

The “I Really Hate Finishing Work” Square Neckline Dress for Tyler or Ellowyne

At the request of one of my customers, I developed a simple square-necked, short-sleeved, fitted, knitted dress for Tyler or Ellowyne. It's such a simple pattern I don't see myself selling it, so I thought I would give it away. :) What I love about this pattern is that there only two yarn-ends to work in (one at the beginning, one at the end). There's one seam to sew, and then of course snaps for closure. I don't have any pictures of my finished dress because I used several ugly colors of scrap yarn to make it & it's not very purty. :)

The dress is worked without breaking yarn from beginning to end.

Gauge—with size 0 needles, 20 stitches, 26 rows in a 2 inch by 2 inch (5 cm) square.

I used Knitpicks Palette & size 0 needles for this pattern.

Cast on 67 stitches on size 000 needles.

Row 1—wrong side row—k2, *p1, k1. Repeat from * across, end k1 more.

Row 2—right side row—k3, *p1, k1. Repeat from * across, end k2 more.

Row 3—change to size 0 needles. Wrong side row, place markers—k1, p8. Slip marker over right needle (PM), p13, PM, p21, PM, p13, PM, p8, k2.

Increase Phase 1—*right side rows—Increase at edges of arms and front, NOT on back section. Follow these instructions two times*

Knit across to marker. Slip marker to right needle. Increase 1 in next stitch, knit to last stitch before marker, increase 1 in next stitch. Slip marker. Increase 1 in next stitch, knit to last stitch before marker, increase one in that last stitch. Slip marker, increase 1, knit to last stitch before marker, increase 1 in that stitch. Slip marker, knit across.

Wrong side row (and all wrong side rows)—k2, purl across slipping markers to the right needle as you pass them, k2.

Increase Phase 2—*right side row—increase on back, front, & arms. Complete this row once.*

*K to stitch before marker, increase 1. Slip marker to right needle. Increase 1 in next stitch. Repeat from * across, knit across to end.

Wrong side row (and all wrong side rows)—k2, purl across, slipping markers to the right needle as you pass them, k2.

Increase Phase 3—*right side rows—increase on edges of back & front, NOT ARMS. Follow these instructions for the next three knit side rows.*

K to stitch before marker, increase 1. Slip marker to right needle. Knit to marker. Slip marker. Increase 1 in next stitch, knit to last stitch before marker, increase one in that last stitch. Slip marker, knit to the next marker. Slip marker, Increase 1 in the next stitch, knit across to end.

Wrong side row (and all wrong side rows)—k2, purl across, slipping markers to the right needle as you pass them, k2.

Increase Phase 4—*right side rows—increase on edges of back, front, and arms. Complete one time.*

K across, increasing before and after all stitch markers.

Wrong side row (and all wrong side rows)—k2, purl across, slipping markers to the right needle as you pass them, k2.

Short Sleeve Row.

Knit to the stitch before the 1st marker. Increase in that stitch, slip marker. Do a bar increase in the next stitch (knit into the front & back of the same stitch—gives the appearance of knit, then purl stitch). *k1, p1 to stitch before marker. Increase in that stitch. Turn.

Purl row--*p1, k1. Repeat across to stitch before marker, p1. Turn. Remove 1st marker.

Bind off sleeve in pattern. Slip 2nd marker to right needle.

Without pulling yarn too tightly, increase in next stitch. Knit across front to stitch before the 3rd stitch marker. Increase in that stitch, slip marker. Do a bar increase in the next stitch (knit into the front & back of the same stitch—gives the appearance of knit, then purl stitch). *k1, p1 to stitch before marker. Increase in that stitch. Turn.

Purl row--*p1, k1. Repeat across to stitch before marker, p1. Turn. Remove 3rd marker.

Bind off sleeve in pattern. Slip 4th marker to right needle.

Purl row, join backs & front together—k2, purl across, slipping markers to right needle, k2.

Decreases for Bust

Knit rows—knit to marker, k2tog. Knit across front to the last two stitches before the next marker. Ssk, slip marker, knit to end.

Purl rows—k2, purl across, slipping markers to right needle, k2.

I did 6 decreases total.

Once you have worked 4-6 decreases, work even until piece measures 2 7/8 inches (7.3 cm) from front neckline.

Increases for Hips

Knit to marker, slip marker, increase in the next stitch, knit to the last stitch before marker, increase in that stitch, slip marker. Knit across.

All Wrong side rows—k2, purl across, slipping markers, end k2.

Knit to last stitch before marker, increase, slip marker, knit across to second marker, slip marker, increase, knit to end.

Alternate between these two increases (increasing before and after the stitch markers) for 12 -13 rows.

Work even, no back ribbing.

Knit side rows—knit across.

Purl side rows—purl across.

Work even until dress reaches desired length. Change to smaller needles. Work k1, p1 ribbing for 3-4 rows. Bind off in pattern.

Steam or iron your knitting for a smoother finished look.

Sew dress from hem to back ribbing. Back stitch to secure yarn.

Work in your 1 other end. ☺

Sew on 5-6 snap sets for closure.