



BUTTERFLY GIRL

This child's smock top has just enough room and swing to make it ideal for throwing on over a T-shirt or tank – even a sundress. It's meant to be short and swingy, and the chevron lace at the bottom and sleeve edgings adds just enough challenge to keep the project interesting. Worked up in a soft cotton, this is an ideal intermediate pattern for the Butterfly Girl in your life!

MATERIALS:

4 (5, 6) balls RYC Luxury DK Cotton in Marble (or an substitution that yields gauge, although a cotton is recommended)

One pair U.S. size 4 needles

One pair U. S. size 5 needles

One pair U.S. size 6 needles

One safety pin

One stitch holder

MEASUREMENTS:

Chest: 25 ½", 29 ½", 33"

Length to shoulder: 10 ¾", 12 ½", 14 ½"

Sleeve length: 2 ½", 4", 5"

Ideally, smallest measurement is for age 2-3, middle for ages 4-5, and largest ages 6-7.

GAUGE:

20 stitches = 4 inches on size 6 needles.

BACK:

With size 4 needles, cash on 73 (83: 93) stitches.

Knit 3 rows.

Change to size 5 needles.

1st row: K6, *yf, skpo, k8; rep from * to last 7 stitches, yf, skpo, k5

2nd, 4th, 6th and 8th rows: Purl to end.

3rd row: K4, *K2tog, yf, k1, yf, skpo, k5; rep from * to last 9 stitches, k2tog, yf, k1, yf, skpo, k4.

5th row: K3, *k2tog, yf, k3, yf, skpo, k3; rep from * to end.

7th row: K2, *K2tog, yf, k5, yf, skpo, k1; rep from * to last stitch, k1.

9th row: K1, K2tog, *yf, K7, yf, slip 1, K2tog, pssso; rep from * to last 10 stitches, yf, k7, yf, skpo, k1.

10th row: Purl to end.

These ten rows form the chevron pattern, and are repeated once more.

Continue in stockinette stitch until back measures 6 (7, 8 ¼) inches from cast on edge, ending with a purl row.

SHAPE ARMHOLES:

Cast off 5 stitches at beginning of next 2 rows. 63 (73: 83) stitches. **

Decrease one stitch at each end of the next row and 4 following alt rows. 53 (63: 73) stitches.

Continue straight until back measures 10 ¾ (12 ½: 14 ½) inches from cast on edge, ending with a purl row.

SHAPE SHOULDERS:

Cast off 13 (16:19) stitches at beginning of next 2 rows. Leave remaining 27 (31:35) stitches on a stitch holder.

FRONT:

Work same as for back until **

DIVIDE FOR FRONT NECK:

Next row:

Work 2, work 2 tog, knit 27 (32: 37), turn and work on these 30 (35: 40) stitches for first side of neck shaping. Decrease one stitch at each end of the 4 following alt rows.

22 (27: 32) stitches.

Keeping armhole edge straight, decrease one stitch at neck edge on every following alt row until 15 (18:21) stitches remain. Continue straight until front measures same as Back to shoulder shaping, ending at armhole edge.

SHAPE SHOULDER:

Cast off.

With right side facing, slip 1 stitch at center front to a safety pin, rejoin yarn to remaining stitches, knit to last 4 stitches, work 2tog, knit 2.

Complete to match first side of neck shaping.

SLEEVES:

With size 4 needles, cast on 63 (73:83) stitches.

Knit 3 rows.

Change to size 6 needles.

Work 20 (30: 40) rows in chevron pattern as given for back.

SHAPE SLEEVE TOP:

Cast off 5 stitches at beginning of next 2 rows

Decrease 1 stitch at each end of next row and **8 following rows (every row)**. 33 (43: 53) stitches.

Cast off.

NECKBAND:

Join right shoulder seam.

With size 4 needles, pick up and knit 28 (30:32) stitches down left side of front neck, k1 stitch from safety pin, pick up and knit 28 (30:32) stitches up right side of front neck.

Knit across 27 (31:35) stitches from back neck. 84 (92:100) stitches.

Next row: k53 (59:65) skpo, k1, k2tog, k26 (28:30).

Next row: k25 (27:29), skpo, k1, k2tog, k52 (58:64).

Next row: k51 (57:63), skpo, k1, k2tog, k24 (26:28).

With size 5 needles, cast off loosely, decreasing on this row as before.

TO FINISH:

Join left shoulder and neckband seam. Sew sleeves into armholes, easing to fit. Join side and sleeve seams.

ABBREVIATIONS:

K = knit

K2tog = knit 2 stitches together

PSSO = pass slipped stitch (es) over

SKPO = slip one, knit one, pass slipped stitch over

YF = yarn forward, or yarn over