

DWD Free Pattern #10

Sleeveless Top with Diamond Lace Panel

This is a very easy sleeveless top for 16-inch fashion dolls. It has a deep ribbing that hugs the doll's small waist. The front has an easy diamond lace design. This makes a perfect summer top for your girls to wear with jeans, shorts, skirts and slacks. Looks wonderful in soft, summer pastels. Make it later for fall and slip on a jacket for another look. You will find many uses for this easy to knit top! It can be knit without the lace design as well. Fits 16-inch fashion dolls, as well as Gene, Ellowynne Wilde series and other similar size dolls, including slim ball-jointed dolls, such as Unoa.

Rating: #1 – Easy. Although you only need to know how to knit and purl, you must be able to read instructions, and increase and decrease stitches and work a lace pattern if you so desire. Uses lace weight yarn on size 3/0 (1.5 mm) needles with a fine gauge. Ribbing is worked on 4/0 (1.2 mm) needles.



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Yarn: Jagger Spun Zephyr Wool/Silk Lace weight Yarn from www.theknitter.com
Use lace weight yarn. I **DO NOT** recommend sock yarn for this pattern.

Gauge: 14 sts and 18 rows per inch (stockinette stitch) on 3/0 (1.5 mm) needles. Bottom ribbing is worked with 4/0 (1.2 mm) needles

Panel – Lace Diamond Chain Panel

Panel of 16 stitches on a background of Stockinette stitch knitted for a total of 16 rows.

PURL all even number of row (Wrong side)

Row 1: (RS) K5, YO, SSK, K2, YO, SSK, K5 (**Worked on rows 23, 39, 55 of the body**)

Row 2: (WS) **PURL**

Row 3: K3, K2tog, YO, K1, YO, SSK, K2, YO, SSK, K4 (**Worked on rows 25, 41**)

Row 5: K2, K2tog, YO, K3, YO, SSK, K2, YO, SSK, K3 (**Worked on rows 27, 43**)

Row 7: K1, K2tog, YO, K2, K2tog, YO, K1, [YO, SSK, K2] twice (**Worked on rows 29, 45**)

Row 9: K2tog, YO, K2, K2tog, YO, K3, YO, SSK, K2, YO, SSK, K1 (**Worked on rows 31, 47**)

Row 11: [K2, YO, SSK] twice, YO, K2tog, YO, K2, K2tog, YO, K2tog (**Worked on rows 33, 49**)

Row 13: K3, YO, SSK, K2, YO, SK2P, YO, K2, K2tog, YO, K2 (**Worked on rows 35, 51**)

Row 15: K4, YO, SSK, K2, YO, SSK, K1, K2tog, YO, K3 (**Worked on rows 37, 53**)

Row 16: (WS) **PURL**

In this pattern you will work the panel twice plus row 1 three times! Use markers to help keep the panel separate from the rest of the body.

Body:

Cast on 94 sts on 4/0 (1.2 mm) needles. Work 22 rows of K2, P2 Ribbing as follows:

Row 1: (RS) [K2, P2]* repeat to last 2 sts, then K2

Row 2: (WS) [P2, K2]* repeat to last 2 sts, then P2

Rows 3 through 22: Repeat rows 1 and 2.

Row 23: **Change to 3/0 (1.5 mm) needles.** (RS) K39, place marker and **begin row 1 of your Lace Diamond Chain panel**, K to end of the row.

Row 24: (WS) P all sts

Row 25 through 30: Continue to work stockinette stitches for first 39 sts, your lace panel correct row and stockinette stitch for rest of the sts

Row 31: (RS) K39, work row **9** of lace panel, K to end, then cast on 4 sts using the cable cast-on method (in-between cast-on) for the back placket (98 sts)

Row 32: (WS) P

Rows 32 through row 48: Continue to work stockinette stitches for first 39 sts, your lace panel correct row and stockinette stitch for rest of the sts

Row 49: (RS) K21, Cast off 4sts, K14, work lace panel (**row 11**), K14, Cast off 4 sts, K25 to end (90 sts)

Now you will start to work on the **Right Back** section. Place the front on spare needle or stitch holder and left back on another spare needle or stitch holder.

Right Back:

Row 50: (WS) P (25 sts)

Row 51: (RS) SSK, K to end (24 sts)

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Row 52: (WS) P

Row 53: (RS) SSK, K to end (23 sts)

NOTE: I found that if I now worked a double garter stitch edge at the beginning and end of each row for the rest of the body that the **armhole** laid down flatter and smoother. It did not require any other finish work. Follow instructions below.

Double Garter Stitch Edge: On every row, slip the first stitch knit wise, knit the second stitch, and then work to the end of the row, knitting the last two stitches.

Row 54: (WS) P to last 2 sts, K2

Row 55: (RS) Slip 1, K to end

Rows 56 through row 69: Repeat rows 54 and 55

Row 70: (WS) Purl all sts.

Place 7 sts on safety pin and rest of sts (16) on spare needle or another safety pin.

Body Front:

Row 50: Attach yarn on the wrong side. Purl across row. (44 sts)

Row 51: (RS) SSK, K to marker, Work **row 13** of lace panel, K to last 2 sts, K2tog (42 sts)

Row 52: (WS) P all sts

Row 53: (RS) SSK, K to marker, Work **row 15** of lace panel, K to last 2 sts, K2tog (40 sts)

Row 54: (WS) Slip1, K1, P to last 2 sts, K2

Row 55: (RS) Slip 1, K to marker, Work **row 1** of lace panel, K to end

Row 56: Slip1, K1, P to marker, (10 sts). Place 16 sts from the Lace Panel and rest of sts (12 sts) on spare needle.

Row 57: (RS) **Now you will be just working on the right side of the front.** SSK, K to end (11 sts)

Row 58: (WS) Slip 1, K1, P to last 2 sts, P2tog through back loops (10 sts)

Row 59: (RS) SSK, K to end (9 sts)

Row 60: Slip 1, K1, P to last 2 sts, P2tog through back loops (8 sts)

Row 61: SSK, K to end (7 sts)

Row 62: Slip 1, K1, P to end (7 sts)

Row 63: (RS) K

Row 64: Slip 1, K1, P to end

Row 65 (RS) K

Row 66: Slip 1, K1, P to end

Row 67 (RS) K

Row 68: Slip 1, K1, P to end

Row 69: (RS) K

Row 70: (WS) **P all sts**, place 7 sts on safety pin

Left side of the Front:

Row 56: (WS) Attach yarn on wrong side, P to last 2 sts K2 (12 sts)

Row 57: (RS) Slip 1, K to 2 sts before marker, K2tog (11 sts). Place the 16 sts for the lace panel on holder (safety pin).

Row 58: (WS) P2tog, P to last 2 sts, K2 (10 sts)

Row 59: (RS) Slip 1, K to 2 sts before marker, K2tog (9 sts)

Row 60: (WS) P2tog, P to last 2 sts K2 (8 sts)

Row 61: (RS) Slip 1, K to 2 sts before marker, K2tog (7 sts)

Row 62: (WS) P to last 2 sts, K2

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Row 63: (RS) Slip 1, K to end
Row 64: (WS) P to last 2 sts, K2
Row 65: (RS) Slip 1, K to end
Row 66: (WS) P to last 2 sts, K2
Row 67: (RS) Slip 1, K to end
Row 68: (WS) P to last 2 sts, K2
Row 69: (RS) Slip 1, K to end
Row 70: (WS) **P all sts**, place 7 sts on safety pin

Back Left:

Row 50: (WS) Attach to wrong side and P all sts (21 sts)
Row 51: (RS) K to last 2 sts, K2tog (20 sts)
Row 52: (WS) P
Row 53: (RS) K to last 2 sts, K2tog (19 sts)
Row 54: (WS) Slip 1, K1, P to end
Row 55: (RS) K all sts
Rows 56 through row 69: Repeat rows 54 and 55.
Row 70: (WS) **Purl all sts**
Place 7 sts on safety pin and rest of sts (12) on spare needle or another safety pin

While the body is flat, steam and block it. Do **NOT** stretch the ribbing. Just pin the rest on your board. Let the ribbing stay “tight”. Let dry thoroughly

Graft shoulder seams. This helps to eliminate bulk on small knitted garments.

Neck Edge: Change to 4/0 (1.2 mm) needles

Place the 16 sts from right back neck edge on working needle, pick up 17 sts from the right side of the neck front edge, place 16 sts from front on the working needle, pick up 17 sts from the left side of the neck front edge and finally, place the 12 sts from the left back neck edge on the working needle (78 sts). **Start at left back neck edge on the right side of body.**

Work 8 rows of K2, P2 Ribbing as follows:

Row 1: (RS) [K2, P2]* repeat to last 2 sts, then K2
Row 2: (WS) [P2, K2]* repeat to last 2 sts, then P2
Rows 3 through 8: Repeat rows 1 and 2.
Row 9: Cast off in pattern

Sew up back seam to placket. Weave in all yarn ends. You may wish to hand sew on silk tape (3/8 inch wide) on the wrong side of the placket and left back facing. It helps to stabilize the back. It is optional. Sew on 3 or 4 snaps. Steam and block once more. Again, do **NOT** stretch the ribbing. Let dry thoroughly.

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Abbreviations

Beg	Beginning
B/O	Bind off (cast off sts)
C4F	Slip 2 sts onto cn and hold at front of work, K2, K2 from cn
C4B	Slip 2 sts onto cn and hold at back of work, K2, K2 from cn
CC	Contrast Color
CN	Cable needle
C/O	Cast on
Cont	Continue
Dc	Double crochet
Dec	Decrease
DPN(s)	Double pointed needle(s)
Foll	Following
Inc	Increase
KFB	Knit 1 in front and back of stitch
K2tog	Knit 2 together
K3tog	Knit 3 together
M1	Make one
M1P	Make one Purl
MC	Main Color
P	Purl
P2tog	Purl 2 together
PFB	Purl 1 in front and back of stitch
PM	Place Marker
PSSO	Pass slipped stitch over
Rem	Remaining
Rep	Repeat
RS	Right Side
Sc	Single crochet
Sl	slip
SKP	Slip, Knit, Pass
SK2P	Slip 1, Knit 2 together, Pass slipped stitch over
SSK	Slip, Slip, Knit OR <i>slip 2 stitches one at a time, knit 2 slipped stitches together</i>
St(s)	Stitch(es)
St st	Stockinette stitch
WS	Wrong side
WYIB	With yarn in back
WYIF	With yarn in front
Yfwd	Yarn forward, or to the front, knit next stitch
YO	Yarn Over

NEEDLE SIZE

US Size	5/0	4/0	3/0	2/0	0	1	2
Metric size	1mm	1.2mm	1.5mm	1.75mm	2mm	2.25mm	2.75mm

RULES TO KNIT BY

For successful doll knitting, I have found the following “Rules to Knit By” work every time to produce successful results.

1. Make a swatch and check your gauge. I knit up my swatch and let it “rest” over night. This way the yarn has a chance to relax and be more accurate. Also, and even more important, check your gauge (tension) while you are knitting. Keep an even tension and correct it early to avoid wasting hours of knitting only to have a sweater that does not quite fit!
2. Read through the instructions first, before you begin. Check all the terms and abbreviations used to make sure you understand how the garment is to be made. If there is a new technique in the pattern, practice it first on a scrap piece before you attempt it on your garment.
3. For doll knitting, I found knitting only with natural yarns work the best. I prefer wool, silk, alpaca or blends of these yarns. I do not like to waste my time on inferior yarns. I do not recommend “sock yarn” for any of my patterns.
4. Steam and block your sweater! This is like “pressing” when you sew. I do it several times while knitting. This insures a wonderful finished product that looks professional.