



**COTTON CLASSIC
BELLE OF THE BALL**
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SIZES Small (Medium, Large, X-Large)

KNITTED MEASUREMENTS

Bust (unstretched) 26 (28, 31, 34)"/66 (71, 79, 86.5) cm
Length 25¾ (26¼, 26¾, 27¼)"/65.5 (66.5, 68, 69) cm

MATERIALS

- 15 (17, 18, 20) 1.75oz/50g balls (108yds/100m) Tahki Yarns COTTON CLASSIC 100% mercerized cotton in #3873 royal blue
- One pair each size 5 and 6 (3.75mm and 4mm) needles

OR SIZE TO OBTAIN GAUGE

- Stitch markers
- Stitch holders
- Yarn needle
- Three 1¾" (3.5 cm) buttons
- Three sets of size 10 snaps

GAUGE

25 sts and 28 rows = 4"/10 cm in k6, p3 rib using larger needles

TAKE TIME TO CHECK GAUGE

BACK

With larger needles, cast on 227 (245, 272, 299) sts.

(RS) P1, k3, * p3, k6; rep from * to last 7 sts, p3, k3, p1. Work even in k6, p3 rib as established until piece measures 3" from beginning, end with a WS row.

Decrease Row 1 (RS) P1, ssk, k1, * p3, ssk, k2, k2tog; rep from * to last 7 sts, p3, k1, k2tog, p1 – 177 (191, 212, 233) sts remain. Work even in k4, p3 rib as established until piece measures 5" from beginning, end with a WS row.

Decrease Row 2 (RS) P1, k2, * p1, p2tog, k4; rep from * to last 6 sts, p1, p2tog, k2, p1 – 152 (164, 182, 200) sts remain. Work even in k4, p2 rib until piece measures 7" from beginning, end with a WS row.

Decrease Row 3 (RS) P1, k2, * p2, ssk, k2tog; rep from * to last 5 sts, p2, k2, p1 – 104 (112, 124, 136) sts remain. Work even in k2, p2 rib until piece measures 13" from beginning, end with a WS row.

Decrease Row 4 (RS) P1, k2, p2, k2 * p2, ssk; rep from * to last 9 sts, (p2, k2) twice, p1 – 82 (88, 97, 106) sts remain. Work even in k1, p2 rib until piece measures 16" from beginning, end with a WS row.

Shape Raglan

(RS) Bind off 3 (3, 4, 5) sts at beginning of next 2 rows - 76 (82, 89, 96) sts remain.

Decrease Row (RS): P2, ssk, work in rib to last 4 sts, k2tog, p2.

Shape Raglan (cont.)

Repeat decrease row every 2 rows 4 times more - 66 (72, 79, 86) sts remain.

Repeat decrease row every 4 rows 7 (8, 9, 9) times - 52 (56, 61, 68) sts remain.

Repeat decrease row every 2 rows 14 (14, 14, 15) times - 24 (28, 33, 38) sts remain.

Place remaining sts on holder.

FRONT

Work as for Back until piece measures 13" from beginning, end with last WS row before Decrease Row 4. Place a marker each side of center 10 sts.

Divide for Placket

(RS) Work Decrease Row 4 to first marker, cast on 13 sts. Place remaining sts on holder and turn to work left side of front only – 50 (53, 58, 62) sts.

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(WS) P2, k1, (p1, k1, p1, k2) twice, work in rib as established to end.

Large only

(WS) P2, (k1, p1) twice, k2, p1, (k1, p1) twice, work in rib as established to end.

Working the placket sts in rib as established, work remaining sts in k1, p2 rib until piece measures 16" from beginning, end with a WS row.

Shape Raglan

(RS) Bind off 3 (3, 4, 5) sts at beginning of row - 47 (50, 54, 57) sts remain.

Decrease Row (RS): P2, ssk, work in rib to end.

Repeat decrease row every 4 rows 7 (8, 9, 9) times more - 39 (41, 44, 47) sts remain.

Repeat decrease row every 2 rows 10 (10, 10, 11) times - 29 (31, 34, 36) sts remain. AT THE SAME TIME, when placket measures 10 (10½, 11, 11½)", begin neck shaping.

Shape Neck

(WS) Slip 13 sts of placket to holder and bind off 5 (5, 6, 6) sts at beginning of row, then bind off 4 (4, 5, 5) sts at beginning of next WS row and 3 (4, 4, 5) sts at beginning of next WS row. After all shaping is completed, bind off remaining 4 (5, 6, 7) sts.

Right Side of Front

Returning to the right front sts on holder, continue to work across the row as follows:

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(RS) K1, M1 knit, p1, k1, M1 purl, k1, p2, k1, M1 purl, k1, p2, work Decrease Row 4 to end – 50 (53, -, 62) sts.

Large only

(RS) K2, p1, M1 knit, p1, k1, p2, K1 knit, p1, k1, M1 purl, k1, work Decrease Row 4 to end – 58 sts.

Continue to work as for left side of front, reversing all shaping.

LEFT SLEEVE

With larger needles, cast on 164 (173, 182, 191) sts.

(RS) P1, k3, * p3, k6; rep from * to last 7 sts, p3, k3, p1. Work even in k6, p3 rib as established until piece measures 4" from beginning, end with a WS row.

Decrease Row 1 (RS) Work as for Decrease Row 1 from Back – 128 (135, 142, 149) sts remain. Work even until piece measures 6" from beginning, end with a WS row.

Decrease Row 2 (RS) Work as for Decrease Row 2 from Back – 110 (116, 122, 128) sts remain. Work even until piece measures 8" from beginning, end with a WS row.

Decrease Row 3 (RS) Work as for Decrease Row 3 from Back – 76 (80, 84, 88) sts remain. Work even until piece measures 14" from beginning, end with a WS row.

Decrease Row 4 (RS) Work as for Decrease Row 4 from Back – 59 (62, 65, 68) sts remain. Work even until piece measures 18" from beginning, end with a WS row.

LEFT SLEEVE (cont.)

Shape Raglan

(RS) Bind off 3 (3, 4, 5) sts at beginning of next 2 rows – 53 (56, 57, 58) sts remain.

Decrease Row (RS): P2, ssk, work in rib to last 4 sts, k2tog, p2.

Repeat decrease row every 4 rows 8 (9, 10, 9) times more - 35 (36, 35, 38) sts remain.

Repeat decrease row every 6 rows 2 (2, 2, 3) times - 31 (32, 31, 32) sts remain.

Continue to repeat decrease row every 6 rows along right edge ONLY (beginning of RS rows) twice more.

AT THE SAME TIME, shape left edge by binding off 3 sts at beginning of next 2 (1, 2, 1) WS rows, 4 sts at beginning of next 2 (3, 2, 3) WS rows, 5 sts at beginning of next 3 WS rows. (All sts bound off.)

RIGHT SLEEVE

Work as for Left Sleeve, reversing shaping.

FINISHING

Block pieces lightly to measurements using a wet towel. Sew raglan edges of sleeves to body. Sew side and sleeve seams.

Neckband

With smaller needles, pick up and knit 138 (150, 162, 174) sts around neck edge, including sts from holders.

Work in rib as established on the placket sts and k1, p2 rib on the remaining sts for 1½".

Bind off in rib, working p2tog across each p2 rib section before binding off the resulting st.

Sew 3 buttons evenly spaced along the right placket edge. Sew on 3 sets of snaps under the buttons to close the placket.

