



Designed by Pat Strong Knitted dress

WORKED IN the round from the bottom up, this tunic dress has a simple geometric pattern of diamonds and triangles, worked using the stranded colourwork technique. "It would be a good project for knitters looking to practise and improve their Fair Isle technique," says designer Pat Strong. "Rowan's Felted Tweed is a perfect yarn for this - it lends itself to colourwork and produces a soft, even fabric."

PATTERN NOTES

Follow charted instructions for the colourwork, reading chart from right to left and working in the round. Make the same yarn the 'top' yarn when stranding - in our sample, the background yarn has been worked as the 'top' yarn - and strand the yarns loosely enough so that the fabric can move when worn. There are no floats more than three stitches in width, so there is no need to tack floats down.

BODY

Using 3.75mm circular needles, 80cm long, and yarn A, cast on 235 (255:273:293) sts using the long-tail or other stretchy cast-on method.

Pm and join to work in the round, being careful not to twist sts.

SIZE

	S	M	L	XL	
TO FIT BUST	86	94	103	112	cm
	34	37	40½	44	in
ACTUAL BUST	94	102	111	120	cm
	37	40	44	47¼	in
ACTUAL LENGTH	81	83	88	91	cm
	32	33	34¾	36	in

YARN

Rowan Felted Tweed (DK weight; 50% merino wool, 25% alpaca, 25% viscose; 175m/191yds per 50g ball)

A SEAFARER (170)	5	6	7	8	x50g BALLS
B CLAY (177)	1	2	2	2	x50g BALLS
C WATERY (152)	1	1	1	1	x50g BALLS
D GINGER (154)	1	1	1	1	x50g BALLS
E AVOCADO (161)	1	1	1	1	x50g BALLS
F MARITIME (167)	1	1	1	1	x50g BALLS

NEEDLES & ACCESSORIES

3.75mm (UK 10/US 3) circular needles, 80cm long
3.75mm (UK 10/US 3) circular needles, 100cm long
Set of 3.75mm (UK 10/US 3) double-pointed needles (DPNs) for neck, if not using Magic Loop method
Stitch markers, including four locking stitch markers

TENSION

23 sts and 30 rows to 10cm over st st on 3.75mm needles

YARN STOCKISTS

Rowan 01484 950630
www.knitrowan.com

For general abbreviations, see www.gathered.how

Round 1: (K1, P1) to last st, K1.

Round 2: (P1, K1) to last st, P1.

Rounds 1 and 2 set moss st.

Work 5 more rounds in as set.

Sizes S and M only

Next round: K to last st, KFB.

236 (256:-:-) sts.

Sizes L and XL only

Next round: K to last 2 sts, K2tog.

-(-:272:292) sts.

All sizes

Next round: Work row 1 of Chart to end of round.

Last round sets Chart placement. Cont to work as set until all 28 rows of Chart have been worked twice.

Cont in yarn A only, work in st st until work measures 25 (26:27:28) cm from cast-on edge. Alter length here if desired.

Place a marker after st 118 (128:136:146).

SHAPE WAIST

Dec Round 1: *K3, K2tog, K108 (118:126:136), SSK, K3, pm; rep from * once more. 232 (252:268:288) sts.

Work 7 rounds without shaping.

Dec Round 2: *K3, K2tog, work to 5 sts

before mrk, SSK, K3, slm; rep from * once more. 4 sts dec'd.

Rep Dec Round 2 every 8th round 5 (6:6:5) more times.

208 (224:240:264) sts.

Continue without shaping until work measures 45½ (47: 48½:50) cm.

Inc round: *K3, KFB, work to 4 sts before mrk, KFB, K3; rep from * once more.

4 sts inc'd.

Rep inc round every 10th round, 1 (2:3:2) more times.

216 (236:256:276) sts.

Continue without shaping until work measures 57½ (59:63:65) cm.

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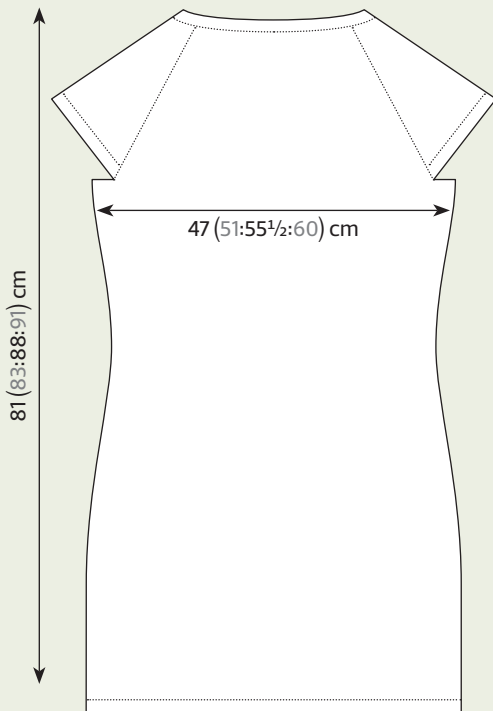
Using 100cm length circular needles, *K to 10 (11:12:12) sts before mrk, cast off 20 (22: 24: 22) sts; rep from * once more. 176 (192: 208: 232) sts.

Next round: *K88 (96:104:116), pm, cast on 56 (60:68:68) sts, pm; rep from * once more. 288 (312:344:368) sts.

SET UP SLEEVE CAP PATTERN

Round 1: K to first mrk, slm, (K1, P1) to next

BLOCKING DIAGRAM



mrk, slm, K to next mrk, slm, (K1, P1) to end.

Round 2: K to mrk, slm, (P1, K1) to next mrk, slm, K to mrk, slm, (P1, K1) to end. Last 2 rounds set moss st for sleeve caps. Work Rounds 1 and 2, 3 more times.

BEGIN CHART

Next round: Work row 1 of Chart to end of round.

Last round sets Chart placement. Remove all mrks on last round.

Dec round: (Work 1 st from Chart, s2kpo, mark last st with a contrasting locking mrk for beg of round, patt 85 (93:101:113) sts, s2kpo, mark last st with a locking mrk, patt 53 (57:65:65), s2kpo, mark last st with a locking mrk, patt 85 (93:101:113) sts, s2kpo, mark last st with a locking mrk, patt 53 (57:65:65). 8 sts dec'd.

Round 2: Work Chart to 2 sts before end of round.

Using the marked stitches as a guide, dec as set on every alt round as folls:

Dec round: *Sk2po, move locking mrk into last st, patt to 2 sts before marked st; rep from * 3 more times, patt to end. 8 sts dec'd.

Cont to dec every alt row as set until 112 (124:144:160) sts remain.

When all decs are complete, cont to work in Chart patt until all 28 rows of Chart have been worked twice, then cont in yarn A only until yoke measures 21 (22:23:24) cm.

Next round: (K1, P1) to end of round.

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Last 2 rounds set moss st.

Work in moss st for 5 more rounds.

FINISHING

Weave in ends.

Gently block to measurements, following any yarn care instructions on the ball band. ☺



Edgings are worked in moss stitch

CHART



KEY

- Yarn A
- Yarn B
- Yarn C
- Yarn D
- Yarn E
- Yarn F