

# **Free Knitting Pattern Lion Brand® Textures®** Curvy Girl Knit Tunic Pattern Number: L50108



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SKILL LEVEL: Easy (Level 2)

**SIZE:** 1X, 2X, 3X, 4X

**Finished Bust** 47 (51, 55, 59) in. (119.5 (129.5, 139.5, 150) cm) **Finished Hips** 61 (65, 69, 73) in. (155 (165, 175.5, 185.5) cm) **Finished Length** 34 (34 1/2, 35, 35 1/2) in. (86.5 (87.5, 89, 90) cm)

**Note:** Pattern is written for smallest size with changes for larger sizes in parentheses. When only one number is given, it applies to all sizes. To follow pattern more easily, circle all numbers pertaining to your size before beginning.

CORRECTIONS: None as of Jul 21, 2016. To check for later updates, click here.

**MATERIALS** 

931-202 <u>Lion Brand Textures Yarn:</u>
 <u>Enchanted Forest</u>

 8 9 10 11 Balls

8 9, 10, 11 Balls

• Boye Aluminum Circular Knitting

- Needles 16 inches Size 7

   Lion Brand Split Ring Stitch Markers
- Lion Brand Stitch Holders
- <u>Lion Brand Large-Eye Blunt Needles</u> (Set of 6)
- Additional Materials
   Circular knitting needle size 7 (4.5 mm),
   36 in. (91.5 cm) long

\*Textures (Article #931). 90% Acrylic, 10% Nylon; package size: 3.00oz/85.05 gr. (149yds/136m) pull skeins



# **GAUGE:**

16 sts + 26 rows = about 4 in. (10 cm) in Stockinette st (k on RS, p on WS).

When you match the <u>gauge</u> in a pattern, your project will be the size specified in the pattern and the materials specified in the pattern will be sufficient. The needle or hook size called for in the pattern is based on what the designer used, but it is not unusual for gauge to vary from person to person. If it takes you fewer stitches and rows to make your swatch, try using a smaller size hook or needles; if more stitches and rows, try a larger size hook or needles.

Making a Gauge Swatch

#### STITCH EXPLANATION:

**M1** (make 1) An increase made by lifting the horizontal strand lying between needles and placing it onto the left needle. Knit this new stitch through the back loop – 1 st increased.

**sk2p** Slip 1 as if to knit, knit 2 together, pass slipped stitch over – 2 sts decreased.

#### **PATTERN STITCH**

K2, p2 Rib (multiple of 4 sts + 2 additional sts)
Row 1 (RS): K2, \*p2, k2; rep from \* to end of row.
Row 2: K the knit sts and p the purl sts.
Rep Row 2 for K2, p2 Rib.

#### NOTES:

- 1. Tunic is made in 4 pieces: Back, Front, and 2 Sleeves. Each piece is made with ribbing at the lower edge, then is worked in Stockinette stitch (k on the RS, p on the WS).
- 2. Back and Front are shaped at sides by working simple decreases.
- 3. After Front and Back shoulders are seamed, an edging is worked around the neck.
- 4. This pattern includes some knitter's lingo. When the pattern says to 'work even' this means that you continue in the specified st or pattern and keep the number of sts the same without increasing or decreasing. When you see '-

- 12 sts' at the end of a sentence, this is the number of sts you will have after working that row.
- 5. On the Back and the Front, you'll shape the neck then work both sides of the Tunic AT THE SAME TIME, with separate balls of yarn. This is a great way to be sure that both sides turn out the same length just read carefully through the instructions before beginning.
- 6. Only a portion of the upper part of Sleeves is sewn to the Tunic, leaving an opening at each shoulder. An edging is worked around the shoulder openings.
- 7. Our pattern includes diagrams to help you visualize how the Tunic is made and put together. Take the time to review the diagrams before you start knitting. The Tunic is easy to make, but having the big picture will make it even easier!
- 8. The longer circular needle is used to accommodate the number of sts on the Back and the Front. Work back and forth on the circular needle as if working with straight needles. The Sleeves can also be worked on the longer circular needle or, if you prefer, on straight needles.

#### **BACK**

With longer circular needle, cast on 122 (130, 138, 146) sts.

Working back and forth in rows on circular needle, work in K2, p2 Rib until piece measures about 4 in. (10 cm) from beg, end with a WS row as the last row you work.

# **Shape Sides**

Knit one row, then purl one row for St st (k on RS, p on WS).

**Decrease Row (RS):** K1, k2tog, knit to last 3 sts, k2tog, k1 – at the end of this row you will have 120 (128, 136, 144) sts.

Work even in St st for 9 rows.

**Next Row (RS):** Rep the Decrease Row – 118 (126, 134, 142) sts.

Rep last 10 rows 12 more times - 94 (102, 110, 118) sts.

Work even in St st until piece measures about 25 in. (63.5 cm) from beg, end with a WS (purl) row as the last row you work.

#### **Shape Armholes**

**Row 1 (RS):** Bind off 9 (11, 14, 17) sts, k to end of row – 85 (91, 96, 101) sts.

**Row 2:** Bind off 9 (11, 14, 17) sts, p to end of row – 76 (80, 82, 84) sts.

**Row 3:** Bind off 3 sts, k to end of row - 73 (77, 79, 81) sts.

**Row 4:** Bind off 3 sts, p to end of row – 70 (74, 76, 78) sts.

**Row 5:** Bind off 2 sts, k to end of row - 68 (72, 74, 76) sts.

**Row 6:** Bind off 2 sts, p to end of row - 66 (70, 72, 74) sts.

**Row 7:** Bind off 1 st, k to end of row - 65 (69, 71, 73) sts.

**Row 8:** Bind off 1 st, p to end of row – 64 (68, 70, 72) sts.

**Rows 9-12:** Rep Rows 7 and 8 twice - 60 (64, 66, 68) sts.

Place a marker on each end of last row worked – this marks where you will sew the Sleeve.

Work even in St st until armholes measure about 7 1/2 (8, 8 1/2, 9) in. (19 (20.5, 21.5, 23) cm), end with a WS (purl) row as the last row you work.

#### Shape Neck

In the next row, you'll be placing sts on a holder for the back neck, then working the left and right sides of the Tunic AT THE SAME TIME with separate balls of yarn.

**Row 1 (RS):** K15, place next 30 (34, 36, 38) sts on a holder; join a 2nd ball of yarn and k rem 15 sts – at the end of this row you will have 15 sts on both sides neck.

From this point on, you'll be working both sides of the neck AT THE SAME TIME using separate balls of yarn.

**Row 2:** On first side, p to end of side; on 2nd side, bind off 3 sts, p to end of side – 15 sts on left side and 12 sts on right side.

**Row 3:** On first side, k to end of side; on 2nd side, bind off 3 sts, k to end of side – 12 sts on both sides.

**Row 4:** On first side, p to end of side; on 2nd side, bind off 2 sts, p to end of side – 12 sts on left side and 10 sts on right side.

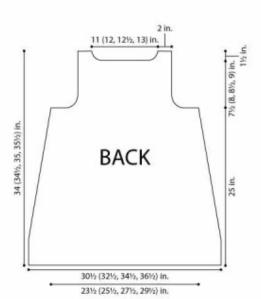
**Row 5:** On first side, k to end of side; on 2nd side, bind off 2 sts, k to end of side – 10 sts on both sides.

**Row 6:** On first side, p to end of side; on 2nd side, bind off 1 st, p to end of side – 10 sts on left side and 9 sts on right side.

**Row 7:** On first side, k to end of side; on 2nd side, bind off 1 st, k to end of side – 9 sts on both sides.

**Rows 8 and 9:** Rep Rows 6 and 7 – at the end of Row 9 you will have 8 sts on both sides.

Bind off all sts on both sides.



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#### **FRONT**

Work same as Back until armholes measure about 3 1/2 (4, 4 1/2, 5) in. (9 (10, 11.5, 12.5) cm), end with a WS (purl) row as the last row you work – you will have 60 (64, 66, 68) sts at this point.

#### Shape Neck

The Front neck is worked with 2 separate balls of yarn – just as you worked for the Back neck.

**Row 1 (RS):** K21, place next 18 (22, 24, 26) sts on a holder; join a 2nd ball of yarn and k rem 21 sts – at the end of this row you will have 21 sts on both sides of neck.

From this point on, you'll be working both sides of the neck AT THE SAME TIME using separate balls of yarn.

**Row 2:** On first side, p to end of side; on 2nd side, bind off 5 sts, p to end of side – 16 sts on left side and 21 sts on right side.

**Row 3:** On first side, k to end of side; on 2nd side, bind off 5 sts, k to end of side – 16 sts on both sides.

**Row 4:** On first side, p to end of side; on 2nd side, bind off 3 sts, p to end of side – 13 sts on left side and 16 sts on right side.

**Row 5:** On first side, k to end of side; on 2nd side, bind off 3 sts, k to end of side – 13 sts on both sides.

**Row 6:** On first side, p to end of side; on 2nd side, bind off 2 sts, p to end of side – 11 sts on left side and 13 sts on right side.

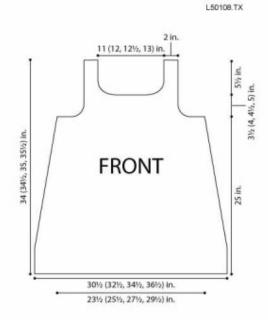
**Row 7:** On first side, k to end of side; on 2nd side, bind off 2 sts, k to end of side – 11 sts on both sides.

**Row 8:** On first side, p to end of side; on 2nd side, bind off 1 st, p to end of side – 10 sts on left side and 11 sts on right side.

**Row 9:** On first side, k to end of side; on 2nd side, bind off 1 st, k to end of side – 10 sts on both sides.

**Rows 10-13:** Rep Rows 8 and 9 twice – at the end of Row 13 you will have 8 sts on both sides.

Work even in St st until both sides measure same length as Back. Bind off all sts on both sides.



### **SLEEVES (make 2)**

With longer circular needle, cast on 42 (46, 50, 54) sts.

Working back and forth in rows on circular needle, work in K2, p2 Rib until piece measures about 2 1/2 in. (6.5 cm) from beg, end with a WS (purl) row as the last row you work.

#### **Shape Sleeve**

Knit one row, then purl one row for St st.

**Increase Row (RS):** K1, M1, knit to last 2 sts, M1, k1 – at the end of this row you will have 44 (48, 52, 56) sts.

Work even in St st for 9 (5, 5, 5) rows.

**Next Row (RS):** Rep the Increase Row – 46 (50, 54, 58) sts.

Rep last 10 (6, 6, 6) rows 5 (7, 8, 9) more times – 56 (64, 70, 76) sts. Work even in St st until piece measures about 14 in. (35.5 cm) from beg, end with a WS (purl) row as the last row you work.

# **Shape Sleeve Cap**

The Sleeve cap is the shaped upper portion of the Sleeve.

The Sleeve cap shaping is created with decreases.

**Row 1 (RS):** Bind off 3 (7, 10, 13) sts, k to end of row – 53 (57, 60, 63) sts.

**Row 2:** Bind off 3 (7, 10, 13) sts, p to end of row - 50 sts.

Row 3: Knit.

Row 4: Purl.

Row 5 (Decrease Row): K1, k2tog, k to last 3 sts, k2tog, k1 - 48 sts.

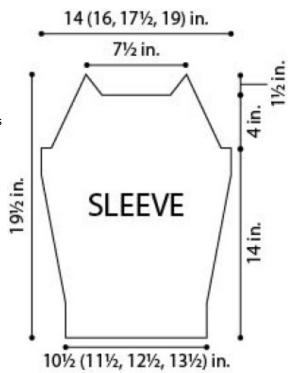
Row 6: Purl.

**Rows 7-26:** Rep Rows 3-6 five more times – at the end of Row 25 you will have 38 sts.

**Row 27:** K9, place next 20 sts on a holder; join a 2nd ball of yarn and k last 9 sts - 9 sts on both sides.

From this point on, you'll be working both sides of the top of Sleeve AT THE SAME TIME using separate balls of yarn.

Rows 28, 30, 32, 34 and 36: On first side, p to end of side; on 2nd side, p to



end of side.

**Row 29:** On first side, k1, k2tog, k3, k2tog, k1; on 2nd side, k1, k2tog, k3, k2tog, k1 – 7 sts on both sides.

**Row 31:** On first side, k4, k2tog, k1; on 2nd side, k1, k2tog, k4 – 6 sts on both sides.

**Row 33:** On first side, k1, (k2tog) twice, k1; on 2nd side, k1, (k2tog) twice, k1 – 4 sts on both sides.

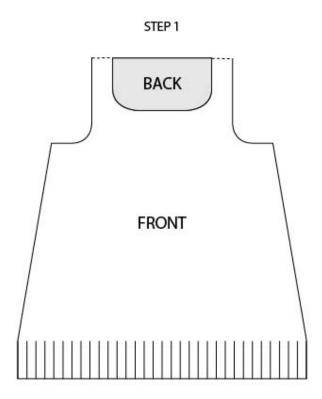
**Row 35:** On first side, k1, k2tog, k1; on 2nd side, k1, k2tog, k1 – 3 sts on both sides.

**Row 37:** On first side, sk2p; on 2nd side, sk2p – 1 st on both sides. Fasten off.

Place a marker in the last st of both sides.

#### **FINISHING**

Step 1: Sew shoulder seams.



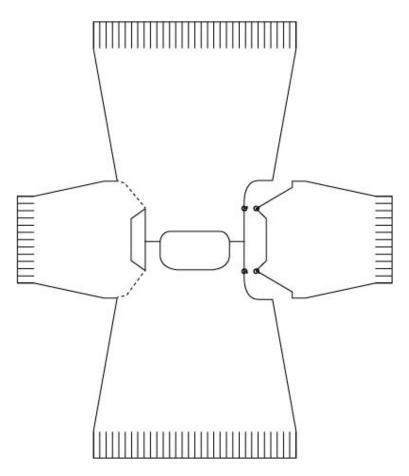
## Step 2: Neckband

From RS, beg at right shoulder seam, pick up and k8 sts as evenly spaced as possible along back right neck edge, k30 (34, 36, 38) sts back neck sts from holder, pick up and k8 sts along back left neck edge to left shoulder seam, 26 sts along front left neck edge, k18 (22, 24, 26) front neck sts from holder, pick up and k26 sts along front right neck edge – 116 (124, 128, 132) sts. Place marker for beg of rnd. Join by working the first st on the left hand needle with the working yarn from the right hand needle. Purl 2 rnds.

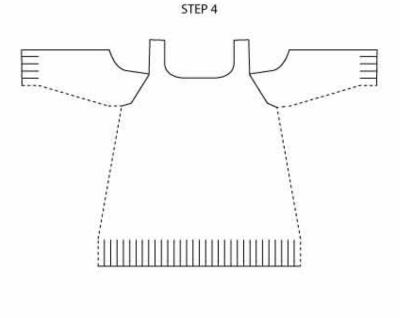


For these next steps, you'll be sewing the pieces of the Tunic together. You may find it helpful to position the pieces before sewing by pinning them together first.

**Step 3:** Matching markers at top of Sleeves with markers on Front and Back armholes, sew in Sleeves, leaving opening at top of Sleeves and armholes.



**Step 4:** Matching the underarm seams, sew side and Sleeve seams.



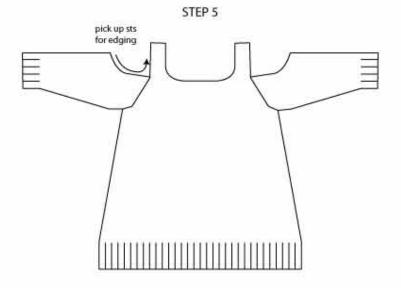
Step 5: Edge Shoulder Openings From RS with shorter circular needle, beg at marker on Back armhole, pick up and k80 (84, 88, 92) sts as evenly spaced as possible around shoulder opening.

Place marker for beg of rnd. Join by working the first st on the left hand needle with the working yarn from the right hand needle.

Purl 2 rnds.

Bind off as if to knit.

Weave in all yarn ends.



ABBREVIATIONS / REFERENCES  Click for explanation and illustration				
<pre>beg = begin(s)(ning)</pre>	k = knit			
k2tog = knit 2 together	p = purl			
rem = remain(s)(ing)	<pre>rep = repeat(s)(ing)</pre>			
rnd(s) = round(s)	RS = right side			
St st = Stockinette stitch	st(s) = stitch(es)			
WS = wrong side				

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