



Midsummer

Linen, vintage lace and nostalgia for Joe Dassin times



Top “Midsummer”

Measurements are given in a metric system. To convert into inches, divide by 2,54

Size: M (L, XL)

Bust circumference: 98-100 (102-104, 106-108) cm

Hip circumference: 102-104 (108-110, 114-116) cm

Bust cup size: A (B, C)

Back neck is lifted by 2 cm

Height: 167-175 cm. For different height you can change the length of the top.

Intended ease at the bust: +10-14 cm

Sample shown is size L with 12 cm ease on model.

Several features were used to improve garment

fitting: side horizontal bust darts, hidden vertical bust darts, the front is wider than the back, lifted back neck, longer back armhole, back and front shoulder lines are made with different slope.

Materials

Yarn: Bergère de France Bigarelle (55% cotton, 36% linen, 9% cellulose, 390 m/100 gr), 3 (3, 4) skeins, color *Roseaie*

Yardage: 1280 (1280, 1700) yds, (1170 (1170, 1560) m
SIŪLAS Lithuanian Linen 4 ply (100% linen) light purple or pale pink color, 240 (240, 320) gr

Yardage: 1320 (1320, 1750) yds (1200 (1200, 1600) m

Needles: US3 (3,25 mm) and US4 (3,5 mm) straight needles, US3 (3,25 mm) circular needles for neckband.

Additional Tools: crochet hook, blunt tapestry needle, 2 stitch markers, 2 spare circular needles.

Construction notes:

1. The top is worked with both yarns held together. It is preferable to knit the two yarns together from separate balls rather than winding them together.
2. The first and the last sts along all details are selvage sts, even if it's not mentioned further in the pattern.
3. While casting on and binding off, do not forget to leave long enough yarn tails for seaming and joining pieces later on.
4. For short rows back neckline shaping, technique of Aistė Butkevičienė (aisteb1973) is used. You can find the details by clicking this link (Russian language, but there are pictures and schematics):
<http://club.osinka.ru/topic-173577?p=16399858#16399858>
5. The instructions are given for size M, the numbers in brackets are for sizes L and XL respectively. If there is only one number, it belongs to all sizes.

Gauge

20 sts and 28 rows = 10x10 cm in lace pattern

Stitch Patterns

Lace pattern: see the chart.

Twisted stitch rib: see the chart.

Selvage stitch (braid): slip the first stitch to the right needle in the beginning of each row, the last stitch of each row knit or purl depending on the side, transfer working thread avoiding wrapping the first stitch.

Alignment row: used for flattering steps which were created while working on short rows. Pick up the wrap with the left needle, releasing the stitch which was wrapped and knit (or purl) them together. The wrap always should stay on the WS.

Abbreviations

st/sts – stitch, stitches

sl – slip

RS – right side

WS – wrong side

BO – bind off

CO – cast on

tog – together

Rep – repeat

Difficulty level



Stitch chart

Front chart

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Sleeve chart

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Back chart

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Legend:

st pattern repeat

purl 2 tog

knit on RS, purl on WS

• purl on RS, knit on WS

→ 1 knitting direction and the number of a row

⊗ twisted st

○ yarn over

selvage st



Back

With US3 (3.25 mm) needles CO 106 (113, 120) sts using long tail cast on method. Purl the first row (WS).

Then work 2 first rows of the back chart (back rib). Rep 7 times (=14 rows total). Then continue with the lace pattern of the back chart. Use the same US3 (3,25 mm) needles for the first row of the lace pattern, then change to US4 (3,5 mm) needles.

Work straight until armholes =136 (130, 124) rows of the lace pattern or 48,5 (46,5, 44,5) cm (length is measured from hem to underarm). Put markers in the beginning and in the end of the row to mark the beginning of armholes.

In the next RS row increase 2 sts in the following way: selvage st, twisted yarn over, work the pattern until the selvage st, twisted yarn over, selvage st. Now you have 108 (115, 122) sts on needles. Include increased sts in the stitch pattern or now you can follow the front chart.

Work the lace pattern for 192 rows. Mark with stitch markers 34 (35, 36) middle sts for the neckline. There are 37 (40, 43) sts left for each shoulder.

Shoulder slope and back neck shaping with short rows

1. In the next RS row work to the last 4 sts, wrap the next st and turn, work WS row to the last 4 sts, wrap the next st and turn.
2. In the next RS row work to 4 sts before wrapped st, wrap the next st and turn, work the WS row to 4 sts before wrapped st, wrap the next st and turn.

3. In the next RS row work to the 7 sts before wrapped st, wrap the next st and turn, work the WS row to the first neckline marker (right shoulder), work 5 more sts, wrap the next st and turn.

4. In the next RS row work to the 7 sts before wrapped st, wrap the next st and turn, work WS row to the first neckline marker (right shoulder), wrap the next st and turn.

5. In the next RS row work to the 7 sts before wrapped st, wrap the next st and turn, work WS alignment row (see stitch patterns), working over the wrapped stitches of the neckline to the another shoulder to the 7 stitches before wrapped stitch, wrap the nex st and turn.

6. In the next RS row work to the second neckline marker (left shoulder), work 5 more sts, wrap the next st and turn, work WS row to the 7 sts before wrapped st, wrap the next st and turn.

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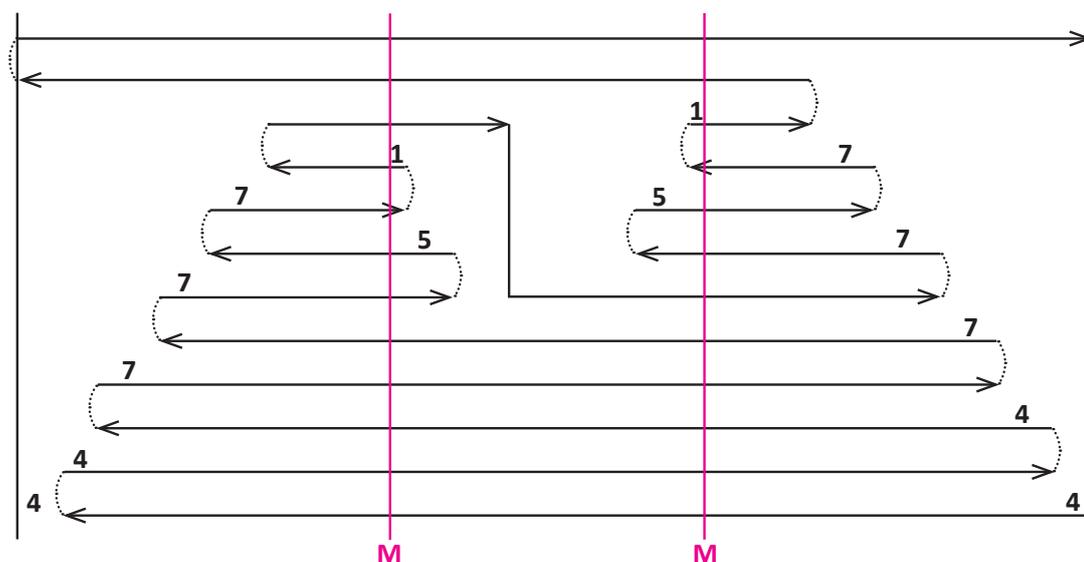
8. Work entire RS alignment row (see stitch patterns) to the end, working over all wrapped stitches, turn and work entire WS alignment row, working on all wrapped stitches.

Knit the alignment row to the end, working over all wrapped stitches, turn and purl an alignment row working on all wrapped stitches.

Do not bind off the stitches, transfer all stitches to a non-working needle. Leave a long yarn tail for three needles BO for shoulders later.

While shaping shoulder slope and neckline with short rows we have completed 5 turns for each shoulder and 2 turns for each side of the neckline.

You can also see the direction of short rows on the schematic below.



Front

With US3 (3,25 mm) needles CO 115 (122, 129) sts using long tail cast on method. Purl the first row (WS).

Then work the first 2 rows of the front chart (front rib). Rep these 2 rows 7 times (=14 rows total). Continue with the lace pattern (the 3d and the 4th rows of the front chart). Use the same US3 (3,25 mm) needles for the first row of the lace pattern, then change to US4 (3,5 mm) needles.

Work straight for 124 rows (=44,5 cm) until bust darts (length is measured from the hem).

For XL size only put markers in the beginning and in the end of this row (=the beginning of armholes).

Horizontal side bust darts

Work RS row to the last 8 sts, wrap the next st and turn, work WS row to the last 8 sts, wrap the next st and turn.

*In the next RS row work to the 7 sts before wrapped st, wrap the next s and turn, work WS row to the 7 sts before wrapped st, wrap the next st and turn. Rep from * 1 (2, 3) more times.

Then work entire RS and WS alignment rows, working over all wrapped stitches.

For M (L,-) sizes only work straight for 10 (4,-) rows.

Once finished 136 (130,-) rows of the lace pattern, put markers in the beginning and in the end of the row to mark the beginning of armholes.

Work 152 rows of the lace pattern total for all sizes (count rows along the edge of the piece because bust darts have changed basic number of rows), finish with WS row.

Put stitch markers to mark 41 (42, 43) middle sts for the neckline (there are 37 (40, 43) sts left for each shoulder).

Hidden vertical bust darts

Starting with the next RS row we need to make back and front necklines equal, so we need to decrease 6 (7, 6) sts at the very last possible row before the front neckline starts. To do so we need to skip yarn overs in the 6 (7, 6) middle stitch pattern repeats (see the chart below) at the last possible row.

After skipping yarn overs as described before, we have 35 (35, 37) sts left for the front neckline.

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Front neck shaping

In the next WS row BO 17 (17, 19) middle sts and work until the end of the row. Turn work.

Both sides will be worked separately from this point forward. First work the left side. Make decreases to shape the neck hole in the following way.

*Work WS to the last 2 sts, purl 2 tog. Turn, BO 3 sts, work to the end, turn. Repeat from * one more time.

*Work WS to the end, turn. Knit 2 first sts tog, work to the end, turn. Repeat from * 4 more times.

Then work without further shaping. Make 188 rows of the lace pattern total (count rows along the side line).

Left shoulder shaping with short rows

Work 189 RS row. In the next WS row work to the last 8 sts, wrap the next st and turn, work RS row to the end.

*In the next WS row work to the 7 sts before wrapped st, wrap the next st and turn. Work RS row to the end. Rep from * 2 more times.

Work the entire WS alignment row, working on all wrapped stitches. Do not bind off the stitches, transfer all stitches to a non-working needle. Leave a long yarn tail for three needles BO for shoulders later.

For the right side re-join the yarn. The right side is worked the same as the left one, reversing all shaping. Work 188 rows of the lace pattern total.

Right shoulder shaping with short rows

In the next RS row work until 8 last sts, wrap the next st, turn and work WS row to the end.

*In the next RS row work to the 7 sts before wrapped st, wrap the next st and turn. Work WS row to the end. Rep from * 2 more times.

Work the entire RS alignment row, working on all wrapped stitches. Work one more WS row. Do not BO stitches, transfer all stitches to a non-working needle.

Summary of improved fitting:

1. The difference between the front (194 rows) and the back (190 rows) along the side line is 4 rows. Thus the back armhole is 4 rows longer than the front armhole.
2. Shoulder line slope is higher on the back by 2 rows. Finished back neck is lifted by 6 rows or 2 cm.
3. Height of horizontal bust darts is 6 (8, 10) rows or 2 (2,5, 3) cm.
4. Hidden vertical bust darts are made with skipping 6 (7, 6) yarn overs and equalize the initial difference of back and front necklines width.

Sleeve (make 2)

With US3 (3,25 mm) needles CO 65 (72, 79) sts with the long tail method. Purl the first row (WS).

Then work 2 first rows of the sleeve chart (sleeve rib). Rep 4 times (=8 rows total). Then continue with the lace pattern (the 3d and the 4th rows of the sleeve chart). Use the same US3 (3,25 mm) needles for the first row of the lace pattern, and the first row of the lace pattern is **increase row**: selvage st, twisted yarn over, work the pattern until the selvage st, twisted yarn over, selvage st. Then change to US4 (3,5 mm) needles.

Repeat increase row 6 more times every 4th row. Now you have 79 (86, 93) sts on needles. Include increased sts in the stitch pattern.

Work 28 rows of the lace pattern total and end with WS row.

Sleeve cap shaping

Work the next RS row to the 9 last sts, wrap the next st and turn, work WS row to the 10 last sts, wrap the next st and turn.

*In the next RS row work to the 7 sts before wrapped st, wrap the next st and turn, work WS row to the 7 sts before wrapped st, wrap the next st and turn. Rep from * 2 (3, 3) more times.

Work entire RS and WS alignment rows, working on all wrapped stitches. Do not bind off the stitches, transfer all stitches to a non-working needle. Leave a long yarn tail for sewing in sleeves.



Finishing

Join and BO shoulder sts using the 3 needle bind off method.

Neckband

Pick up open sts around back neckline with US3 (3,25 mm) circular needles = 35 (35, 37) sts total. Pick up 2 more sts left after binding off the shoulders and pick up 96 (96, 94) sts along the front neckline with a tail you left before. You have 133 sts (19 repeats of rib pattern) on your needles.

Work in the round 8 rows of rib, distributing sts so that the middle st of 3 twisted sts of the rib pattern matched the twisted st of the lace pattern where it's possible. Work 1 row in stockinette st. BO tight all sts with a crochet hook (instructions are given on 10th page).

Sew in sleeves using combined grafting and mattress stitch: approximately 4 sleeve stitches attached to 3 selvage stitches (or 4 stitches to 6 rows) of the armhole, taking into account that the back armhole is 4 rows longer than the front armhole, start and finish between armhole markers. Remove markers. Combined grafting and mattress stitch technique is published here (Russian language, but there are pictures and schematics):

<http://club.osinka.ru/topic-173577?p=18297437#18297437>

Sew side seams and sleeve seams using mattress stitch. Weave in yarn ends. Wash the garment, roll it between two thick bath towels and firmly press towel roll to squeeze out excess water. Take the garment out, lay it out flat, block to measurements. Allow garment to dry completely before removing.

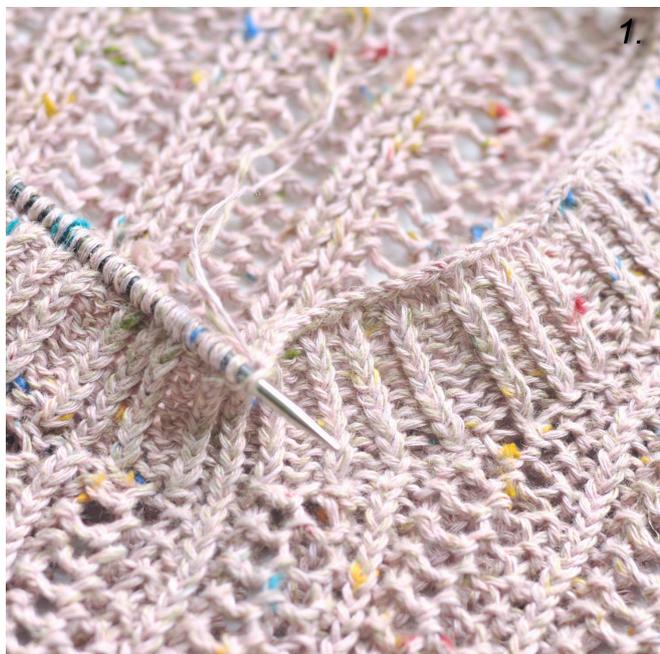
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Thank you for knitting!



Twisted stitch neckline bind-off using a crochet hook

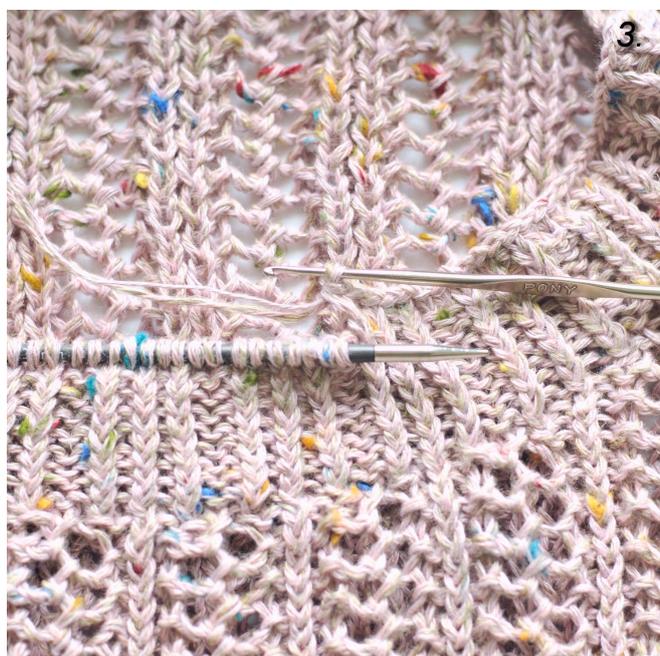
This bind-off method looks good on this design because it matches twisted stitches of the pattern. Stitches are cast off with a crochet hook that makes small twisted stitches, that enough tighten the edge.



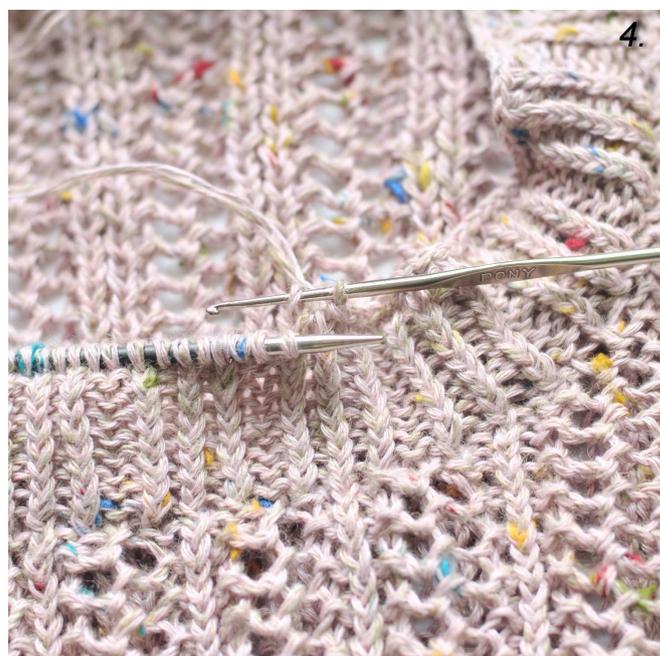
Neckband stitches are bound off with a crochet hook, twisting the top st. You can also use a needle to bind off in this way, but take a significantly smaller size than the ones you used for the neckband.



Insert the crochet hook into the st from left to right and twist it (the direction is shown with an arrow on the picture).



Twisted bind-off st is prepared.



Slip the next st to the crochet hook, wrap yarn and pull through 2 loops. Rep steps shown on pictures 2-4 until all sts are cast off.