

golden evening top

THE RUCHING DETAIL ON THE SIDE MEANS YOU CAN WEAR THIS TOP LONG, AS SHOWN HERE, OR PULL IT UP SHORT ENOUGH TO SHOW SOME MIDRIFF. KNIT MAINLY IN TINY STOCKINETTE, THE GOLD-COLORED BAMBOO YARN SPARKLES JUST ENOUGH TO ATTRACT SOME ATTENTION. THE SLEEVELESS SHAPE, FUNNEL NECK, AND OPENWORK PATTERN ALL ADD A TOUCH OF ELEGANCE.





SIZES

SMALL (MEDIUM, LARGE)

FINISHED MEASUREMENTS

CHEST: 30" (32", 34")/76 (81, 86.5) CM
 LENGTH: 25" (26", 27")/63.5 (66, 68.5) CM (NOT INCLUDING COLLAR)

YARN

A: 5 (5, 6) SKEINS SUSS BAMBOO (100% BAMBOO; 1 OUNCE/28 GRAMS; 126 YARDS/115 METERS), COLOR GOLDEN WHEAT
B: 5 (5, 6) SKEINS SUSS SHINE (100% VISCOSE; 1 OUNCE/28 GRAMS; 136 YARDS/124 METERS), COLOR BEIGE

NOTIONS

1 PAIR SIZE 7 (4.5 MM) NEEDLES
 1 PAIR SIZE 7 (4.5 MM) DOUBLE-POINTED NEEDLES
 TAPESTRY NEEDLE
 SEWING NEEDLE AND THREAD IN COMPLEMENTARY COLOR

GAUGE

22 STITCHES AND 26 ROWS = 4"/10 CM IN STOCKINETTE STITCH

FINISHING

Weave in all loose ends with the tapestry needle.

Place the Front and Back pieces together with the right sides facing each other. With the tapestry needle and yarn A, sew together the shoulder and collar seams using backstitch.

With the tapestry needle and yarn A, sew together the side seams using backstitch.

Starting at the bottom hem, center the Channel over the left side seam with the right side facing out. You may find it helpful to pin it into place before sewing. With the sewing needle and thread, whipstitch the edges of the Channel to the outside of the top. You can also use a sewing machine. Make sure you leave the bottom and top seams open for the Tie.

With the tapestry needle and thread, start at the bottom of the left side seam and work a small running stitch up the center of the Channel, creating two channels (see photograph).

Starting at the bottom, thread the Tie up one channel and down the other. Adjust the Tie to the desired length.

EYELET PATTERN **Rows 1 and 5:** *Knit 3, yarn over, knit 2 together*, repeat from * to * until the end of the row.

Rows 2 and 4: Purl all stitches.

Row 3: Knit 1, *yarn over, knit 2 stitches together, knit 3*, repeat from * to * until the end of the row.

BACK Cast on 82 (88, 94) stitches with yarn A and yarn B held together. Work in stockinette stitch (knit all right-side rows and purl all wrong-side rows) until the piece measures 18" (18½", 19")/46 (47, 48.5) cm from the cast-on edge, ending with a wrong-side row.

ARMHOLE SHAPING Decrease 1 stitch at the beginning and end of the next 8 rows—66 (72, 78) stitches. Decrease 1 stitch at the beginning and end of every other row 5 times—56 (62, 68) stitches. Decrease 1 stitch at the beginning and end of every 4 rows 4 (5, 6) times—48 (52, 56) stitches. Work even until the piece measures 25" (26", 27")/63.5, 66, 68.5) cm.

SHOULDER SHAPING Bind off 5 (7, 7) stitches at the beginning of the next 2 rows—38 (38, 42) stitches remain. Work even for 12 rows. Bind off loosely.

FRONT Work the Front as for the Back except for eyelet pattern. Maintain the shaping as for the Back.

When the piece measures 19" (19½", 20")/48 (49.5, 51) cm from the cast-on edge, ending with a wrong-side row, work eyelet pattern once.

CHANNEL FOR TIE Cast on 9 stitches with one strand of yarn A and one strand of yarn B held together. Work in stockinette stitch until the piece measures 14"/35.5 cm. Bind off.

TIE Cast on 4 stitches on one of the double-pointed needles with one strand of yarn A and one strand of yarn B held together.

Make an I-cord as follows: Knit 4. Switch the needles in your hands; the needle with the stitches is on the left again. With the right side facing you, slide the stitches from the left end of the needle to the right end. Bring the working yarn around the back and knit the 4 stitches. Repeat until you have an I-cord that measures 50"/127 cm from the cast-on edge.

Bind off.

