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## Athens Tie-Front Top

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Technique used: Knit



INTERMEDIATE

YARN

**Naturally Caron.com Country**

(75% Microdenier Acrylic, 25% Merino Wool; 3

oz/85 g, 185 yds/170 m ball):

8 (9, 11, 12, 15, 17) oz

**Shown in:** #0005 Ocean Spray

One circular needle, size US 9 (5.5 mm), 29"/74

cm long, or size to obtain gauge

Stitch markers; 2 different colors

Stitch holders

Yarn needle

Crochet hook size US G-6 (4 mm)



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**SIZES** X-Small (Small, Medium, Large, X-Large)

### FINISHED MEASUREMENTS

Bust 33 (37, 41, 45, 49, 53)"/84 (94, 104, 124.5, 134.5) cm

Length 13 1/2 (14, 14 1/2, 15, 15 1/2, 16)"/34 (35.5, 37, 38, 39, 40.5) cm

### GAUGE

In all Stitch patterns, 16 sts and 22 rows = 4"/10 cm, after blocking

### ABBREVIATIONS

**dcd (double centered decrease):** Slip 2 sts *together knitwise* (as if to k2tog) to right-hand needle, k1, pass 2 slipped sts over (p2sso).

**K2tog (decrease):** Knit 2 sts together *through the front loops*.

**K3tog (double decrease):** Knit 3 sts together *through the front loops*.

**ssk (decrease):** Slip 2 sts, *one at a time knitwise*, to right-hand needle, return sts to left-hand needle in turned position and k2tog-tbl (knit 2 sts together *through the back loops*).

**sssk (double decrease):** Slip 3 sts, *one at a time knitwise*, to right-hand needle, return sts to left-hand needle in turned position and k3tog-tbl (knit 3 sts together *through the back loops*).

**yo (increase):** With the yarn behind the needle (in the knit position), bring it to the front *between* the needles, (to the purl position), then carry it *over* the needle, ready to knit the next stitch(s).

#### SPECIAL TECHNIQUE

**Eyelet Raglan Armholes: (RS)** Work to 3 sts before first marker, [sssk, yo, slip marker, k1, yo, k3tog] for Raglan shaping, \* work to next marker, work [ to ]; repeat from \* 2 times—8 sts decreased.

#### STITCHES USED

**Stockinette stitch (St st):** Knit on RS, purl on WS.

**Diamond Lace Pattern (multiple of 8 sts + 1 + 1 edge st at each center Front = 8 sts + 3)**

**Row 1:** K1 (edge st), \* k3, yo, dcd, yo, k2; repeat from \* across to last 2 sts, k1, k1 (edge st).

**Row 2 and all WS rows:** Purl.

**Row 3:** K1 (edge st), \* k2, yo, k2tog, k1, ssk, yo, k1; repeat from \* across to last 2 sts, k1, k1 (edge st).

**Row 5:** K1 (edge st), k1, yo, k2tog, k3, ssk, yo; repeat from \* across to last 2 sts, k1, k1 (edge st).

**Row 7:** K1 (edge st), ssk, yo, k5, yo, \* dcd, yo, k5, yo; repeat from \* across to last 3 sts, k2tog, k1 (edge st).

**Row 9:** K1 (edge st), \* k1, ssk, yo, k3, yo, k2tog; repeat from \* across to last 2 sts, k1, k1 (edge st).

**Row 11:** K1 (edge st), \* k2, ssk, yo, k1, yo, k2tog, k1; repeat from \* across to last 2 sts, k1, k1 (edge st).

**Row 12:** Repeat Row 2.

**Rows 13 and 14:** Work in St st.

Repeat Rows 1 – 12 for Diamond Lace patt (Body); repeat Rows 9 – 14 for Lace patt (Yoke).

#### GENERAL NOTES

Work 1 st each side of Body (center Fronts) in St st throughout as edge st.

Body is worked in one piece from the lower edge to underarms in Diamond Lace patt; work back and forth in rows on circular needle to accommodate large number of sts.

Sleeves are worked in Stockinette st, then joined to Body at underarms.

Yoke is worked in one piece, with Raglan shaping worked each side of a center 'seam' st.

#### NOTE FOR LACE PATTERNS

While working Lace patt on Fronts and Back and AT THE SAME TIME working Raglan shaping, do NOT work increases (yo) in *partial repeats* of the pattern without a compensating decrease (k2tog/ssk), and vs – work sts in St st to keep stitch count correct.

#### HELPFUL

Place a marker (pm) between pattern repeats; use a different color for underarm 'seams' on Body, and Raglan 'seams' for Yoke.

#### BODY

Cast on 131 (147, 163, 179, 195, 211) sts.

**Set-up Row (WS):** Purl across, (pm) after St 33 (37, 41, 45, 49, 53) and St 98 (110, 122, 134, 146, 158) for underarm 'seams' on first row—33 (37, 41, 45, 49, 53) sts each Front; 65 (73, 81, 89, 97, 105) sts for Back.

**(RS)** Begin Diamond Lace patt, Row 1; work Rows 1 – 12 twice, Rows 1 – 13 once, end with a RS row.

**Dividing Row (WS):** Purl across to 2 (5, 6, 9, 11, 12) sts before first underarm marker for left Front; bind off 4 (10, 12, 18, 22, 24) sts for underarm; purl across to 2 (5, 6, 9, 11, 12) sts before second underarm marker for Back, bind off 4 (10, 12, 18, 22, 24) sts for underarm; purl to end for right Front; do NOT cut yarn—31 (32, 35, 36, 38, 41) sts rem each Front; 61 (63, 69, 71, 75, 81) sts rem for Back. Place sts on separate holders—piece measures approximately 7" from beg.

#### SLEEVES (make 2)

Cast on 51 (55, 61, 67, 75, 81) sts.

**(WS)** Work 3 rows in St st, end with a WS row.

**Establish Pattern:** (RS)K1 (3, 2, 1, 1, 4), pm; work Row 9 of Lace patt across center 49 (49, 57, 65, 73, 73) sts; pm, k1 (3, 2, 1, 1, 4). Continue as established, work sts before and after markers in St st, center sts in Lace patt for 5 rows, end

with (WS) Row 14 of patt.

**Shape Underarm**

(RS) Continuing in St st on all sts, bind off 3 (6, 7, 10, 12, 13) sts at beginning of next 2 rows—45 (43, 47, 47, 51, 55) sts remain.

Place sts on holder.

**YOKE**

**Establish Pattern:** With RS facing, place 31 (32, 35, 36, 38, 41) right Front sts on needle. Maintaining edges sts at center Fronts, using yarn attached to right Front sts, k1 (edge st), work Row 9 of Lace patt across, pm for Raglan 'seam'; [place 45 (43, 47, 47, 51, 55) sts of one Sleeve on needle and work across to last st in St st, pm, k1]; place 61 (63, 69, 71, 75, 81) sts of Back on needle and work Row 9 of Lace patt across, aligning pattern with sts of Body (see Chart), pm; repeat [ to ] for second Sleeve; place 31 (32, 35, 36, 38, 41) left Front sts on needle and work Row 9 of Lace patt across, aligning pattern with sts of Body, k1 (edge st)—213 (213, 233, 237, 253, 273) sts.

(WS) Purl 1 row (Row 10 of pattern on Fronts and Back). For the remainder of Yoke, work Rows 11 – 14 once, then repeat Rows 9 – 14 for Lace patt.

**Shape Armholes and Neck**

(RS) Beginning this row, at each neck edge, dec 1 st every other row 3 (3, 4, 4, 2, 2) times, every 4 rows 7 (8, 8, 8, 10, 11) times as follows: Right Front – k1 (edge st), ssk, continue in patt established; left Front – work across to last 3 sts in patt, k2tog, k1 (edge st). And AT THE SAME TIME, dec 1 st each side of the 4 raglan 'seam' markers every other row 18 (18, 20, 21, 23, 25) times (see Special Techniques), ending with a WS row—9 (7, 7, 5, 5, 5) sts remain each Sleeve; 3 sts remain each Front; 25 (27, 29, 29, 29, 31) sts remain for Back neck.

(RS) Work 3 rows even in St st.

Bind off all sts.

**FINISHING**

Sew sleeve seams; sew underarm seams.

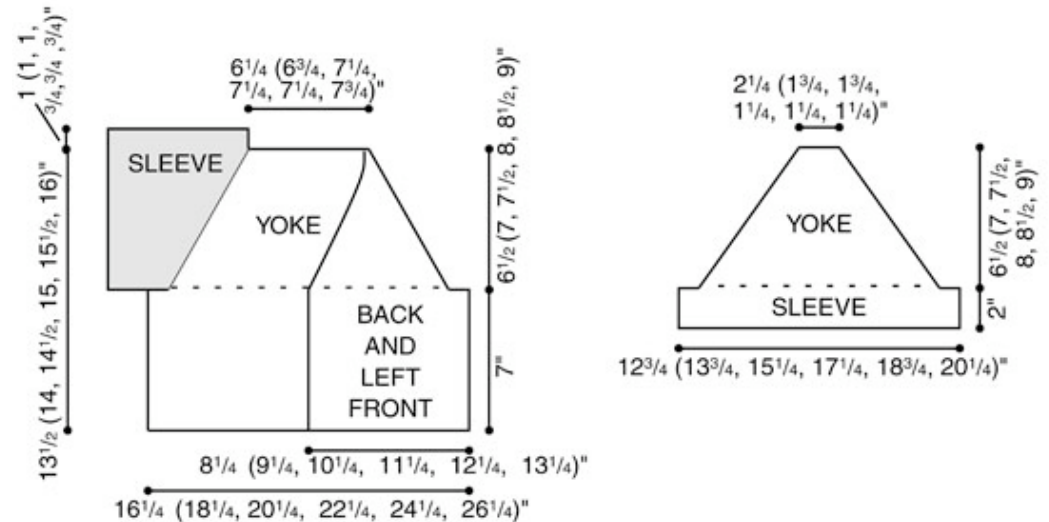
**Edging**

Using hook, join yarn with a slip st at lower corner of right Front. Work 1 row sc evenly up Front and around neck shaping, down left Front to lower edge, and around lower edge to beginning, join with a slip st to first st.

Using yarn needle, weave in ends. Block piece lightly to measurements to open up Lace patt.

**Ties**

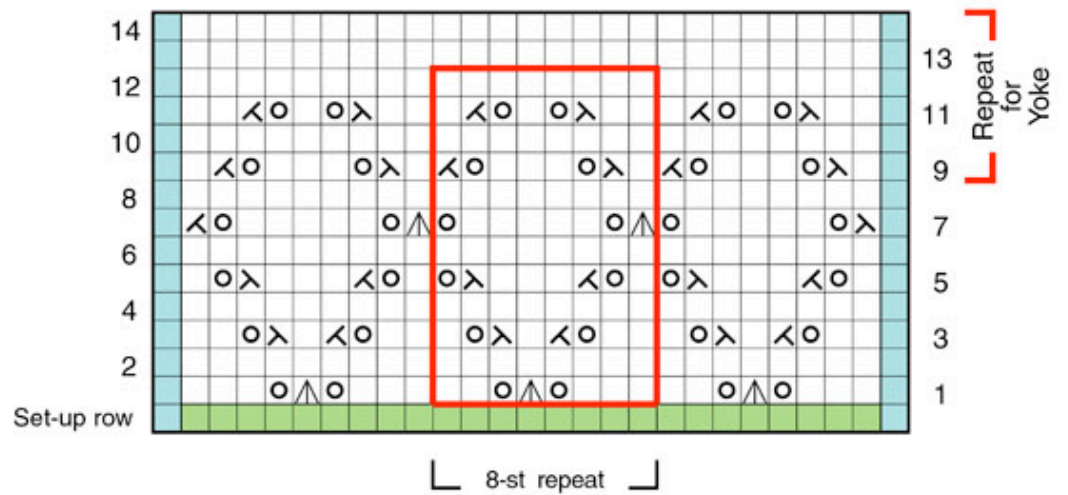
Using hook, work 2 chains, each 20"/51 cm long. Attach one to each Front at bust line, or as desired (see photo).



**KEY**

- Knit on RS, purl on WS
- Yo
- K2tog
- Ssk
- Double centered dec
- Edge stitch
- Pattern repeat for Body: Rows 1 - 12

**Diamond Lace Pattern**



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