

Fleurette Jacket



This pattern can be made to fit ANY size, based on the number of rows required to fit the midriff band and the number of rows for the bodice. You will have to do some very minor arithmetic to get the correct fit. The instructions and yarn requirements are a guide. An extra ball of yarn should be added for every two inches of bust size over 46"

Materials: Any cotton DK yarn with a yardage of at least 100m/50g
Small (32"/34") 7 balls
Medium (36"/38") 8 balls
Large (40"/42") 9 balls
Xtra Large (44"/46") 10 balls

Needles: 3.5mm (US 4) 60cm (24") circular and double point
4mm (US 6) 60cm (24") circular, straight pair and double point

Tension: 22 sts = 4" on 4mm (US 6) needles over stocking stitch (or needle size to give correct tension)

This jacket is made in one piece, starting from the midriff band and then working off the side edges of the band for the bodice and bottom. Sleeves are picked up and knit from the top of the armhole.

Abbreviations

K2tog = knit two sts together as if they were one.

yo = yarn over needle

Sl = slip

p2sso = pass 2 slipped sts over

Midriff Band: With 4mm (US 6) needles, cast on 16 sts. Slip the first st of each row and work as follows: K one row, P one row, Purl one row, K one row. making ridges of 2 rows of stocking stitch and 2 rows of reverse stocking stitch. When the band measures

comfortably around your ribcage **without stretching**, count the number of rows worked. Work extra rows until there are a multiple of 12 rows plus 10. (eg. 264 rows plus 10 more rows =274 rows) The band should be somewhat loose when you are finished.

Jacket Bottom: With 4mm (US 6) circular needle pick up and K the slipped sts along one edge of the band. Your stitch count should be a multiple of 6 plus 5 sts (eg. 132 plus 5 = 137). **Make a note of this stitch count as you will have to pick up the same number of stitches along the opposite edge for the bodice.** Working back and forth, knit 3 more rows, slipping the first stitch on each row.

Work in Fleurette Lace as follows:

Row 1: Sl 1, K1, *K1, yo, SSK, K1, K2tog, yo*

repeat between *s to the last 3 sts, K3.

Row 2 and all wrong side rows: Sl 1, purl to end.

Row 3: Sl 1, K3, *yo, K3* repeat between *s to last st, K1

Row 5: Sl 1, K1, K2tog, *yo, SSK, K1, K2tog, yo, Sl 2 knitwise, K1, p2sso* repeat between *s to last 9 sts, yo, SSK, K1, K2tog, yo, SSK, K2.

Row 7: Sl 1, K1 *K1, K2tog, yo, K1, yo, SSK* repeat between *s to last 3 sts, K3.

Row 9: as Row 3.

Row 11: Sl 1, K1, *K1, K2tog, yo, Sl 2 knitwise, K1, p2sso, yo, SSK* repeat between *s to last 3 sts, K3

Row 12: as Row 2

Repeat these 12 rows for pattern.

When the bottom portion of the jacket measures a minimum of 10" from the midriff band, ending on Row 12 of the lace pattern, knit 4 more rows, slipping the first stitch. Cast off.

Jacket Bodice: With 4mm (US 6) circular needle, pick up and K the slipped sts along the remaining edge of the band. Knit 3 more rows, slipping the first stitch of each row. There should be exactly the same number of stitches as were picked up for the bottom part of the jacket.

Next row: Sl 1, *K2, inc 1 in the next st* to the end of round, ending with K1.

Count your stitches. Divide by 2. This will give you the number of sts for the back section of the jacket. Divide the number of sts for the back by 2 and this will give you the number of sts for each front. If the number of sts for the back is an odd number, subtract 1, then divide by 2 to get the number of sts for each front.

Then add 1 st to each front. (eg. 182 divide by 2 = 91. Subtract 1. The number of sts for the back is now 90. 90 divide by 2 = 45. Add 1 st and the number you need for each front is now 46. $90+46+46 = 182$).

Next row: Slip the first stitch and purl until the number of sts for one front have been worked. Place marker. Work across the number of sts for the back. Place marker. Work to the end.

Work 2 more rows in stocking stitch, slipping the first stitch of every row and slipping each marker. Next row (right side in stocking stitch), slip the first st. K1, SSK, work to last 3 sts, K2tog, K2. Decrease on every following 4th row in this manner until a minimum of 2.5" have been worked. To fit your bust, add a half inch for each cup size larger than AA. (eg 3" for A, 3.5" for B, 4" for C, etc.) Measure against yourself to be certain that length will be comfortable for the beginning of the armhole. End on a wrong side row. Shape armholes as follows. Continue to decrease at the front edges on every 4th row, work to within 4 sts of the first marker, cast off 8 sts, work to within 4 sts of the second marker, cast off 8 sts, work to end.

Fronts: Continue, working only the sts for the left front. Decrease as given for the front edge and decrease 1 st at the armhole edge on the following 3 right side rows. Without further decreasing for the armhole, continue in stocking stitch, shaping the front edge until the armhole measures a minimum of 7", a AA cup and a half inch for each additional cup size. (eg. 7.5" for an A, 8" for a B, 8.5" for C etc.) ending on a wrong side row. Count the remaining sts and divide the number in half. Cast off half the sts from the armhole edge and work to end. Work one row and cast off the remaining sts. If there is an odd number of sts, give the extra stitch to the half closest to the opening edge. Work the right front sts in the exact same way, reversing the front edge and armhole decreases and ending with the same number of sts for casting off.

Back: Work the remaining sts for the back section, decreasing at the armhole edges as given for the fronts. Count the number of rows worked for the fronts from the armhole cast off. Subtract by 4. When you have worked this number of rows, ending on a wrong side row, work across the number of sts cast off for the fronts, plus 2 for the right shoulder. Cast off the centre sts for the neck edge until the number of sts remaining on the row equal the number of sts for the right shoulder. Working

these sts for the left shoulder, decrease 2 sts at the neck edge, on every other row and cast off the sts for the shoulder as given for the fronts. Join on more yarn to the remaining right shoulder sts and work in the same way, in reverse.

Sleeves: Sew shoulder seams. With 4mm (US 6) circular or double point needles, and with the right side facing, begin at the shoulder seam. Pick up every second strand that occurs between the slipped st at the edge and the next st of the jacket, working from the shoulder seam to the left, until there are 6 strands acting like sts on the needle. Slide these to the other end of the needle and work from the shoulder seam to the right, until there are a total of 12 strands acting as sts on the needle. Join in yarn and pick up the strand that was skipped over and knit it together with the strand on the needle. Turn. Slip the first st and P11. Pick up and P the next two strands together, 3 times. Turn. Slip the first st, K14. Pick up and K the next two strands together, 3 times. Turn. Slip the first st, P17. Pick up and purl the next two strands together, twice. Turn. Slip the first st. K 19. Pick up and K the next two strands together, twice. Now continue to turn, slip one, and work to the end, picking up only the next two strands of the armhole at the end of each row. Work in this manner until the

point of the armhole decreases. Pick up and work the next 2 strands together, three times at the end of the next 2 rows. At the end of the next right side row, pick up and K 1 st for every cast off st at the bottom of the armhole. Work in the round in stocking stitch for 4 rows. Change to 3.5mm (US 4) double point needles and P one round, K one round, P one round. Cast off loosely. Repeat for the opposite sleeve.

Front Bands: With 3.5mm (US 4) circular needle, beginning at the bottom of the right front opening edge, pick up and K1 st for every slipped st along the front edge, 3 sts from the shoulder seam to the back neck cast off edge, 1 st for every cast off st of the back neck edge, 3 sts to the shoulder seam and 1 st for every slipped st of the left front. Work 3 rows in garter stitch. Next row, make buttonholes as follows: work up to the bottom of the midriff band on the right hand side. K2, *K2tog, K3* three times. Knit to the end of row. Next row, make two yo's over each K2tog of the previous row. On the following row, knit into the first yo, letting the second yo drop from the needle. Work 3 more rows of garter stitch. Cast off loosely. Sew buttons to the left front to correspond with buttonholes. Darn in yarn ends.