



Lavender Love

You will need:

110gm Merino sliver – Grape Jelly
 20gm Merino sliver – Raspberry
 20gm Merino sliver – Lagoon
 20gm Lurex thread - Purple
 Drum or Hand carders for blending sliver
 1 set each 5mm and 4.5mm knitting needles
 Stitch holder or safety pin
 Darning needle
 Ribbon

HERE'S HOW:

Spinning

Blend Merino slivers together. Spin singles on wheel or drop spindle as an 8 ply yarn. Ply with lurex thread. Make a skein and wash gently to set spin. When dry wind into ball

Knitting pattern

FRONT:

Using 5mm needles, cast on 70 sts.

Row 1: Knit

Row 2: Purl

Row 3: K2, K2tog x 2, *(yfd, K1) x 3, yfd (K2tog x 4)* rep from * to * to last 9 sts

(yfd, K1) x 3, yfd (K2tog x 2), K2

Row 4: P4, *K7, P4 rep * to end

These 4 rows form feather pattern. Continue in pattern until desired length or until 1 1/2"

below armhole, ending with Row 2.

Eyelet Row: RS facing - K1, *(yfd, K2tog) rep * to last 2 sts - yfd, K2.

Purl 1 row.

Change to 4.5mm needles and rib.

Row 1: K1, P1 to end

Work 5 more rows in rib pattern.

Decrease Row: Cast off 4 sts at beg. of next 2 rows.

Keeping rib pattern correct: K1, sl1, K1, PSSO - rib to last 3 sts, K2tog K1.

Continue decreasing the same way on every alt. row until 50 sts remain.

Work 1 row.

RS facing - K1, sl1, K1, PSSO - rib until 20sts on needle - put remaining sts on holder.

Work 1 row.

Decrease Row: K1, sl1, K1, PSSO - rib until last 3sts - K2tog, K1 (decr for inside neck)

Row 2: Rib - KEEP RIB CORRECT

Repeat last 2 rows as above until 16 sts.

Handspun Feathered
 Swing Top
 Pattern by Tracy Tait
 To fit size 2- 4 years



Continue decr. at neck edge ONLY (every RS facing row) until 10 sts. Keeping rib correct, work 7 rows or length reqd to shoulders, end with WS row.

Cast off 5 sts in rib, work 1 row, cast off remaining 5 sts. Slip remaining sts onto needle.

BIND OFF:

Slip first 2 sts onto right needle, slip 1st over 2nd - continue casting off in this method until 21 sts remain. Rejoin yarn, K1, rib to last 3 sts, K2tog, K1 - 20sts

Work 1 row.

RS Facing: K1, sl1, K1, PSSO - rib until last 3sts - K2tog, K1

Row 2: Rib

Repeat last 2 rows as above until 16 sts.

Continue decr. at neck edge ONLY (every RS facing row) until 10 sts.

Keeping rib correct, work as other side but end with RS row.

Cast off 5 sts in rib, work 1 row, cast off remaining 5 sts.

BACK:

Back is the same as the front but working rows 3 and 4 pattern rows instead of eyelet hole rows.

Change to 4.5mm needles and continue pattern as the front.

To finish:

Join shoulders neatly, darn in ends of yarn.

Cut a length of ribbon into 2 pieces (long enough to be tied in ctr of swing top)

Thread ribbon through eyelet holes leaving excess length though ctr hole – pin at sides before joining side seams.