE. Use any size needles to obtain the gauge.

SPECIAL ABBREVIATION

ssk: Slip next 2 sts knitwise, one at a time to right needle; insert point of left needle into the fronts of these 2 sts and knit them together from this position.

SK2P: Slip 1, Knit 2 together, Pass slipped stitch over.

SPECIAL STITCHES

K1, p1 Rib (worked over an odd number of sts).
Row 1 (Right Side): K1, * p1, k1; repeat from * to end of row.
Row 2: P1, * k1, p1; repeat from * to end of row.

Tulip Lace (Multiple of 10 + 1 sts)

Row 1 (Right Side): K1, * yo, ssk, k2tog, yo, k1; repeat from * to end

Row 2 and all wrong side rows: Purl.

Row 3: K1, * k1, yo, ssk, k3, k2tog, yo, k2; repeat from * to end of row.

Row 5: K1, * k2, yo, ssk, k1, k2tog, yo, k3; repeat from * to end of row

Row 7: K1, * k3, yo, sk2p, yo, k4; repeat from * to end of row. Rows 9, 11 and 13: K1, * ssk, k2, yo, k1, yo, k2, k2tog, k1; repeat from * to end of row.

Row 14: Purl.

Repeat Rows 1 - 14 for Tulip Lace pattern.

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Back

With knitting needles, cast on 89 (99, 109, 119, 129) sts. Work in K1, p1 rib for 3", end by working a wrong side row.

Designed by Lorna Miser.



Shape Waist

Begin St st, and shape waist by dec 1 st at beginning and end of every 6th row 5 times—79 (89, 99, 109, 119) sts. Inc 1 st at beginning and end of every 8th row 5 times—89 (99, 109, 119, 129) sts. Work even until back measures 14 (14½, 15, 15½, 16)" from beginning, end by working a wrong side row.

Shape Armholes

Bind off 7 sts at beginning of next 2 rows—75 (85, 95, 105, 115) sts. Dec 1 st at beginning and end of every right side row 8 times—59 (69, 79, 89, 99) sts. Work even until armhole measures 5½ (5¾, 6, 6¼, 6½)", end by working a wrong side row.

Shape Back Neck

Next Row: K19 (24, 29, 34, 39) sts, place center 21 sts on holder for back neck; join a second ball of yarn and knit remaining 19 (24, 29, 34, 39) sts. Working both sides at once with separate balls of yarn, bind off 2 sts at each neck edge twice—15 (20, 25, 30, 35) sts each shoulder. Work even until armhole measures 6½ (6¾, 7, 7¼, 7½)", end by working a wrong side row.

Shape Shoulders

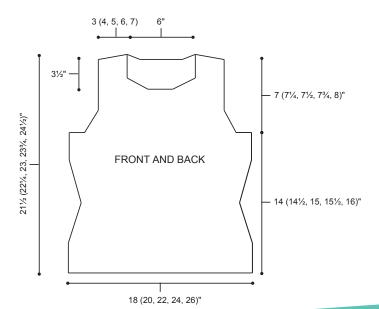
Bind off 5 (6, 9, 10, 11) sts at beginning of next 2 rows, then bind off 5 (7, 8, 10, 12) sts at beginning of next 4 rows.

Front

Cast on and work same as for Back to armhole shaping.

Shape Armholes and Begin Lace Pattern

Next Row (Right Side): Bind off 7 sts, k12, place marker, work Row 1 of Tulip Lace over next 51 (61, 71, 81, 91) sts, place marker, knit to end.



Next Row: Bind off 7 sts, purl to end.

Keeping sts between markers in Lace pattern, continue shaping armholes by dec 1 st at beginning and end of every right side row 8 times—59 (69, 79, 89, 99) sts

Work until armhole measures 4 $(4\frac{1}{4}, 4\frac{1}{2}, 4\frac{3}{4}, 5)$ ", end by working a wrong side row.

Shape Neck

Neck Row: Pattern 23 (28, 33, 38, 43) sts, slip next 13 sts onto holder for front neck; join a second ball of yarn and pattern remaining 23 (28, 33, 38, 43) sts. Working both sides at once with separate balls of yarn, bind off 2 sts at each neck edge 4 times—15 (20, 25, 30, 35) sts. Work even in pattern until piece measures same as Back to shoulder. Shape shoulders same as for Back.

Sew side seams.

Sleeves

With right side facing and circular knitting needles, beginning at underarm seam, pick up and k70 (76, 80, 86, 90) sts evenly around armhole. K27 (30, 32, 35, 37), place marker (1), knit next 16 sts for sleeve cap, place marker (2), turn. Slip 1, p to 2 sts past marker 1, turn. Slip 1, knit to 2 sts past marker 2. Continue to work 2 sts more each short row. No wraps necessary. When 14 sts remain at underarm, knit across all sts. Working in the round, * k1, p1; repeat from * around. Work even for 1". Bind off.

Neck Edging

With right side facing and circular knitting needles, beginning at right shoulder, pick up and k94 sts evenly around neck opening. * K1, p1; repeat from * around. Work even in ribbing for 1". Bind off. Weave in yarn ends.



Stitch Nation by Debbie Stoller[™] "Washable Ewe[™]" Art. T103 available in 3.5oz (100g), 183yd (167m) balls.

ABBREVIATIONS: Dec = decrease; inc = increase; k = knit; mm = millimeters; p = purl; st(s) = stitch(es); St st = Stockinette st; tog = together; yo = yarn over; * or ** = repeat whatever follows the * or ** as indicated.

