

Tunic with heart

(Inspired by a garment from the Vertbaudet catalogue)



Size: 12–18 months

Special features: false button band along the raglan line – only the top button on the neckband is functional.

Materials:

Yarn Lineapiu Tebe 120 (100% merino wool; 120 st / 50 g). Approx. 3 skeins needed.

US 6 (4 mm) knitting needle (*or as needed to achieve gauge*), auxiliary needle (*for shaping decreases*), tapestry needle (*for sewing up*), sewing needle (*for attaching sequins*).

Sequins (about 70 pieces), 3 buttons.

Gauge:

20 sts x 29 rows = 10 cm x 10 cm in stockinette st.

Stockinette: RS – knit, WS – purl;

Reverse Stockinette: RS – purl, WS – knit;

Horizontal ribs:

Row 1: Purl all stitches.

Row 2: Knit all stitches.

Row 3: knit

Row 4: purl

Rows 5–12: Repeat rows 1 to 4.

Row 13: purl

Row 14: knit

Shaping decreases along raglan lines:

Right edge: k2, transfer 3rd, 4th and 5th st onto auxiliary needle behind work; knit together alternately one st from the auxiliary needle with one st from left needle (i.e., the 6th st with the 3rd, die 7th with the 4th, die 8th with the 5th).

Left edge: k to last 8 sts, then transfer 3 st onto auxiliary needle in front of work; knit together alternately one st from the auxiliary needle with one st from left needle (counting from the left edge, the 8th st with the 5th, the 7th with the 4th, the 6th with the 3rd), k2.

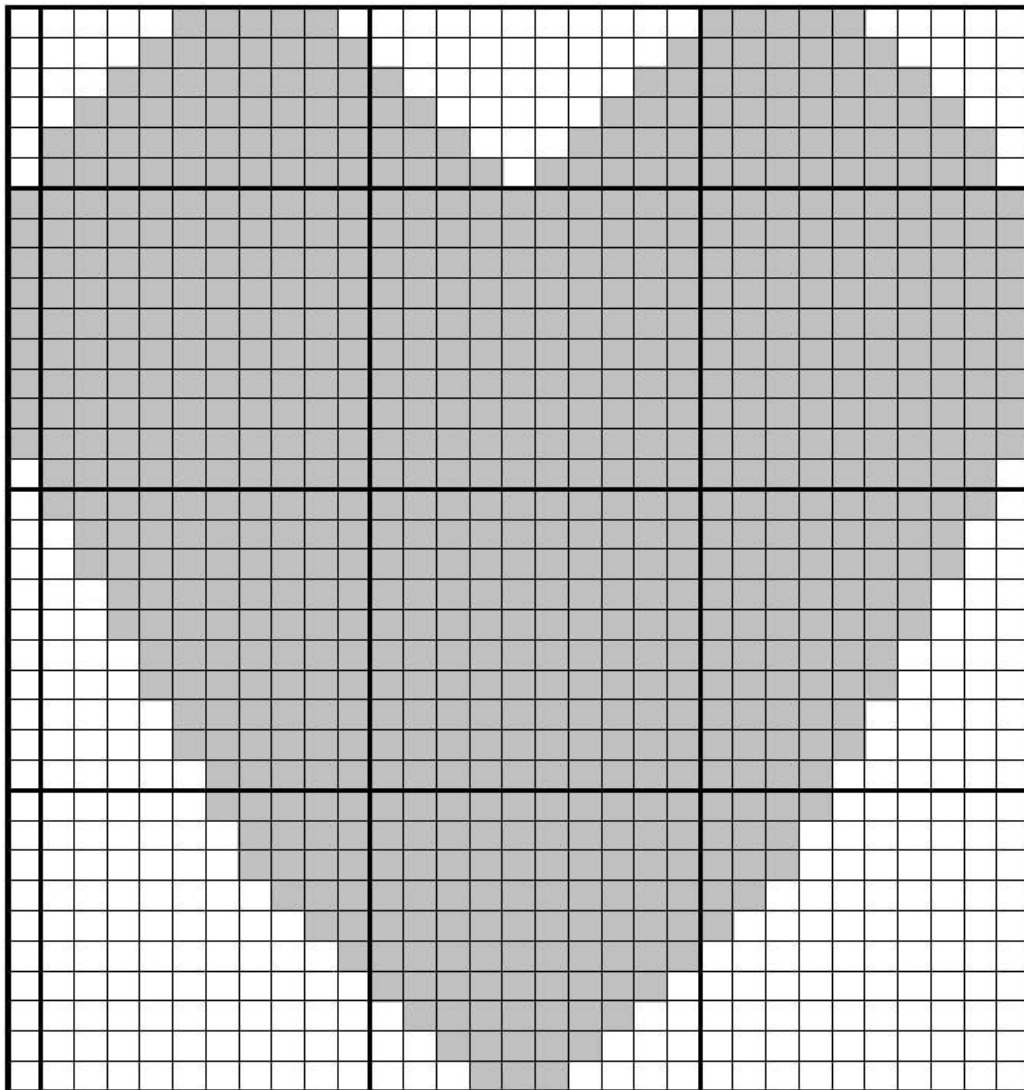
Simple decreases:

Right edge: k1, k2tog

Left edge: k to last 3 sts, ssk (slip, slip, knit = left-leaning decrease), k1.

Front:

Cast on 65 sts. Work 14 rows in horizontal rib pattern, then 14 rows in stockinette. In the next row, at begin and end of row, work simple decreases. At 18 rows after horizontal rib section, in the center of the front, begin to work heart motif from chart: k16, work 31 sts according to chart, k16. Continue working according to chart, at the same time working another two simple decreases at the beginning and end of rows 29 and 43 (counting from after the horizontal rib section).



□ = stockinette, ■ = reverse stockinette

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For raglan decreases, starting with row 47, work shaping decreases in rows 47, 50, 54, 58 and 62.

At the same time, in row 59, bind off 7 sts in the center, and from here on, work the two parts separately.

For neckline shaping, in every other row, bind off 1x 3 sts, 1x 2 sts and 1x 1 st.

In row 67, bind of remaining 5 sts. Work other side mirror-inverted.

Back:

Cast on 65 sts. Work 14 rows in horizontal rib pattern, then continue in stockinette st. Counted from the top of the horizontal rib section, work simple decreases at beginning and end of rows 15, 29 and 43, then work shaping decreases in rows 47, 50, 54, 62, 66 and 70. Bind of remaining 17 sts.

Left sleeve:

Cast on 50 sts. Work 14 rows in horizontal rib pattern, hereby in row 5, working as follows: p2, p2tog, p2tog, purl to last 6 sts, p2tog, p2tog, p2. In rows 9 and 13, work as follows: p2, p2tog, purl to last 4 st, p2tog, p2. Continue in stockinette st. Work shaping decreases in rows 19, 25 and 31. In row 37, work shaping decreases *at right edge only*. In row 38, bind off 8 sts, then, in every other row, bind off 1x 5 sts and 1x 4 sts. In the following row, bind off remaining 4 sts.

Right sleeve: Work mirror-inverted.

Finishing and collar:

Aligning horizontal rib pattern sections, sew up side seams including raglan lines.

Beginning at raglan line of left front, pick up and knit sts along the neck opening, 1 st from every st for a total of 80 sts.

Using the backwards loop method, cast on another 9 sts for the overlapping portion of the neckband. Turn and purl back on WS. Continue working in horizontal rib pattern, hereby working decreases in extension of the raglan line in the following rows and at the same time, in row 7, binding off 2 sts for the button hole and, in row 8, casting on 2 new sts with the backwards loop method over the previously bound off sts to form the buttonhole.



Row 3: k1, k2tog, k21, k2tog, k2, k2tog, k13, k2tog, k2, k2tog, k9, k2tog, k2, k2tog, k13, k2tog, k2, k2tog, k6

Row 7: k1, k2tog, bind off 2 sts purl-wise, k19, k2tog, k15, k2tog, k11, k2tog, k15, k2tog, k7

Row 11: k1, k2tog, k19, k2tog, k14, k2tog, k11, k2tog, k14, k2tog, k6

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After 14 rows in horizontal rib pattern, in the next RS row, bind off remaining 17 sts purl-wise. Right sides facing, sew sts of neckband to sts of neck opening from the inside of the garment. Sew a button onto the neck band and two others, equally spaced, along the raglan line. Sew sequins around the outline of the heart motif.