

## Merle - Blouse

No. 2004-201-4411

## Materials

$7(8,8)$ skeins of Diablo col. 38
$2(3,3)$ skeins of Rainbow Lace col. 87
Circular needle: 31.5 inches ( 80 cm ), US size ( 7 and $8=4.5 \mathrm{~mm}$ and $5,5 \mathrm{~mm}$ )
Stitch markers
Stitch holders
Yarn quality
Diablo, Hobbii
30 \% Mohair, 30 \% Nylon, 40 \% Acrylic
$0.9 \mathrm{oz} .(25 \mathrm{~g})=246$ yards ( 225 m )
Rainbow Lace, Hobbii 100 \% mercerized cotton $1.8 \mathrm{oz} .(50 \mathrm{~g})=306$ yards $(280 \mathrm{~m})$

## Knitting gauge

14 stitches and 20 rounds on 4 inches (10 cm ) with 2 threads of Diablo and 1 thread of Rainbow Lace

Buy the yarn here http://shop.hobbii.com/merle-blouse

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Sizes
S (M, L)

## Measurements

Width: $20.5(22.8,25.2)$ inches $(52(58,64)$ cm)

Length: 18.9 (19.3, 19.7) inches (48 (49, 50) cm)

## Pattern information

The blouse is knitted with 3 threads $=2$ threads of Diablo and 1 thread of Lace. The blouse has a wide rib at the bottom, and cuffs and neckline have a narrow rib. The blouse is knitted down-up and in the round on a circular needle until armholes. Back and front pieces are knitted separately. The sleeves are knitted on a circular needle using the magic loop technique.

## Techniques

You can find videos of the techniques used in the pattern here:

## Magic Loop -

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FtLallfM HMg\&list=PL_gKGVkKbA2||G4JRf7swzsR| NnCfQ6PD\&index=2\&t=0s
Short rows -
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4Bz7Yhi XuA8\&list=PL gKGVkKbA2||G4JRf7swzsR| NnCfQ6PD\&index $=10$ \& $\mathrm{t}=0 \mathrm{~s}$


Happy knitting!

## Body

Cast on $140(160,180)$ stitches on a circular needle US size $7(4.5 \mathrm{~mm})$ in 3 threads.
Knit in the round in rib: *knit 1, purl $1^{*}$, repeat around.
Knit until the rib edge measures 6.3 inches ( 16 cm ).
Switch to circular needle US size $8(5.5 \mathrm{~mm})$ and continue in stockinette stitches until your work measures 11.8 inches ( 30 cm ).
Here you divide your work into back and front pieces $=70(80,90)$ stitches for each part.

## Back

Knit straight up over the $70(80,90)$ stitches until the armhole measures $7.1(7.5,7.9)$ inches $(18(19,20) \mathrm{cm})=18.9(19.3,19.7)$ inches $(48(49,50) \mathrm{cm})$ in total length. End with a purl row.

On the back, place a marker on each side of the $12(12,14)$ middle stitches.

## Knit slant shoulders and neck like this:

## The right side

The right side (RS): knit $29(34,38)$ stitches, turn and place the remaining stitches on hold.
The wrong side (WS): knit until you have $4(6,7)$ stitches left at the shoulder, turn.
RS: knit a turning stitch, knit until you have $3(3,3)$ stitches left at the neck, turn.
WS: knit a turning stitch, knit until you have $9(12,14)$ stitches left at the shoulder, turn
RS: knit a turning stitch, knit until you have $6(6,6)$ stitches left at the neck, turn.
WS: knit a turning stitch, knit until you have $14(18,21)$ stitches left at the shoulder, turn.
RS: knit a turning stitch,knit until you have $6(6,6)$ stitches left at the neck, turn.
WS: bind off the $23(28,32)$ stitches of the shoulder purlwise.
RS: Add yarn and bind off the 6 stitches of the neck knitwise, bind off $12(12,14)$ more stitches (the stitches between the markers).
Don't fasten off the yarn, knit the left side instead:

## The left side

RS: knit until you have $4(6,7)$ stitches left at the shoulder, turn.
WS: knit a turning stitch, knit until you have $3(3,3)$ stitches left at the neck, turn
RS: knit a turning stitch, knit until you have $9(12,14)$ stitches left at the shoulder, turn
WS: knit a turning stitch, knit until you have $6(6,6)$ stitches left at the neck, turn
RS: knit a turning stitch, knit until you have $14(18,21)$ stitches left at the shoulder, turn
WS: knit a turning stitch, knit the rest of the needle $=29(34,38)$ stitches, turn
RS: bind off the 6 stitches of the neck (place a marker), bind off the $23(28,32)$ stitches of the shoulder.

## Front piece

Knit straight up over the $70(80,90)$ stitches until the work measures $8.7(8.7,8.7)$ inches (22 $(22,22) \mathrm{cm})$ from the rib edge. End with a purl row.

## Neckline <br> Left side

RS: knit $27(32,36)$ stitches, turn and place the remaining stitches on hold.
WS: purl.
RS: knit until you have 3 stitches left at the neck, knit 2 together through the back loops, knit 1.

WS: purl.
Repeat the last 2 rows until you have decreased 4 times in total and have $23(28,32)$ stitches for the shoulder.

Knit straight up until your work measures $18.9(19.3,19.7)$ inches $(48(49,50) \mathrm{cm})$ in full length. End with a purl row.
Bind off.

## Right side

Place the next $16(16,18)$ stitches on a stitch holder.
RS: knit $27(32,36)$ stitches, turn and place the remaining stitches on hold.
WS: purl.
RS: knit 1, knit 2 stitches together knitwise, knit the rest of the stitches.
WS: purl.
Repeat the last 2 rows until you have decreased 4 times in total, and have $23(28,32)$ stitches for the shoulder.

Knit straight up until your work measures $18.9(19.3,19.7)$ inches $(48(49,50) \mathrm{cm})$ in full length. End with a purl row.
Bind off.

## Sleeves

Cast on $40(40,42)$ stitches on a circular needle US size $7(4.5 \mathrm{~mm})$ in 3 threads.
Knit in the round in rib: *knit 1, purl $1^{*}$, repeat around.
Knit until the rib edge measures 0.8 inches ( 2 cm ).
Switch to circular needle US size $8(5.5 \mathrm{~mm})$ and continue in stockinette stitches. Place a marker at the beginning of the round.

## Start increasing

Knit until 2 stitches before the marker, increase 1 stitch (by picking up the loop and knitting it through the back loop), knit 2, increase $1=2$ increases in total.
Increase every 14th (14th, 12th) round until you have $52(54,56)$ stitches. Knit straight up until your work measures 17.7 inches ( 45 cm ). Bind off.

Knit one more sleeve the same way.

## Assembly

Sew the shoulder seams together.
Knit up stitches in the neck on US needle size $7(4.5 \mathrm{~mm})$ and knit 0.8 inches $(2 \mathrm{~cm})$ of rib: knit 1, purl 1. Bind off loosely in rib.

Sew the sleeves on to the blouse.

