

ST ST
FAIR ISLE

DK
WEIGHT

3¼MM
4MM

It's an EASY-WEAR top,
just PERFECT FOR PAIRING
with JEANS OR A SKIRT

Traditional
Fair Isle
style

Fair play

Recharge and relax in Rosee Woodland's
tank, in soft garden colours.

HUNTER

Fair Isle tank top

MATERIALS

YOU WILL NEED

□ Sublime, Baby Cashmere Merino Silk DK (75% extra fine Merino wool, 20% silk, 5% cashmere, 50g/116m)

□ A pair of 3¼mm needles

□ A pair of 4mm needles

□ Tapestry needle

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TENSION

Yarn used knits as DK to this tension: 23 sts and 28 rows to measure 10x10cm (4x4in) over st st using 4mm needles

ABBREVIATIONS

tbl through the back of the loop

Fair Isle can be a bit daunting if you haven't tried it before, but this vibrant, summery tank top is an ideal introduction to the technique. The repeating motifs means you'll get the hang of it pretty quickly – just follow the chart and make sure you don't strand the yarns not in use too tightly at the back of your work.

Designer Rosee Woodland says, "The yarn – Sublime Baby Cashmere Merino Silk DK – is lovely to work with. It gives fabulous stitch definition, which makes it ideal for Fair Isle garments, and it comes in a large range of shades so you can be really inventive with colour combinations."

Start knitting here...

BACK

Cast on 90 (94: 98: 106: 110: 118: 122: 130)

sts using 3¼mm needles, thumb or long-tail cast on and yarn A.

Row 1 (RS) K2 (P2: K2) to end.

Row 2 (WS) P2 (K2: P2) to end.

Rep last 2 rows once more.

Change to yarn B.

Row 5 Knit.

Row 6 P2 (K2: P2) to end.

Change to yarn C.

Work Rows 5 and 6 once more.

Change to yarn D.

Work Rows 5 and 6 once more.

Change to yarn B.

Row 11 Knit.

Row 12 P2 (K2: P2) to end.

Change to yarn A and cont in rib until ribbed section meas 7 (7: 7: 8: 8: 8) cm, ending with a WS row.

Tip

Weave in your 'floating' yarns every 3 stitches to secure them neatly at the back of the fabric.

Change to 4mm needles.

Next row (RS) Knit, inc 9 (11: 13: 11: 15: 11: 15: 13) sts evenly across the row as foll:

(K9 (7: 6: 8: 6: 9: 7: 9), M1, K1) 9 (11: 13: 11: 15: 11: 15: 13) times,

K0 (6: 7: 7: 5: 8: 2: 0).

[99 (105: 111: 117: 125: 129: 137:

143) sts]

Next row (WS) Purl.



FIND YOUR SIZE

SIZE		8	10	12	14	16	18	20	22
TO FIT BUST	cm	81	86	91	97	102	112	117	122
	in	32	34	36	38	40	42	44	46
ACTUAL BUST	cm	86.5	91.5	96.5	101.5	108	113	119	124.5
	in	34	36	38	40	42½	44½	47	49
LENGTH	cm	55	55	55	56	56	57	57	58
	in	21¾	21¾	21¾	22	22	22½	22½	22¾
ARMHOLE DEPTH	cm	21	21	22	22	23	23	24	24
	in	8¼	8¼	8¾	8¾	9	9	9½	9½
YARN		SUBLIME, Baby Cashmere Merino Silk DK (50g/116m skeins)							
Yarn A Hootie (339)		6	6	6	7	7	8	8	8
Yarn B Vanilla (003)		2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
Yarn C Caterpillar (245)		2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
Yarn D Gooseberry (004)		1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1

SIZING COLOUR KEY So you can re-use this pattern, we've colour-coded the sizing instructions. Simply follow our colour-coded measurements.

"AS YOU KNIT ALONG EACH ROW, ALWAYS SPREAD FAIR ISLE STITCHES TO THEIR CORRECT WIDTH TO MAINTAIN THEIR ELASTICITY."



Work 4 more rows in st st, ending with RS facing for next row.

BEGIN CHART

Note Please read the whole of this section, including waist shaping, before starting Chart.

Next row (RS) Knit, following the Chart from row 14.

Use the Fair Isle technique, stranding the colour not in use loosely across the back of the row and changing needles for waist shaping after the number of rows detailed below. Purl all WS rows and knit all RS rows.

Start at the following stitch for your size: Stitch 8 (1: 6: 7: 7: 1: 1: 6).

Work to the end of the pattern repeat and then repeat the pattern until the end.

WAIST SHAPING

When you have completed 6 (6: 6: 8: 0: 2: 2: 6) rows of the Chart change to 3¼mm needles and cont in pattern as set for 16 rows.

Change back to 4mm and cont in pattern until you have worked the full 43 rows of the Chart.

Continuing in yarn A only work 22 (22: 22: 22: 22: 26: 26) more rows in st st. Work in Chart again, setting pattern as before AND BEG WORKING

ARMHOLE SHAPING AS BELOW when body meas 33 (33: 32: 33: 32: 33: 32: 33) cm, ending with RS facing for first row of armhole shaping and working in yarn A only after Chart is complete.

If tension is correct, your armhole shaping should begin after working 0 (0: 1: 0: 2: 1: 3: 2) cm of the second repeat of the Chart – after approximately 0 (0: 2: 0: 6: 2: 8: 6) rows of the second repeat of the Chart. **

ARMHOLE SHAPING

Cast off 6 (7: 7: 8: 8: 9: 9: 10) sts at the beg of next 2 rows, continuing to work Chart as set. [87 (91: 97: 101: 109: 111: 119: 123) sts]

***Dec 1 st at each end of next 11 (12: 12: 12: 14: 13: 14: 14) rows. [65 (67: 73: 77: 81: 85: 91: 95) sts]



Keep control of your floating yarns to ensure consistently even stitches.

STEP-BY-STEP HOW TO PICK UP STITCHES



1 Holding the piece of knitting you are going to pick the sts up from in your left hand, and starting at the top-right corner, insert the right-hand needle between the first two stitches of the row.



2 Wind your wool around the needle and 'knit' the first stitch...



3 ...And pull the new stitch through between the two stitches.



4 Continue to work like this along the row or until you have picked up the necessary amount of stitches. Try to space your stitches evenly.

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THE NECK AND ARMHOLE EDGINGS
ARE A FUSS-FREE RIBBED STRIPE
PATTERN

Dec 1 st at each end of foll 4 (4: 6: 6: 6: 6: 7: 7) RS rows only. [57 (59: 61: 65: 69: 73: 77: 81) sts]

Cont straight until armhole meas 21 (21: 22: 22: 23: 23: 24: 24)cm, ending with RS facing for next row.

RIGHT SHOULDER SHAPING

Next row (RS) Cast off 5 (6: 6: 7: 7: 8: 9: 10) sts at beg of row, cast off 31 (29: 31: 31: 35: 35: 35: 35) sts for back of neck, knit to end.

Next row (WS) Cast off 5 (6: 6: 7: 7: 8: 9: 10) sts at beg of row, P8 (9: 9: 10: 10: 11: 12: 13), turn.

Next row (RS) Cast off 1 st and K to end.

Next row (WS) Cast off 4 (5: 5: 6: 6: 7: 8: 9) sts and P to end.

Next row (RS) Cast off rem 3 sts.

Rejoin yarn to right side of neck and work as folls:

Knit to end.

[8 (9: 9: 10: 10: 11: 12: 13) sts]

LEFT SHOULDER SHAPING

Rejoin yarn with WS facing.

Next row (WS) Cast off 1 st and P to end.

Next row (RS) Cast off 4 (5: 5: 6: 6: 7: 8: 9) sts and K to end.

Next row (WS) Cast off rem 3 sts.

Break yarn and fasten off.

FRONT

Work as for back to **.

ARMHOLE DECS

Cast off 6 (7: 7: 8: 8: 9: 9: 10) sts at the beg of next 2 rows. [87 (91: 97: 101: 109: 111: 119: 123) sts]

Dec 1 st at beg of next 2 rows. [85 (89: 95: 99: 107: 109: 117: 121) sts]

SHAPE RIGHT NECK EDGE

Note Read ahead. Armholes and neck are decreased at the same time.

Next row (RS) K1, ssk, patt 36 (38: 41: 43: 47: 48: 52: 54), k2tog, K1. Turn, leaving

rem sts on holder. [40 (42: 45: 47: 51: 52: 56: 58) sts]

Dec 1 st at armhole end of next 9 (10: 10: 10: 12: 11: 12: 12) rows, then 1 st at armhole end of foll 4 (4: 6: 6: 6: 6: 7: 7) RS rows only, leaving centre st on a holder, AND AT THE SAME TIME dec 1 st at neck edge for next 13 (11: 11: 11: 13: 13: 13: 9) rows, and foll 1 (2: 3: 3: 3: 3: 3: 7) 4th rows, working decs 1 st in from edge of neck edge. [13 (15: 15: 17: 17: 19: 21: 23) sts]

Work straight until front right matches back right to start of shoulder shaping.

SHAPE RIGHT SHOULDER

Next row (RS) Cast off 5 (6: 6: 7: 7: 8: 9: 10) sts at beg of row, knit to end. [8 (9: 9: 10: 10: 11: 12: 13) sts]

Next row (WS) Cast off 1 st and P to end.

Next row (RS) Cast off 4 (5: 5: 6: 6: 7: 8: 9) sts and K to end.

Next row (WS) Cast off rem 3 sts.

Rejoin yarn to second side, leaving central stitch on a holder for neck edging later.

Complete to match first side, reversing all shapings.

Block pieces to measurements.

TO MAKE UP

Join left shoulder seam.

NECK EDGING

Using 3¼mm needles, RS facing and yarn A, pick up and knit 43 (43: 47: 47: 51: 51: 51: 51) sts down left front neck, pm, K central st on holder, pm, 43 (43: 47: 47: 51: 51: 51: 51) sts up right front neck, pm, 3 (4: 3: 3: 3: 3: 5) sts across right back neck shaping, 31 (29: 31: 31: 35: 35: 35: 35) sts across cast off back neck sts,

2 (3: 2: 2: 2: 2: 4: 4) sts across left back neck shaping. [123 (123: 131: 131: 143: 143: 147: 147) sts]

Next row (WS) K2, (P2, K2) to 1 st before central st, P3, (K2, P2) to end.

Next row (RS) P2, (K2, P2) to 1 st before central st, k3tog, (P2, K2) to end.

Next row (WS) K2, (P2, K2) to central st, P1, (K2, P2) to end.

Next row (RS) P2, (K2, P2) to 3 sts before central st, p2tog, K1, p2togtbl, (P2, K2) to end.

Next row (WS) K2, (P2, K2) to 1 st before central st, K1, P1, K1 (K2, P2) to end.

Change to yarn B and knit 1 row (DO NOT RIB), working ssk, K1, k2tog around central st.

Rib next row as set.

Change to yarn C and knit 1 row, (DO NOT RIB), working ssk, K1, k2tog around central st.

Rib next row as set.

Change to yarn D and knit 1 row (DO NOT RIB), working sl1, k2tog, pssso around central st.

Rib next row as set.

Change to yarn B and knit 1 row (DO NOT RIB), working sl1, k2tog, pssso around central st.

Rib next row as set.

Change to yarn A and knit 1 row (DO NOT RIB), working ssk, K1, k2tog, around central st.

Rib next row as set.

Rib 1 row, working ssk, K1, k2tog, around central st.

Cast off loosely in rib on the WS.


SLEEVE EDGINGS

Using 3¼mm needles and yarn A, pick up and knit 98 (98: 102: 102: 106: 106: 110: 110) sts around armhole.

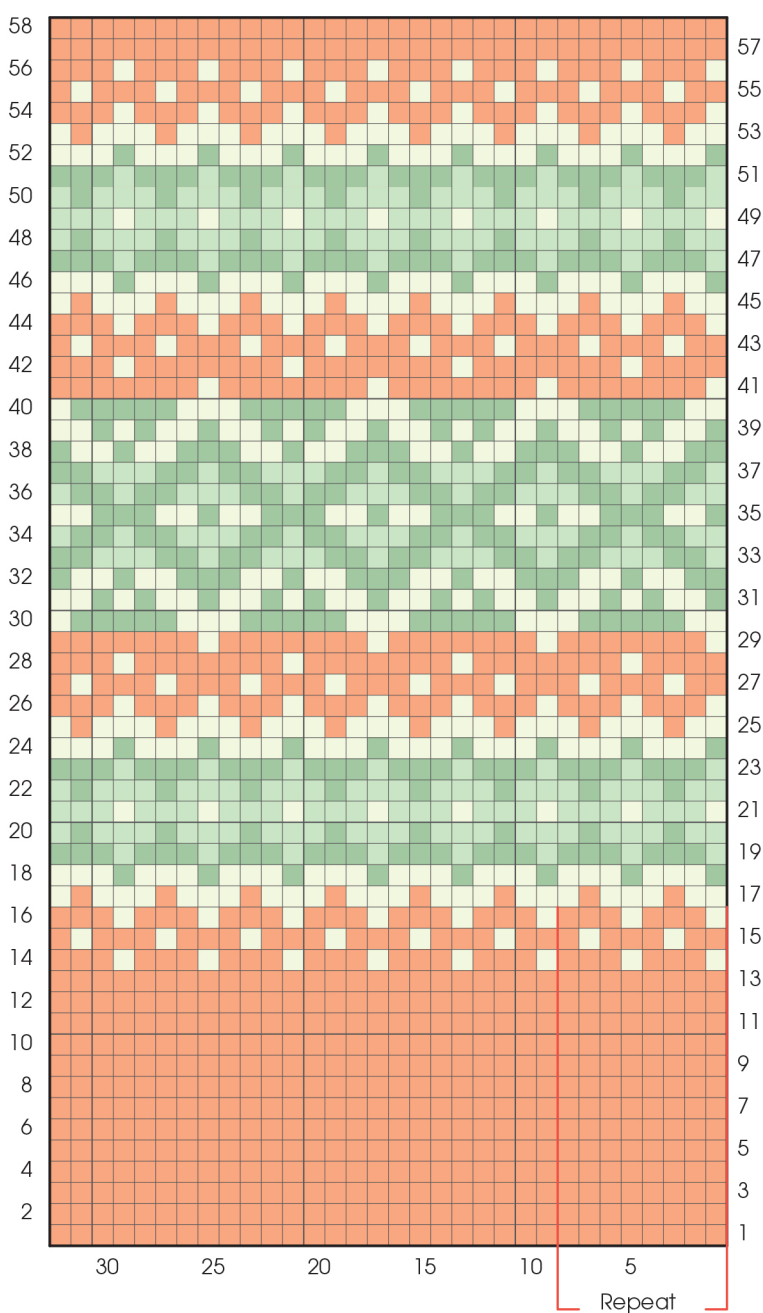
Next row (WS) P2, (K2, P2) to end.

Next row (RS) K2, (P2, K2) to end.







Continue as set, working colour sequence and number of rows as for neck (omitting shaping) and remembering to only knit the first row when joining in a new colour. Repeat for second armhole. Join side seams. 

CHART



Key

-  Yarn A
-  Yarn B
-  Yarn C
-  Yarn D

HOW TO USE OUR CHARTS

Start at the bottom right-hand corner. Read right side rows from right to left and wrong side rows from left to right. A row of squares represents a row of knitting.