



Liddie

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Liddie is knit from the bottom up in the round. The sleeves are knit top down and incorporate short row shaping for best fit. Liddie is designed to have a relaxed negative ease, due to the elasticity of the rib stitch. Gauge is important for this pattern, so be sure to swatch!

Sizes: 32" (36", 40", 44")

Actual Bust Measurements (unblocked): 24" (26", 28", 30")

Length: 19.5 (20, 21, 22)

Materials: 2 (2, 3, 4) skeins of Shalimar Yarns **Zoe Sock**, (100% Australian Merino, 4 oz/450 yds), US #5-24" circular needles, US #5-16" circular needles, 4 stitch markers in two contrasting colors. *We used colorways Peachy Keen and Tequila Sunrise in random stripes.*

Gauge: 36 sts/4" relaxed in Pattern Stitch I (24 sts/4" in st st) 

Abbreviations:

K2tog-knit 2 stitches together

SSK-slip as if to knit, slip as if to knit, knit these two stitches together

W&T

Pm-place marker

K2togtbl-knit 2 stitches together through the back loop

St st-stockinette stitch

BO-Bind off

Pattern Stitch I: *K4, P2, repeat from * to end

Pattern Stitch II: *K2, P2, repeat from * to end

Body:

Cast on 216 (234, 252, 270) sts with US #5. Place marker for beginning of round.

Knit 11"(11.5",12",12.5") in Pattern Stitch I. At the beginning of the next round, place the previously worked 108 (117, 126, 135) stitches on waste yarn. These stitches are the back. Continue working on the front.

Front Armhole Shaping:

With RS facing and working back and forth on the needle, bind off 5 sts at the beginning of the next two rows.

Bind off 4 (3, 3, 2) sts at each end of the next two rows.

Bind off 2 (2, 2, 2) sts at each end of the next two rows.

86 (97, 106, 117) sts remain.

Begin **Neck Shaping**, and **at the same time**, continue armhole decreases:

RS: K2tog, K to last 2 sts, SSK. Repeat decreases every other row 6 times more.

Front Neck Shaping:

Beginning with RS facing, work in pattern across 53 (59, 56, 71) sts. Place the previously worked 20 (21, 22, 25) sts onto a holder. Continue in pattern across remaining 33 (38, 42, 46) sts.

Beginning with a RS row, at neck edge bind off every alternate row, 2 sts 3x (4x, 4x, 4x,) 13 (16, 20, 24) sts remaining.

Work even until piece measures 18" (18.5", 19.5", 21.5"). End with a WS row.

Shoulder Shaping:

With RS facing, and on every alternate row, BO 4 (5, 7, 7) sts 1x, 4 (5, 6, 8) sts 2 x.

Back Armhole Shaping:

Pick up and knit 108(117, 126,135) stitches off of waste yarn. With RS facing work Armhole Shaping as established above, until 86(97,106,117) stitches remain. End with a WS row.

Beginning with RS facing, work in pattern across 53 (59,56,71) sts. Place previously worked 20(21,22,25) sts on a holder and work across remaining 33(38,42,46) sts. Purl one return row.

Back Neck Shaping:

Beginning with a RS row, at neck edge, bind off every alternate row w sts 3x(4x,4x,4x). 13 (16.20.24) sts remain. Repeat for other neck edge.

Work even until piece measures 18"(18.5",19.5"21.5). End with a WS row.

Shoulder Shaping:

As for front.

Join shoulder seams.

Neck Edging:

With US #5-24" circular needles and RS facing, pickup and knit 20(21, 22, 25) sts from front neck holder. Pickup and knit 13(13,15,17) sts. Place marker.

Pickup and knit 34(36,40, 44) sts to top of right shoulder. Pickup and knit 22(24,25,27) sts down the right back neck edge.

Pickup and knit 20(21,22,25) sts from back neck holder. Pickup and knit 22(24,25,27) sts up left back neck edge.

Pickup and knit 34(36,40,44) sts down left front neck edge. Place marker. Pickup and knit 13(13,15,17) sts.

Knit 1 round.

Rnd 1: (Dec. Rnd) *Knit to 2 sts before marker, K2tog, slm, K2togtbl. Repeat from *

Rnd 2: Knit 1 round

Repeat Rnds 1 and 2 two more times for a total of three decrease rounds.

BO in St st.

Sleeves:

With US #5-16" needles and beginning at the top of the shoulder, pickup and knit 33(37,40,43) stitches to the center of the armhole, PM, pick up 32(37,40,43) stitches to top of shoulder, PM for beginning of round.

Working in Pattern Stitch II, begin Short Row Shaping. Knit 11(12,13,14) sts, PM in cc. Knit 44(50,54,58) sts, PM in cc. Knit to end of round. Establish short rows thusly:

At beginning of round:

Knit to first marker, remove marker, W&T, replace marker, turn

Knit to second marker, remove marker, W&T, replace marker, turn

Continue in short row shaping until 8(9,10,11) stitches on each side of bottom (armhole) marker remain. Knit to beginning of round. Knit three rounds even. BO firmly or with one size smaller needle.

*Every effort has been made to ensure that this pattern is accurate and complete. In spite of our hard work and diligence, however, mistakes do happen. Please contact ShalimarYarns@aol.com if a mistake is found.

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