

FINISHED SIZE

34 (38)" (86.5 [96.5] cm) bust/chest circumference. Sweater shown measures 34" (86.5 cm).

YARN

Tahki Stacy Charles Annabella (55% viscose, 25% cotton, 20% polyamide; 121 yd [110m]/50 g): #6 multi-color, 4 (5) balls.
Tahki Stacey Charles Millefilli Fine (100% cotton; 136 yd [125 m]/50 g): black, 4, (5) balls.

NEEDLES

Ribbing—Size 8 (5.0 mm). Mock turtle-neck—Size 8 (5.0 mm): 16" (40-cm) circular (cir). Body—Size 9 (5.5 mm). Adjust needle sizes if necessary to obtain the correct gauge.

NOTIONS

Tapestry needle; size F/5 (4.0-mm) crochet hook; three 1/2" (1.3-cm) buttons; matching sewing thread.

GAUGE

15 sts and 20 rows = 4" (10 cm) in elegant ladders pattern st, unstretched, on larger needles.

LADDERS OF ELEGANCE

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Note This stitch pattern is very loose and stretchy. Work one strand of each yarn held together throughout the entire garment. When dropping the ladder stitch, use a crochet hook to gently tug on the running strand between stitches and help the dropped stitch run down all ten rows and releasing the M1.

Elegant Ladders Pattern:

(Do not include M1 increases when counting stitches, except where noted. They will eventually be laddered and no longer exist. When shaping armholes and neckline, drop M1 stitches and ladder them before 10 rows are completed if necessary, so they don't become part of a decrease or bind off.)

Row 1: *P4, k2, p4, k1, M1, k1; rep from * to last 10 sts, p4, k2, p4.

Row 2 and all even-numbered rows: Work sts as they appear.

Rows 3, 5, 7, and 9: *P4, k2, p4, k3; rep from * to last 10 sts, p4, k2, p4.

Row 11: *P4, k1, M1, k1, p4, k1, ladder next st by dropping it down 10 rows and releasing the M1, k1; rep from * to last 10 sts, p4, k1, M1, k1, p4.

Rows 13, 15, 17, and 19: *P4, k3, p4, k2; rep from * to last 11 sts (counting the M1 made in Row 11), p4, k3, p4.

Row 21: *P4, k1, ladder next st same as row 11, k1, p4, k2; rep from * to last 11 sts (including the M1), p4, k1, ladder next st, k1, p4.

Row 22: Work sts as they appear.

Repeat Rows 1–22 for pattern.

Back

With smaller needles, CO 60 (70) sts. Work in p3, k2 ribbing until piece meas-

ures 2" (5 cm) from beg dec 2 (0) sts evenly spaced across last WS row—58 (70) sts. Change to larger needles and work elegant ladders patt until piece measures 12 (13)" (30.5 [33] cm) from beg, ending with a WS row. **Shape armholes:** BO 3 sts at beg of next 2 rows, then dec 1 st at each end of needle every other row 2 times—48 (60) sts rem (not including M1 sts). Work even in patt until piece measures 20 (22)" (51 [56] cm) from beg and armholes measure 8 (9)" (20.5 [23] cm). BO all sts.

Front

Note: M1 sts are worked as usual, but not included in stitch count throughout shaping. Work as back until piece measures 17 (19)" (43 [48] cm) from beg—48 (60) sts. **Shape neck:** Work 17 (23) sts in patt, join new yarn and work next 14 sts and place on holder for neck, work to end—17 (23) sts each side. Working each side separately, BO 3 sts beg of each neck edge once, then dec 1 st at neck edge every other row 3 times—12 (18) sts (after laddering M1 sts). BO all sts.

Finishing

With yarn threaded on a tapestry needle, sew shoulder seams. Sew side seams. **Armbands:** With crochet hook, holding 2 strands of yarn tog, and beg at underarm, work single crochet (sc; see Glossary) around armhole edge—about 58 (64) sts. **Mock turtleneck:** With smaller cir needle, RS facing, beg at left shoulder seam, and continuing the p3, k2 rib as established, pick up and knit 9 sts along left side front, work 14 held front sts, pick up and knit 9 sts along right side front, and 23 sts across back neck sts—55 sts total. Match body