

# Knotted stitch top by Natalie Smart

#### **SIZES**

To fit bust chest: 81[86:91:97:102:107]cm

(32[34:36:38:40:42]in)

**Actual measurement:** 80[86:96:102:107:112]cm

(31.5[34:38:40:42:44]in) **Length:** 58[59:60:61:64:65]cm (23[23:23.5:24:25:25.5]in) **Sleeve seam:** 8[8:9:9:10:10]cm

(3[3:3.5:3.5:4:4]in)

Figures in square brackets refer to larger sizes, where there is only one set of figures this applies to all sizes.

#### YOU WILL NEED

## Sublime Extra Fine Merino DK

100% Extra Fine Merino Wool (116m per 50g) 7[7:8:8:9:9] x 50g balls in Sunday 1 pair each of 3.75mm and 4mm knitting needles

1 x 3.75mm circular needle

3 stitch holders

A hook and eye for Collar

**Note:** Yarn amounts given are based on average requirements and are approximate.

#### **TENSION**

22 sts and 30 rows to 10cm over knotted st patt using 4mm needles.

Use larger or smaller needles if necessary to obtain correct tension.

#### **PATTERN NOTES**

**Rib Pattern** 

Row 1: Knit.

**Row 2:** P2, (kltbl, p2) to end. These 2 rows form rib patt.

**Knotted St Patt** 

Rows 1, 3, 5, 9, 11 and 13: Knit. Row 2 and all WS rows: Purl. Row 7: (K9, Knot 3) to last 9 sts, k9. Row 15: K3, (Knot 3, k9) to end.

#### **ABBREVIATIONS**

**Knot 3** = insert RH needle p-wise through next 3 sts as if to p3tog, yrn and draw through leaving sts on LH needle, insert RH needle k-wise into same 3 sts yrn and draw through, insert needle p-wise into same 3 sts and p3tog (3 sts on needle).

**S2kplo =** slip 2 sts, knit 1 st, pass second slipped st over.

### For more abbreviations see page 85

#### **BACK**

Using 3.75mm needles cast on 83[89:95:101:107:113] sts and work in rib patt for 12cm (5in) ending on a WS row.

Change to 4mm needles and cont in knotted st patt throughout.

**Size 1 only:** (K4, K2tog) to last 5 sts, k3, k2tog. **Size 2 only:** (K9, k2tog) to last st, k1.

Sizes 3 and 5 only: K2tog, k to last 2 sts, k2tog.

**Size 4 only:** K3, (k10, k2tog) to last 2 sts k2. **Size 6:** K1 (k12, k2tog) to end.

**All Sizes:** 69[81:93:93:105:105] sts rem.

Work straight until Back meas

24[24:24:26:26]cm (9.5[9.5:9.5:9.5:10:10]in)

ending on a RS row.

Inc 1 st at each end of every foll 4th rows to 93[93:105:105:117:117] sts.

Work straight until Back meas

40[40:40:40:42:42]cm (16[16:16:16:16.5:16.5]in)

ending on a WS row.

## Shape armhole

Cast off 3 sts at beg of next 2 rows. 87[87:99:99:111:111] sts.

**Sizes 2, 4, 5 and 6 only:** Dec 1 st at each end of next and every alt row to [79:93:95:97] sts, then dec 1 st at each end of foll 4th row until [75:87:93:93] sts.

**Sizes 1 and 3 only:** Dec 1 st at each end of every row to 83[87] sts, then dec 1 st at each end of next and every alt row to 69[75] sts.

#### All sizes

Work without shaping until armhole meas 17.5[18:19:20:21:22]cm (7[7:7.5:8:8.5:9]in) ending on a WS row.

**Next row:** K51[54:54:66:69:69] sts and place these sts onto a holder, k rem 18[21:21:21:24:24] sts.

#### Shape shoulders

Cast off 6[7:7:7:8:8] sts at beg of next and every alt row until all 18[21:21:21:24:24] sts have been cast off. With WS facing, leave centre 33[33:33:45:45:45] sts on stitch holder and place remainder 18[21:21:24:24] sts from stitch holder onto 4mm needle.

Re-join yarn to neck edge and work second sid to match the first.

#### **FRONT**

Work as given for Back until work meas 8cm (3in) less than Back to start of shoulder shaping ending on a WS row.

#### Shape left neck

**Next row:** K33[36:36:42:45:45] sts, sl1. Place

rem sts onto a holder.

Next row: Purl.

Next row: K to last 3 sts, k2tog, sl1.

Next row: Purl.

Rep last 2 rows until 30[33:33:39:42:42] sts re Work 7 rows without shaping, slipping last st ck rows.

Next row: K to last 2 sts, M1, sl1.

Next row: Purl.

Rep these last 2 rows to 34[37:37:43:46:46] st

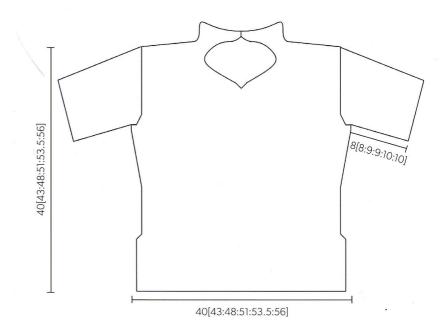
Work 2 rows without shaping.

Next row: K to last st, sl1.

Place last 16[16:16:22:22:22] sts just worked onto a holder. With WS facing, re-join yarn to rem 18[21:21:21:24:24] sts.

Next row: Purl. Shape shoulder

Cast off 6[7:7:7:8:8] sts at beg of next and ever



Measurements are given in cm

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## Shape right neck

With RS facing, place 35[38:38:44:47:47] sts back onto left hand 4mm needle and re-join varn to neck edge.

**Next row:** K1, skpo, k to end. 34[37:37:43:46:46] sts rem.

Next row: Purl.

Next row: Sk2plo, k to end.

Rep last 2 rows until 30[33:33:39:42:42] sts rem. Work 7 rows without shaping, slipping first st on

every k row.

Next row: SI1, M1, k to end.

Next row: Purl.

Rep these last 2 rows to 34[37:37:43:46:46] sts. Work 2 rows without shaping, slipping first st on

every k row.

**Next row:** S11, k15[15:15:21:21:21]. Place these sts just worked onto a holder, k to end. 18[21:21:21:24:24] sts on needle.

## Shape shoulder

Cast off 6[7:7:7:8:8] sts at beg of next and every alt row until all 18[21:21:21:24:24] sts have been cast off.

#### **SLEEVES**

Using 4mm needles, cast on 57[57:69:69:69:69] sts and work in knotted st patt until sleeve meas 8[8:9:9:10:10]cm (3[3:3.5:3.5:4:4]in) ending on a WS row.

## Shape top

Cast off 3 sts at beg of next 2 rows 51[51:63:63:63:63] sts.

Dec 1 st at each end of next 3[3:7:5:3:3] rows 45[45:49:53:57:57] sts and then on alt rows 12[14:12:14:16:18] times. 21[17:25:25:25:21] sts. Dec 1 st at each end of next 4[2:5:5:4:2] rows ending on a p row.

Cast off rem 13[13:15:15:17:17] sts.

### COLLAR

Press pieces lightly according to ball band and darn in loose yarn ends.

Join shoulder seams.

With RS facing and using a 3.75mm circular needle, sl1, k rem 15[15:15:21:21:21] sts from Right Front holder, pick up and k4 sts along Right Front shoulder, pick up and k4 sts along Right Back shoulder, k33[33:33:45:45:45] sts from Back holder, pick up and k4 sts along left back shoulder, pick up and k4 sts along Left Front shoulder, k15[15:15:21:21:21] sts from Left Front holder, sl1. 81[81:81:105:105:105] sts, turn.

**Next row:** P to end, turn.

Next row: Sk2plo, work in knotted st patt to

last 3 sts, k2tog, sl1, turn.

Rep last 2 rows to 75[75:75:99:99:99] sts,

ending on a p row.

Cast off.

## TO FINISH OFF

Pin and sew sleeve heads in place along armhole. Join side and sleeve seams. Sew a hook and eye onto WS of collar where front neck and beg of collar meet before collar shaping.





