

Advanced Beginner

Finished Chest measurement of the garment: 48"

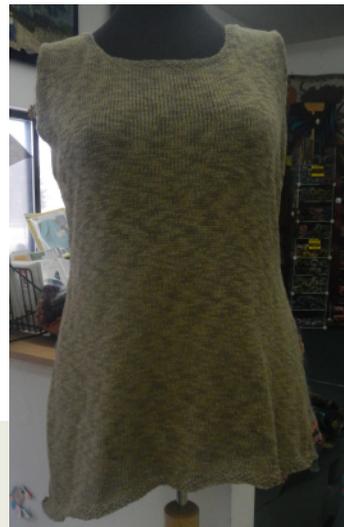
(to fit a 44-46", depending on how much ease you like)

Design Options:

- Pick either of the 2 cowl patterns...one is a no brainer easy to remember and the other is more complex
- Knit the cowl separately, or, pick up around the neckline and knit it attached to the tunic
- If you prefer to work garter stitch on the edges instead of seed stitch, fine. But that gauge is a bit bigger so either go down to an even smaller needle or pick up fewer stitches.

Zooey Tunic

A simple, asymmetric, A-line tunic with waist shaping— knit in a cotton/linen yarn that has great drape and just a hint of texture to provide a bit of interest in the finished fabric



Materials:

- 3 skeins Zooey by Juniper Moon for the tunic; 1 skein Bomuld, Ito Gimo
- US size 5 & 6 needles-circular needle 24" - 29", and either double points or 16" for the finishing of the sleeve opening

Gauge: 5sts/inch in st st

Front

Using larger needles, cast on 4 sts.

Purl 1 row.

Working stockinette stitch (and starting with a knit row), alternately cast on 9 sts and then 10 sts at the end of this and every other row (i.e. each knit row) until you have 138 sts.

- *So on the first "knit" row you cast on 9 sts at the end and then on the second "knit" row you cast on 10 sts at the end of the row, and on the third "knit" row you cast on 9 sts, again etc....)*

Waist Shaping:

Decrease 1 stitch at each end of every 4th and then 5th rows, alternately, until you have 110 sts.

Work even in stockinette stitch for 1 inch.

Increase 1 stitch to each end every 9th row until you have 121 sts.

Work even in stockinette stitch for 1 inch.

Shape Armholes:

Bind off 5 sts at beginning of next two rows.

Decrease 1 stitch at each end every other row three times

Decrease 1 stitch at each end of every 4th row, three times.**

Work even on these 99 sts for about 4" from underarm bind off (or more or less, depending on how deep you want the neckline!) , ending after a purl row

Neckline Shaping:

Knit across 34 sts, bind off center 31 sts, and knit across remaining 34 sts.

Right shoulder shaping:

Purl back.

*Keeping in stockinette stitch, bind off 3 sts at neck edge and work to end

Purl back.

Bind off 2 sts at neck edge (beginning of row) on the next and then every knit row, three times more.

Decrease 1 stitch at beginning of next knit row (i.e. neck edge) and then every 4th knit row two times.

Work even on remaining 20 sts until armhole measures 9.50"

On the armhole side, bind off 6 sts at the beginning of the next row and then 5 sts each every other row twice. Finally, bind off the remaining 4 sts.*

- *Alternatively, you can short row shape your shoulders to avoid the jog that comes from binding off on alternate rows.*

Left shoulder shaping:

Attach yarn to armhole side of left shoulder and purl to neck edge

Follow right shoulder shaping as above from * to *, working the bind offs and decreases at the neck edge as above, but on this shoulder you will be decreasing and binding off on PURL rows, not knit rows as above.

Tunic Back

Work as for tunic front to **

Work even until piece measures 7 inches from armhole bind off.

Work across 25 sts, bind off center 49 stitches, knit to end (25 sts on each shoulder)

Working each shoulder separately, decrease 1 stitch at neck edge every other row, five times. You should have 20 sts on the needle. Work even until armhole measures 9.5" from underarm bind off.

On the armhole side, bind off 6 sts at the beginning of the next row and then 5 sts each every other row twice. Finally, bind off the remaining 4 sts.*

- *Alternatively, you can short row shape your shoulders to avoid the jog that comes from binding off on alternate rows.*

Finishing:

Seam shoulders.

Use mattress stitch to seam sides. If you'd like to have side "vents", then only work the mattress stitch from 1-3 inches above the cast on row.

Using smaller needles, pick up stitches along cast on edge at bottom of tunic and work seed stitch for 1 inch. Pick up an odd number of stitches—should be around 271-273, since you lost a few stitches in the side seams, if you chose not to leave part of the bottom side seams open for "vents". If you did not seam the sides together all the way to the bottom, then you will be working seed stitch over the "front" and "back" separately and will be picking up the full 138 sts on each edge to seed stitch. Since you are working flat and have an even number of stitches,

Neckline:

Using smaller needle, pick up about 121 sts around neckline (you have the 31 bound off from the center front and the 49 from the center back for 80, plus about 13 sts from each front neck edge shaping for another 26 and 7 from each back side of the back neck edge decreases for another 14-ish). Make sure this is an odd number that you pick up since the seed stitch is easier to knit in the round on an odd number of stitches

Work seed stitch on these 121 sts for about 1 inch and bind off.

Armholes: