



Little Blueberry

Difficulty: Intermediate

Size: ages 4-6 (7-8: 9-10)

Measurement: Chest 56-58(61-63:66-68)cm (22-23[24-25:26-27]in), actual measurement 66(72:76)cm (26[28.5:30]in)

Length: 40(44:48)cm (16[17.5:19]in)

Figures in brackets refer to the larger sizes. Note that if only one set of figures is used in any part of the knitting it applies to all sizes.

Materials: Figgi Yarns "Cotton Tweed" 100% cotton (330m per 100g) 2[3:4] 100g balls in **Blueberry**. Figgi Yarns Sifa Silver 90% natural cotton 10% real silver (75m per 50g) 1x50g ball in **Natural**. 1 pair 3mm needles.

Tension: 27 sts and 30 rows = 10 x 10cm in st st.

Abbreviations:

K = knit

P = purl

St (s) = stitch(es)

ssk = slip st onto R needle k next st, slip 1st st over,

k2tog = knit 2 sts together

WS = wrong side

RS = Right side

Tip: Divide the contrasting yarn into two small balls to knit the Argyll pattern separately.

BACK

Using the Cotton Tweed cast on 83[91:101] sts.

Row 1: *K1, p1, rep from * end k1.

Row 2: P1, k1 to last st, p1.

Cont rib pattern for 8 rows. On the 8th row (WS), M1 after every 7th [7th:8th] st 11[13:13] times. 94[104:114] sts on the needle. Knit in st st until the back measures 24[26:28] cm (10[10:11]in) and finish with a WS row.

Shaping the armholes

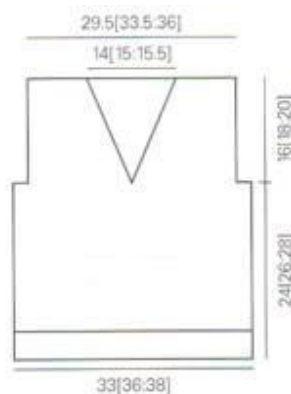
Cast off 5[5:6] sts at the beginning of next 2 rows. Dec. 1 st at each end of the following alt rows until there are 80[90:98] sts. Cont until the piece measures 40[44:48] cm (16[17.5:19] in). With the RS facing, cast off 21[25:28] sts and leave the centre remaining 38[40:42] sts on a stitch holder, continue to cast off 21[25:28] sts.

FRONT

Begin as for the back in the rib pattern. Similarly, you will end up with 94[104:114] sts on the 8th row.

With RS facing, knit in st st for 19 [21:23] sts. Join in the Silver and K1. Pick up and cont. in the Blueberry for 54 [60:66] sts. Join in another small ball of Silver and K1. Pick up and cont. in Blueberry for 19 [21:23] sts.

Knit WS all in P, knit colours as they are. Follow the Argyll chart for the 37-row pattern. Knit until the back measures 24[26:28]cm (10[10:11]in) and finish with a WS row.



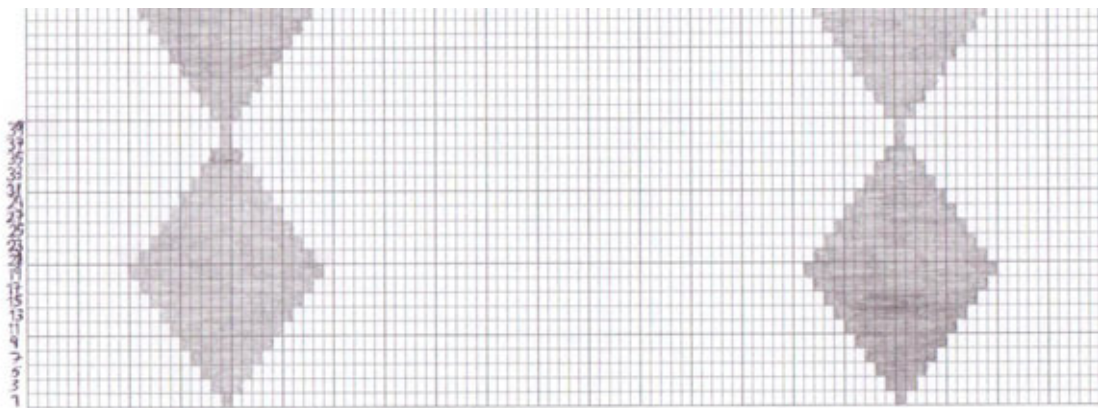
Back/Front

Shaping the armholes

Cast off 5[5:6] sts, keeping to the Argyll pattern, knit to the centre until there are 42[47:51] sts on the RH needle. Turn the work and work only on this set of sts.

Dec 1 st at neck edge every alt row 16[18:16] times and then every 4th row 3 [2:5] times. At the same time, dec 1 sts at the armhole edge on the following 2 alt rows. Continue in the Argyll pattern until the work measures 40 [44:47]cm 16(17.5:19)in. Cast off the remaining 21[25:28] sts.

Rejoin the yarn to the other remaining sts and repeat the same to match both sides of the V-neck.



Neckband finishing

Join right shoulder seam.

Using Blueberry, start at the top of the Left neck edge with RS facing, pick up and knit 36 40:42] sts down Left front, m1 at the centre and mark this st with a marker or scrap piece of yarn. Continue to pick up and knit 36 40:42] sts up Right front, knit the 36 [40:42] sts from the stitch holder along the back neck. You must have a total of 111[121:127] sts on your needle.

Now start to work in k1, p1 rib.

1st row: k1, p1 (17[19:20] times) ssk, k1, k2tog, p1, continue in k1, p1 rib to end.

2nd row: Starting new row with a P1, work in rib making sure the centre st is a purl.

3rd row: Starting new row with a K1 and joining in the Silver yarn, work rib until 2 sts before centre st, ssk, K1, k2tog, continue in rib.

Repeat rows 2 and 3, making sure to always work the centre st in purl on the WS and knit on the RS.

Work with Silver yarn for 4 rows. Rejoin Blueberry and continue for 2 more rows in this yarn. Cast off in rib.



Armhole finishing

Join left shoulder seam. With the RS facing, pick up and knit 86 [98:104] sts around the armhole edge. Work in ki, p1 rib for 5 rows and cast off in rib. Repeat for the second armhole. Join the side seams. Tidy all seam ends. Make sure the loose yarn changes to the back of the argyll pattern are straightened and pushed back into place to help the diamonds sit nice and smooth.

Care

The cotton garment is best handwashed cool to lukewarm, but can be machine-washed on gentle cycle, gentle spin. Dry flat and out of direct sunlight. If ironing is required, place under a damp cloth and warm iron over.