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Northern Lights Tunic



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Lana D'Oro 3(3,4,4,4) Color 1076 (A), 3(3,4,4,4) Color 1062 (B)

Circular needles: sizes 7 and 8 in both 16" and 24" or needles required to obtain gauge.

*Note:* Even if you are an experienced twined (Fair Isle) knitter, your gauge may be somewhat tighter than when knitting with only one color. Make a generous gauge swatch in one color and also in two. If you are getting more sts per inch when using two colors, use larger needle for that part of the tunic.

2 markers of different color

Scrap yarn

This sweater is designed as a tunic. To shorten or lengthen it, the best places to do so are a) in the solid Color A section at the beginning, b) in the "laice" section, and c) at the top in the solid Color A. You could also sneak extra rows in the Color B sections between patterns.

Gauge: 20 sts/4"

To fit: 32, (34, 36, 42, 46)"

With smaller needles and Color A, using an elastic method, cast on 176 (192, 208, 224, 240) sts (long tail works well, German twisted will also give a nice edge)

Join in the round, being careful not to twist, work the following pattern:

Rows 1 – 4 : \*k4, p4\* repeat around

Rows 5 – 8 : \*p4, k4\* repeat around

Repeat rows 12(12,16,16,20) rows of this pattern.

Change to stockinette st and work for 9 ½, 10, 11, 12)"

Start two-color pattern: If necessary to maintain gauge, change to larger needles. Read charts from bottom to top, from right to left each row. X is knit in Color A.

Work Chart A, then 3 rows of Color A, then Chart B, then 3 rows Color B, then Chart C. Now work 3 rows Color B. Now work 4(4,5,6,6) charts of traditional laice (Chart D). Now knit 1 rnd Color A, 1 rnd Color B, stopping 4(4,5,5,6) sts before end of rnd marker.

## *Armhole Steeks:*

Bind off these last 4 sts of rnd, first 4 of beg of next rnd. Change to Color A and work to midway marker, bind off 4 sts before marker and 4 sts after marker. On next row, continuing with Color A and backward loop method, cast on 6(6,7,7,8)sts before and after each marker. The 2 sts each side of markers are steek (or cutting) sts. The other 4(4,5,6,6) sts each side of marker should be knit in pattern. These cutting sts will be continued up length of armhole. Now work Chart E, 3 rows of Color B, Chart F, then 3 more rows of Color B. Work Chart G, 3 rows Color B, Chart H, 3 more rows Color B, then Chart I. Continue in Color A to desired length at top 1 ¼ (1 ½, 2, 2 ½, 3)." (If you shorten or lengthen at this point, remember that you need to compensate in making the top fit this opening.) Bind off 4 sts on each side (2 on each side of each marker).

Put front and back sts on separate lengths of scrap yarn.

*Rest. Take a deep breath. Save your wine or coffee until you have finished the steak cutting. Relax. No one has ever died while doing this.*

*Sew and cut the steaks:*

With a stretch st (if you have one), sew two lines close to each other down each side of the cutting sts (4 sewn lines), leaving a small space between. Cut up the middle. Your sts won't go anywhere. People have been doing it for centuries.

*Join shoulders:*

Return the sts to two circular needles, one for front, one for back. Holding right sides together and using a 3 needle bind off, join 22(24,26,28,30) sts next to armholes. The remaining 44 (48,52,56,60) on each side will be joined in a circle to form the boat neck.

*Boat neck:* With smaller needles and rs facing, purl around neck sts casting on 4 extra sts at beginning and end of each side.. Change to knit st. On *every other row* ssk before each marker and k2 tog after each marker. Work for 3/4(3/4,1,1)." Bind off loosely, leaving a tail. Use tail to loosely sew facing to inside.

*Sleeves:*

With smaller needles and Color A, cast on 80(80,96,96,96)sts. Join in rnd, pm, and work 1(1,1 ¼, 1 ¼, 1 ½)" in st st. Purl one rnd on rs side (turning row). Change to larger needles and work 2(2,2,2 ¼, 2 ¼)" in st st. Work Chart E. Continue with Color B, decreasing one st each side of marker every 1(1, 1 ¼, 1 ¼, 1 ¼, 1 ½)" 3 times. Now start increasing 1 st one st before and after marker every ¾" 7(6,7,11,11) times – 88(96, 104, 112, 112) sts. Continue in st st until sleeve measures 14(14,14 ½, 15, 15) " from purl row. Work Chart G, continuing in st st with Color A until sleeve measures 16(16, 16 ½, 17, 17)" from purl row. *Facing:* Purl round and round on rs for 1(1,1,1 ¼, 1 ¼)." This facing will cover the cut steak edge on the inside of the sleeve hole, finishing it nicely.

*Finishing:* Fold bottom of sleeve to inside, turning on purl row, and hem. With rs facing, insert top of sleeve into armhole. Turning cut edge to inside, sew sleeve into armhole with an overhand st. Turn inside out and tack facing over seam.

Wash and block.

Chart A

			x				
		x		x			
	x				x		
x			x			x	
	x				x		
		x		x			
			x				

Chart B

x	x	x	x
x		x	x
			x

Chart C

x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
x		x		x		x	
	x				x		
x						x	
							x

Chart D ("laice")

x			
		x	

Chart E

							x								
						x		x							
					x		x		x						
			x		x		x		x						
		x		x		x		x		x		x			
	x		x		x		x		x		x		x		
x		x		x		x		x		x		x		x	

Chart F

				x						x					
				x	x				x	x					
				x	x	x		x	x	x					
					x	x		x	x						
	x	x	x			x		x			x	x	x		
		x	x	x					x	x	x				
			x	x	x			x	x	x				x	
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			x	x	x			x	x	x					x
		x	x	x					x	x	x				
	x	x	x			x		x			x	x	x		
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				x	x				x	x					
				x						x					

Chart G

x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
		x	x	x	x	x	
			x	x	x		
				x			

Chart H

		x				x	
			x		x		
				x			
			x		x		
		x				x	

Chart I

x	
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