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Deep Blue Sea Silk/Merino Sweater

MATERIALS:

- 3 skeins Blue Heron Silk/Merino in Deep Blue Sea

EQUIPMENT:

- Size #6 needles
- tapestry needle

GAUGE/SIZE: 5 1/2st/6 1/2r/in 26" cuff to ctr back - 34" chest - 26" length

LACE PATTERN:

Row1: K 4 st(this number may vary), place marker, *(K2tog) 3X, (YO, K1) 6X, (K2tog) 3X*, repeat between**, place marker K4.

Rows 2 & 3: Knit

Row 4: K 4 st, Purl to marker, K4 st.

DIRECTIONS: This tunic is knit in stockinette stitch from sleeve to sleeve.

Left sleeve: Cast on 40 stitches and knit 4 rows, increasing 1 st each side every 4th row.

Knit the lace pattern 3X with k3 on the 1st, k4 on the 2nd, k5 on the 3rd repeat at the beginning and end of row 1. (48st)

Knit in st st until there are 100 st on the needle. (sleeve length 17") (width 17.5")

Left Body: Cast on 60 st at the beginning of the first 2 rows. Place markers at the center with 2 st between them. (109-2-109st)

Change to making the increases every rows on the outsides of the markers until there are 120-2-120st. (7")

Knit 4 rows in st st with no increases.

On the next row(k), K115 st, cast off 50 st, p 77st.

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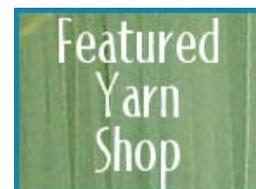
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Front and Back: Knit the front and back together and knit in st st for 25 rows (4.5")
On the next row(k), cast on 50 st to join the front and back.

Right Body: Knit 4 rows in st st with no increases. Mark the center (120-2-120st). Beginning with the next row decrease 1 st on the outsides of the markers every 4 rows until there are (109-2-109st). Purl 1 row.
Cast off 60 stitches at the beginning of the next 2 rows. (100st)

Right Sleeve: Beginning with row 1 decrease 1 stitch on both sleeve edges every 4 rows until there are (48st). Knit 3 rows in st st.

Row 3: of lace pattern(make decreases) (k) .

Row 2:

Row 1: Lace pattern row with k5 at beginning and end.

Row 4: Purl

Repeat 2 more times with k4 and k3 at the beg and end of row 1. On the last repeat omit row 4.
Knit 3 rows (decrease on row 1) and cast off.

Assembly: Sew the side and underarm seams.

Bottom Lace: Pick up 94 stitches along the bottom edges and knit the lace pattern 5X backwards. Begin with row 3 of the lace pattern and continue with rows 2, 1, and 4. On the last repeat omit row 4. Knit 3 rows and cast off.

Neck Finish: Cast on 3 stitches with size 5 doublepointed needles. Pick up 1 edge stitch at the shoulder line of the neck opening. There will now be 4 stitches on the needle. Knit the 1st two stitches together, then knit the remaining 2 st. Slide the stitches to the other end of the needle.
Pick up the next edge st, k2tog, knit the 2 remaining st, slide the st to the other end of the needle . Repeat around the neck opening. Keep a firm tension on the yarn. Join at the beginning and weave ends in at the back.

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