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SKILL LEVEL: Beginner (Level 1)

SIZE: Small, Medium, Large

Finished bust size: 38 (42, 45)"

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 7, 2016. To check for later updates, click here.

MATERIALS

Microspun (Article #910). 100% Micro-Fiber Acrylic; package size: 2.50oz/70.00 gr. (168yds/154m) pull skeins

- 910-124 Lion Brand Microspun Yarn: Mocha
    7 (7, 8) Balls
- Lion Brand Knitting Needles- Size 6 [4.00 mm]
- Lion Brand Knitting Needles - Size 7 [4.5 mm]

GAUGE:

5 sts = 1"; 34 row pat rep = 4¾" in Body Pat with size 7 needles.
15 sts = 3½" in Sleeve and Collar Pat with size 7 needles.

When you match the gauge 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:

BORDER PATTERN (Seed st):
Row 1:

K 1, *p 1, k 1; rep from *.
Rep Row 1 for Seed St.

BODY PAT (multiple of 3 sts plus 2):
Rows 1, 3 and 5 (RS):

Knit.
Rows 2 and 4: Purl.
Row 6 (WS): Knit.
Row 7: K 1, *k 1 wrapping yarn around needle two times; rep from * across, end k 1.
Row 8: K 1, *sl 3 sts purlwise to right-hand needle dropping extra loops, pass these 3 sts back to left-hand needle, (k 1, p 1, k 1) through these 3 sts tog; rep from * across, end k 1.
Rows 9 and 10: Knit.
Rows 11-34: Rep Rows 1-6, four times.
Rep Rows 1-34 for Body Pat.

SLEEVE AND COLLAR PATTERN (multiple of 2 sts plus 1):
Rows 1 and 3 (WS):

Purl.
Row 2: K 1, *yo, k2tog; rep from * across.
Row 4: *K2tog tbl (through back loop), yo; rep from * across, end k 1.
Rep Rows 1-4 for Sleeve and Collar Pat.

BACK:

With Size 6 needles, cast on 95 (103, 113) sts. Work in Seed St for Border Pat for 8 rows inc 0 (1, 0) st at end of last row -- 95 (104, 113) sts. Change to Size 7 needles. Beg with Row 1, work in Body Pat until piece measures 12 (12, 13)" from beg, end WS. **shape armholes:** Keeping to pat, bind off 9 sts at beg of next 2 rows -- 77 (86, 95) sts. Work even in Body Pat until armholes measure 9 (10, 10½)". Bind off all sts.

LEFT FRONT:

With Size 6 needles, cast on 47 (49, 55) sts. Work in Seed St for Border pat for 8 rows, inc 0 (1, 1) st at end of last row -- 47 (50, 56) sts. Change to Size 7 needles. Work in Body Pat until piece measures 12 (12, 13)" from beg, end WS. **Shape armhole: Next Row (RS):** Keeping to pat, bind off 9 sts at beg of row -- 38 (41, 47) sts. Work even in Body Pat until armhole measures 4½ (5, 5½)". **Shape V-neck:** Dec 1 st at center front every other row 15 (15, 18) times. Work even in Body Pat until armhole measures 9 (10, 10½)". Bind off rem 23 (26, 29) sts.

RIGHT FRONT:

Work as for Left Front, rev shaping.

SLEEVES:

With Size 6 needles, cast on 75 (85, 85) sts. Work in Seed St for Border Pat for 5 rows. Change to Size 7 needles. Beg with Row 1, work in Sleeve and Collar Pat for 7 (8, 8½)". Bind off all sts.

COLLAR:

Holding two Size 7 needles together, cast on 121 sts. Work in Seed st for 5 rows. **Next Row (RS):** Work 3 sts in Seed st, work 115 sts in Sleeve and Collar Pat, work last 3 sts in Seed St. Continue in above established pat until approx 3½" from beg, ending with pat Row 4. Bind off as to knit; and AT THE SAME TIME, dec 11 sts evenly spaced.

FINISHING:

Left Front Button Band:

With RS facing and Size 6 needles, pick up and approx k 81 (85, 91) sts evenly along Left Front center edge to beg of V-neck shaping. Work in Seed St for 8 rows. Bind off. Mark for 5 buttons: first 1" from bottom; the last ¾" from neck edge and the other 3 evenly spaced between. **Right Front Buttonhole Band:** With RS facing and Size 6 needles, pick up and k same amount of sts along right front center edge as left front center edge to beg of V-neck shaping. Work in Seed St for 3 rows. **Buttonhole Row:** Keeping to Seed St, bind off 2 sts to correspond to each marker. **Next Row:** Keeping to Seed St, cast on 2 sts over each set of bound-off sts. Work in Seed st for 2 more rows. Bind off. Sew fronts to back at shoulders. Sew bound-off sts of sleeve to armhole, leaving bound-off sts of front and back armholes free. Sew bound-off sts of front and back armholes to sides of sleeves. Sew side and rem sleeve seams. Sew bound-off edge of collar to neck edge, leaving center front bands free. Sew on buttons.

ABBREVIATIONS / REFERENCES	
Click for explanation and illustration	
approx = approximately	beg = begin(s)(ning)
dec = decreas(e)(s)(ing)	inc = increas(e)(s)(ing)
k = knit	p = purl
pat = pattern	rem = remain(s)(ing)
rep = repeat(s)(ing)	rev = revers(e)(ing)
RS = right side	sl = slip

st(s) = stitch(es)	tog = together
WS = wrong side	yo = yarn over

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