



***Free Knitting Pattern***  
**Lion Brand® 24/7 Cotton®**  
**Melanie Top**  
Pattern Number: L70058  
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## **SKILL LEVEL – Easy+**

### **SIZES**

S (M, L, 1X, 2X)

**Finished Bust** 36 (41, 43, 48, 53) in. (91.5 (104, 109, 122, 134.5) cm)

**Finished Back Length** 19 (19 1/2, 20, 20 1/2, 21) in. (48.5 (49.5, 51, 52, 53.5) cm)

**Finished Front Length** 17 (17 1/2, 18, 18 1/2, 19) in. (43 (44.5, 45.5, 47, 48.5) 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.

### **MATERIALS**

- Lion Brand® 24/7 Cotton® (Art. #761)
  - 157 Lemon 2 (3, 3, 3, 4) balls (A)
  - 100 White 2 (2, 3, 3, 4) balls (B)
- Lion Brand® knitting needles size 7 (4.5 mm)
- Lion Brand® stitch markers
- Lion Brand® stitch holder
- Lion Brand® large-eyed blunt needle



### **ADDITIONAL MATERIALS**

Circular needle size 7 (4.5 mm), 16 in. (40.5 cm) long

### **GAUGE**

20 sts + 28 rows = about 4 in. (10 cm) in Pattern I.

BE SURE TO CHECK YOUR GAUGE.

### **STITCH EXPLANATION**

**M1 (make 1)** An increase worked 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.

### **PATTERN STITCHES**

**Pattern I (worked over a multiple of 6 sts + 2 additional sts)**

**Row 1 (RS):** Knit.

**Row 2:** K1, \*k3, p3; rep from \* to last st, k1.

Rep Rows 1 and 2 for Pattern I.

**Pattern II (worked over a multiple of 6 sts + 2 additional sts)**

**Row 1 (RS):** Knit.

**Row 2:** K1, \*p3, k3; rep from \* to last st, k1.

Rep Rows 1 and 2 for Pattern II.

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## **NOTES**

1. Top is made in 2 pieces, Back and Front.
2. Back and Front are both worked with 2 colors of yarn.
3. The Back is designed to be about about 2 in. (5 cm) longer than the Front.
4. When you see 'work even' in the instructions, this means to continue on in the pattern st you have established without changing the st count by increasing, decreasing, or binding off.
5. The circular needle is used only for the neck edging.

## **BACK**

### **Stripe Pattern for Back**

\*With A, work in Pattern I for 14 rows; with B, work in Pattern II for 6 rows; with A, work in Pattern I for 4 rows; with B, work in Pattern II for 10 rows; with A, work in Pattern I for 6 rows; with B, work in Pattern II for 4 rows; rep from \* for Stripe Pattern for Back.

With straight needles and A, cast on 92 (104, 110, 122, 134) sts.

Change to B and work in Stripe Pattern for Back until piece measures about 10 in. (25.5 cm) from beg, end with a WS row as the last row you work.

### **Shape Sleeves**

**Note:** As you work the sleeves and shape the shoulders, continue to work in the Stripe Pattern for Back as established.

**Row 1 (Increase Row – RS):** K1, M1, work in Stripe Pattern for Back as established to last st, M1, k1 – you will have 94 (106, 112, 124, 136) sts in this row.

**Row 2:** Work even in next row of Stripe Pattern for Back.

**Rows 3-12:** Rep Rows 1 and 2 for 5 more times. At the end of Row 12, you will have 104 (116, 122, 134, 146) sts.

Place a marker at each end of the last row.

Work even in Stripe Pattern for Back until sleeves measure about 5 1/2 (6, 6 1/2, 7, 7 1/2) in. (14 (15, 16.5, 18, 19.5) cm) above marked row, end with a WS row as the last row you work. Remove markers.

### **Shape Shoulders and Neck**

**Rows 1-8:** Bind off 4 (5, 5, 6, 7) sts, work in Stripe Pattern for Back to end of row – 72 (76, 82, 86, 90) sts at the end of Row 8.

**Row 9 (RS):** Bind off 4 (5, 5, 6, 7) sts, work in Stripe Pattern for Back until you have 11 (11, 13, 13, 13) sts on your right hand needle; place these sts on a holder for right shoulder, bind off center 42 (44, 46, 48, 50) sts for neck, work in Stripe Pattern for Back to end of row – 15 (16, 18, 19, 20) sts remain on your needle for left shoulder.

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### Left Shoulder

**Row 1 (WS):** Bind off 4 (5, 5, 6, 7) sts, work in Stripe Pattern for Back to end of row – 11 (11, 13, 13, 13) sts.

**Row 2:** Bind off 1 st, work in Stripe Pattern for Back to end of row – 10 (10, 12, 12, 12) sts.

**Rows 3 and 4:** Rep Rows 1 and 2 – 5 (4, 6, 5, 4) sts at the end of Row 4.  
Bind off.

### Right Shoulder

Return the 11 (11, 13, 13, 13) sts for right shoulder to your needle so that you are ready to work a WS row.

**Row 1 (WS):** Bind off 1 st, work in Stripe Pattern to end of row – 10 (10, 12, 12, 12) sts.

**Row 2:** Bind off 4 (5, 5, 6, 7) sts, work in Stripe Pattern to end of row – 6 (5, 7, 6, 5) sts.

**Row 3:** Bind off 1 st, work in Stripe Pattern to end of row – 5 (4, 6, 5, 4) sts.  
Bind off.

## **FRONT**

### **Stripe Pattern for Front**

With B, work in Pattern II for 6 rows; with A, work in Pattern I for 4 rows; with B, work in Pattern II for 10 rows; with A, work in Pattern I for 6 rows; with B, work in Pattern II for 4 rows; with A, work in Pattern I for 14 rows; with B, work in Pattern II for 6 rows; with A, work in Pattern I for 4 rows; with B, work in Pattern II for 10 rows; \*with A, work in Pattern II for 6 rows; with B, work in Pattern I for 4 rows; with A, work in Pattern II for 14 rows; with B, work in Pattern I for 6 rows; with A, work in Pattern II for 4 rows; with B, work in Pattern I for 10 rows; rep from \* for Stripe Pattern for Front.

With straight needles and B, cast on 92 (104, 110, 122, 134) sts.

Work in Stripe Pattern for Front until piece measures about 8 in. (20.5 cm) from beg, end with a WS row as the last row you work.

### **Shape Sleeves**

**Row 1 (Increase Row – RS):** K1, M1, work in Stripe Pattern for Front to last st, M1, k1 – you will have 94 (106, 112, 124, 136) sts in this row.

**Row 2:** Work even in next row of Stripe Pattern.

**Rows 3-12:** Rep Rows 1 and 2 for 5 more times. At the end of Row 12 you will have 104 (116, 122, 134, 146) sts.

Work even in Stripe Pattern for Front until sleeves measure same length as Back, end with a WS row as the last row you work.

### **Shape Shoulders and Neck**

**Rows 1 and 2:** Bind off 4 (5, 5, 6, 7) sts, work in Stripe Pattern for Front to end of row – 96 (106, 112, 122, 132) sts at the end of Row 2.

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**Row 3 (RS):** Bind off 4 (5, 5, 6, 7) sts, work in Stripe Pattern for Front until you have 26 (29, 31, 34, 37) sts on your right hand needle and place these sts on a holder for left shoulder, bind off center 36 (38, 40, 42, 44) sts for neck, work in Stripe Pattern for Front to end of row – 30 (34, 36, 40, 44) sts remain on your needle for right shoulder.

### **Right Shoulder**

**Row 1 (WS):** Bind off 4 (5, 5, 6, 7) sts, work in Stripe Pattern for Front to end of row – 26 (29, 31, 34, 37) sts.

**Row 2:** Bind off 1 st, work in Stripe Pattern for Front to end of row – 25 (28, 30, 33, 36) sts.

**Rows 3-10:** Rep Rows 1 and 2 for 4 more times – 5 (4, 6, 5, 4) sts in Row 10.  
Bind off.

### **Left Shoulder**

Return the 26 (29, 31, 34, 37) sts for left shoulder to needle so that you are ready to work a WS row.

**Row 1 (WS):** Bind off 1 st, work in Stripe Pattern for Front to end of row – 25 (28, 30, 33, 36) sts.

**Row 2:** Bind off 4 (5, 5, 6, 7) sts, work in Stripe Pattern for Front to end of row – 21 (23, 25, 27, 29) sts.

**Rows 3-8:** Rep Rows 1 and 2 for 3 times – 6 (5, 7, 6, 5) sts in Row 8.

**Row 9:** Bind off 1 st, work in Stripe Pattern for Front to end of row – 5 (4, 6, 5, 4) sts.

Bind off.

## **FINISHING**

### **Blocking**

Spread a towel onto a flat surface. Lay Back onto the towel, then spray lightly with water. Gently smooth Back out to match the measurements on the schematic, then allow to dry.

Repeat with Front.

When pieces are dry, sew shoulder seams.

### **Neck Edging**

From RS with circular needle and B, pick up and k104 (108, 110, 114, 116) sts evenly spaced around neck edge. Join by working the first st on the left hand needle with the working yarn from the right hand needle.

Without knitting any rounds, bind off as if to purl.

### **Sleeve Edging**

From RS with straight needles and A, pick up and k58 (62, 66, 68, 72) sts evenly spaced along one sleeve edge.

From WS, bind off as if to knit.

Repeat around second armhole.

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Sew side seams.  
Weave in ends.

**ABBREVIATIONS**

beg = begin(ning)  
k = knit  
p = purl  
rem = remain(ing)(s)  
rep = repeat  
RS = right side  
st(s) = stitch(es)  
WS = wrong side

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