





KNIT SKILL LEVEL **EASY** 

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# What you will need:

**RED HEART® Boutique Swanky™:** 5 (6, 7, 7, 8, 8) balls 9101 Chiffon

Susan Bates® Knitting Needles: 4mm [US 6]

Stitch holder, about 1½ yds [1.5 m] of 1½" [38 mm] ribbon, yarn needle

GAUGE: 21 sts = 4" [10 cm]; 28 rows = 4" [10 cm] in Stockinette stitch (knit on right side, purl on wrong side). CHECK YOUR GAUGE. Use any size needles to obtain the gauge.



RED HEART® Boutique Swanky™, Art E819 3.5 oz (100 g) 202 yd (185 m) balls



# **Ribbon Tie Tunic**

Sparkly with comfortable elegance, this knit tunic takes on a festive look in yarn with matching oval-shaped sequins. Sized from small to 3X, this look complements a wide range of body types.

Directions are for size Small. Changes for sizes Medium, Large, 1X, 2X, and 3X are in parentheses.

Finished Bust: 37 (40, 44, 48, 52, 56)" [94 (101.5, 112, 122, 132, 142) cm]
Finished Hip: 46 (48, 52, 56, 60, 64)" [117 (122, 132, 142, 152.5, 162.5) cm]

**Finished Length:** 27 (27½, 28, 28½, 29, 29½)" [68.5 (70, 71, 72.5, 73.5, 75) cm]

#### Notes

- Tunic has an A-line shape and is worked in 4 pieces: Back, front, and two sleeves. All pieces are worked in Stockinette stitch (knit on right side, purl on wrong side), except for side slit edging which is worked innh Garter stitch (knit every row).
- 2. Push all pailletes within the yarn from the WS to RS when garment is complete.

# **Special Stitches**

M1 (make 1 - increase) = Lift strand between needles to left-hand needle and knit strand through the back loop, twisting it to prevent a hole.

**ssk** (**slip**, **slip**, **knit**) = Slip next 2 stitches, one at a time, as if to knit to right needle, insert point of left needle through front of stitches, knit these sts together through back loop -1 st decreased.

# **BACK**

Cast on 120 (126, 136, 148, 158, 168) sts. Work in Garter st (knit every row) until piece measures about 1" [2.5 cm] from beginning.

**Next Row (wrong side):** K4 (side slit edging), purl to last 4 sts, k4 (side slit edging).

Next Row (right side): Knit.

Repeat last 2 rows until piece measures about 4" [10 cm] from beginning, end with a wrong side row.

# **Shape Sides**

Next Row (right side): Knit.

Work in Stockinette st (knit on right side, purl on wrong side) for 9 rows.

Decrease Row (right side): K2, ssk, knit to last 3 sts, k2tog, knit to end of row—118 (124, 134, 146, 156, 166) sts.

Repeat last 10 rows 10 (10, 9, 10, 10, 9) more times—98 (104, 116, 126, 136, 148) sts.

Work even in Stockinette st until piece measures about 20" [51 cm] from beginning, end with a wrong side row.

# **Shape Armholes**

Row 4: Purl.

**Row 1 (right side):** Bind off 5 (6, 7, 8, 9, 10) sts, knit to end of row—93 (98, 109, 118, 127, 138) sts.

**Row 2:** Bind off 5 (6, 7, 8, 9, 10) sts, purl to end of row—88 (92, 102, 110, 118, 128) sts. **Row 3 (decrease row):** K1, ssk, knit to last 3 sts, k2tog, k1—86 (90, 100, 108, 116, 126) sts.

Repeat last 2 rows 4 (5, 6, 7, 8, 9) more times—78 (80, 88, 94, 100, 108) sts. Work even in Stockinette st until armholes measure about 2 (2½, 3, 3½, 4, 4½)" [5 (6.5, 7.5, 9, 10, 11.5) cm], end with a wrong side row.

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**SHOP KIT** 



Divide for Back Neck Keyhole Row 1 (dividing row – right side): K38 (39, 43, 46, 49, 53), join a 2nd ball of yarn and bind off 2 sts for keyhole, knit to end of row—38 (39, 43, 46, 49, 53) sts remain on each side of keyhole bind-off.

Work both sides at the same time using separate balls of yarn.

**Row 2:** Purl to last 2 sts of first side, k2; with other ball of yarn, k2, purl to end of 2nd side. **Row 3:** Knit across sts of both sides using separate balls of yarn.

Repeat last 2 rows until armholes measure about 7 (7½, 8, 8½, 9, 9½)" [18 (19, 20.5, 21.5, 23, 24) cm].

Bind off all sts of both sides using separate balls of yarn.

## **FRONT**

Work same as Back to armhole shaping. Shape Armholes

**Row 1 (right side):** Bind off 5 (6, 7, 8, 9, 10) sts, knit to end of row—93 (98, 109, 118, 127, 138) sts.

**Row 2:** Bind off 5 (6, 7, 8, 9, 10) sts, purl to end of row—88 (92, 102, 110, 118, 128) sts. **Row 3 (decrease row):** K1, ssk, knit to last 3 sts, k2tog, k1—86 (90, 100, 108, 116, 126) sts. **Row 4:** Purl.

Repeat last 2 rows 4 (5, 6, 7, 8, 9) more times—78 (80, 88, 94, 100, 108) sts. Work even in Stockinette st until armholes measure about 5 (5½, 6, 6½, 7, 7½)" [12.5 (14, 15, 16.5, 18, 19) cm], end with a wrong side row.

# **Shape Neck**

Row 1 (dividing row – right side): K24 (24, 27, 28, 30, 33), place center 30 (32, 34, 38, 40, 42) sts on a holder for front neck, join a 2nd ball of yarn and knit to end of row—24 (24, 27, 28, 30, 33) sts remain on each side of front neck.

Work both sides at the same time using separate balls of yarn.

**Row 2:** Purl all sts of first side; with other ball of yarn, purl all sts of 2nd side.

Row 3 (decrease row): Knit to last 3 sts of first side, k2tog, k1; with other ball of yarn, k1, ssk, knit to end of 2nd side—23 (23, 26, 27, 29, 32) sts on each side.

**Rows 4–11:** Repeat last 2 rows 4 more times—19 (19, 22, 23, 25, 28) sts on each side.

Work even in Stockinette st on both sides, using separate balls of yarn, until armholes measure same as Back. Bind off all sts of both sides using separate balls of yarn.

# **SLEEVES** (make 2)

Cast on 60 (62, 66, 68, 72, 74) sts. Work in Garter st (knit every row) until piece measures about 1" [2.5 cm] from beginning.

# Sizes L (1X, 2X, 3X) Only

Beginning with a wrong side (purl) row, work in Stockinette st for 3 rows.

Increase Row (right side): K1, M1, knit to last st, M1, k1—68 (70, 74, 76) sts.
Repeat last 4 rows 0 (4, 5, 6) more times—68 (78, 84, 88) sts.

### **All Sizes**

Beginning with a wrong side (purl) rows, work even in Stockinette st for 5 rows.

Increase Row (right side): K1, M1, knit to last st, M1, k1—62 (64, 70, 80, 86, 90) sts.

Repeat last 6 rows 6 (7, 7, 5, 5, 5) more times—74 (78, 84, 90, 96, 100) sts.

Work even in Stockinette st until piece measures about 8 (8½, 9, 9½, 10, 10½)" [20.5 (21.5, 23, 24, 25.5, 26.5) cm] from beginning, end with a wrong side row.

## **Shape Cap**

**Row 1 (right side):** Bind off 5 (6, 7, 8, 9, 10) sts, knit to end of row—69 (72, 77, 82, 87, 90) sts.

**Row 2:** Bind off 5 (6, 7, 8, 9, 10) sts, purl to end of row—64 (66, 70, 74, 78, 80) sts.

**Row 3 (decrease row):** K1, ssk, knit to last 3 sts, k2tog, k1—62 (64, 68, 72, 76, 78) sts.

Row 4: Purl.

Repeat last 2 rows 18 (19, 19, 20, 21, 21) more times—26 (26, 30, 32, 34, 36) sts.

**Next Row (right side):** Bind off 3 (3, 4, 4, 5, 5) sts, knit to end of row—23 (23, 26, 28, 29, 31) sts.

**Next Row:** Bind off 3 (3, 4, 4, 5, 5) sts, purl to end of row—20 (20, 22, 24, 24, 26) sts. Repeat last 2 rows—14 (14, 14, 16, 14, 16) sts.

Bind off.



# **FINISHING**

Sew right shoulder seam.

#### Neckband

With right side facing, pick up and k84 (88, 92, 96, 100, 104) sts evenly spaced across neck edge.

Work in Garter st for 3 rows.

Bind off.

Sew left shoulder seam, including edges of neckband.

Sew in sleeves. Sew sleeve seams. Sew side seams from underarms down to top of side slits.

Weave in ends.

Cut ribbon into two equal lengths. If needed, fold ends of lengths over and sew down to hem. Sew one end of each length to top of back keyhole at neck edge.

#### **ABBREVIATIONS**

**k** = knit; **k2tog** = knit next 2 sts together; **p** = purl; **st(s)** = stitch(es).