

# LACE TUNIC

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## **Materials:**

12 oz mohair (up to size 42-44) (or 7 50-gram balls)

Size 15 needles

Size 11 needles, single point or circular

Gauge: 13 sts = 4 inches

## **Stitch Pattern: Multiple of 9 plus 4**

Row 1 & 3: (wrong side) Purl

Row 2: K3, \*YO, K2, SSK, K2 tog, K2, YO, K1 \*; repeat from \* to \* then end K1.

Row 4: K2, \*YO, K2, SSK, K2 tog, K2, YO, K1 \*; repeat from \* to \* then end K2.

Sizes:	Small 36 - 38	Medium 42 - 44	Large 48 - 50
Cast on: (for each back and front)	58 stitches	67 stitches	76 stitches

## **BACK**

With size 15 needles cast on the required amount of stitches and knit one row. Now change to size 11 needles and begin the pattern on Row 2 (right side.) Work rows 3 and 4, and then repeat rows 1 through 4 until entire piece measures 29 inches, (or desired length), ending on row 4. Place all stitches on a holder.

## **FRONT**

Work same as back until piece measures 27 inches (or desired length). **END ON ROW 4!** Now work Row 1, separating and placing stitches on holders as follows:

(Small) Sizes 36-38: 18 each shoulder and 22 neck

(Medium) Sizes 42-44: 22 each shoulder and 23 neck

Large) Sizes 48-50: 24 each shoulder and 28 neck

**SMALL SIZE - LEFT SHOULDER (starting with 18 sts)**

Beginning with Row 2, follow the directions below and you will end up with 14 sts)

Row 2: K3, YO, K2, SSK, K2tog, K2, YO, K1, YO, K2, SSK, K2tog (17 sts)

Row 3: P2 tog at neck edge and finish row. (16 sts)

Row 4: K2, YO, K2, SSK, K2tog, K2, YO, K1, YO, K2, K3tog) (15 sts)

Row 1: Purl 2 tog and purl across. (14 sts)

Row 2: K3, YO, K2, SSK, K2tog, K2, YO, K 3 sts.

Row 3: Purl across.

Row 4: K2, YO, K2, SSK, K2tog, K2, YO, K 4 sts.

Row 1: Purl across.

Now continue working even until left shoulder measures the same length as back.

**SMALL SIZE - RIGHT SHOULDER (starting with 18 sts)**

Beginning with Row 2, follow the directions below and you will end up with 14 sts:

Row 2: K1, SSK, K2tog, K2, YO, K1, YO, K2, SSK, K2tog, K2, YO, K2 (17 sts)

Row 3: Purl across to last 2 sts and P2tog. (16 sts)

Row 4: K3tog, K1, YO, K1, YO, K2, SSK, K2tog, K2, YO, K3 (15sts)

Row 1: Purl across to last 2 and P2tog. (14 sts)

Row 2: K4, YO, K2, SSK, K2tog, K2, YO, K2 (14 sts.)

Row 3: Purl across

Row 4: K3, YO, K2, SSK, K2tog, K2, YO, K3

Row 1: Purl across.

Now continue working even until right shoulder measures the same length as back.

Work the 3-needle bind off on both shoulders.

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**MEDIUM SIZE - LEFT SHOULDER (starting with 22 sts)**

Beginning with Row 2, follow the directions below and you will end up with 18 sts:

Row 2: K3, YO, K2, SSK, K2tog, K2, YO, K1, YO, K2, SSK, K2tog, K2, YO, K2tog. (21 sts.)

Row 3: Purl first two stitches together then purl across remaining stitches. (20 sts)

Row 4: K2, YO, K2, SSK, K2tog, K2, YO, K1, YO, K2, SSK, K2tog, K3 (19 sts)

Row 1: Purl 2 together and finish purling across the row. (18 sts)

Row 2: K3, YO, K2, SSK, K2tog, K2, YO, K1, YO, K2, SSK, K2.

Row 3: Purl

Row 4: K2, YO, K2, SSK, K2tog, K2, YO, K1, YO, K2, SSK, K3.

Row 1: Purl across

Now continue working even until left shoulder measures the same length as back.

**MEDIUM SIZE - RIGHT SHOULDER (starting with 22 sts)**

Beginning with Row 2, follow the directions below and you will end up with 18 sts:

Row 2: SSK, K1, YO, K2, SSK, K2tog, K2, YO, K1, YO, K2, SSK, K2tog, K2, YO, K2 (21 sts)

Row 3: Purl across to last 2 - P2tog. (20sts)

Row 4: SSK, K2, K2tog, K2, YO, K1, YO, K2, SSK, K2tog, K2, YO, K3 (19 sts)

Row 1: Purl across to last 2 - P2tog. (18 sts)

Row 2: K3 sts, K2tog, K2, YO, K1, YO, K2,SSK, K2tog, K2, YO, K2 (18 sts)

Row3: Purl

Row 4: K2, K2tog, K2, YO, K1, YO, K2, SSK, K2tog, K2, YO, K3

Row 1: Purl across

Now continue working even until right shoulder measures the same length as back.

Work the 3-needle bind off on both shoulders.

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### **LARGE SIZE - LEFT SHOULDER (starting with 24 sts)**

Beginning with Row 2, follow the directions below and you will end up with 20 sts:

Row 2: K3, YO, K2, SSK, K2tog, K2, YO, K1, YO, K2, SSK, K2tog, K2, YO, K2, K2tog. (23 sts)

Row 3: Purl 2 together at neck edge and finish the row. (22 sts)

Row 4: K2, YO, K2, SSK, K2tog, K2, YO, K1, YO, K2, SSK, K2tog, K2, YO, K1, K2tog. (21 sts)

Row 1: P2tog and then finish purling the row. (20 sts).

Row 2: K3, YO, K2, SSK, K2tog, K2, YO, K1, YO, K2, SSK, K4.

Row 3: Purl

Row 4: K2, YO, K2, SSK, K2tog, K2, YO, K1, YO, K2, SSK, K2tog, K2, YO, K1

Row 1: Purl across

Now continue working even until left shoulder measures the same length as back.

### **LARGE SIZE - RIGHT SHOULDER (starting with 24 sts)**

Beginning with Row 2, follow the directions below and you will end up with 20 sts:

Row 2: SSK, K3, YO, K2, SSK, K2tog, K2, YO, K1, YO, K2, SSK, K2tog, K2, YO, K2. (23 sts)

Row 3: Purl across to last 2 sts, and purl them together. (22 sts)

Row 4: K4, SSK, K2tog, K2, YO, K1, YO, K2, SSK, K2tog, K2, YO, K3. (21 sts)

Row 1: Purl to last 2 sts, and purl them together. (20 sts).

Row 2: K1, YO, K2, SSK, K2tog, K2, YO, K1, YO, K2, SSK, K2tog, K2, YO, K2.

Row 3: Purl even.

Row 4: K4, K2tog, K2, YO, K1, YO, K2, SSK, K2tog, K2, YO, K3.

Row 1: Purl across

Now continue working even until right shoulder measures the same length as back.

Work the 3-needle bind off on both shoulders.

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### **SLEEVES (Make 2)**

Cast on 31 sts with size 15 needle and knit one row. Work Row 2 of the stitch pattern with the same needle. Now change to size 11 needle, and work row 3 & 4. Then proceed with the 4-row repeat for the rest of the sleeve, with the exception of the following increases: after 1 inch, on right side of work, knit 1 stitch and then M1 (lift the strand between the stitches, place the loop on left needle, then knit through the back of that loop.) Continue across the row following your stitch pattern until you have 1 stitch remaining. M1 at this point. Continue increasing one stitch near each end of needle every 4th row, 16 times. Place a marker enclosing the center 31 stitches of your lace pattern, keeping that panel intact. Work all the increased stitches in stockinette stitch. You will have a total of 63 stitches (18 inches wide.)

Work until sleeve measures 17 inches (or your desired length). Bind off loosely with the size 15 needle. Sew sleeves in place. Seam side seams as well as sleeve seams.

**NECK EDGE:** This sweater calls for a simple edging. Some options are:

Option #1: Backwards crochet (sometimes called a crab stitch)

Option #2: Crocheted shell edging

Set it up with a simple single crochet around neck edge (multiple of 5 sts). (Begin the shell stitch by chaining 2, double crochet four times in the same hole, skip two stitches, and slip st in the next hole, skip 2 stitches and then 5 double crochets in the next stitch.) Repeat around neck.

Option #3: Knitted edging

If you would rather knit the neck edging, pick up 76 sts for large size, 69 for medium, and 62 for small size, using a size 11 needle. Knit 1 row and bind off.

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