

Eggplant on Vine

Classic tee-shirt styling calls for long-lasting hemp yarn to make a top that can be worn for a long time to come.

Front and back each consist of four, with sleeves in two vertical color sections. For someone new to colorworking, this is an ideal design for learning to twist yarns at each color change. Ignore the color blocking if you prefer a solid color tee.

Tee features slightly set-in 3/4-length sleeves, rounded neckline, side-front neckline opening, and a pocket (optional). Single crochet is worked around all edges.

Sizing is for a close fit. For a looser fit, make a size larger.

Yarn: Lanaknits Allhemp6 (Sportweight, 100gr./3.5oz., 165yd/150m.), 4 (4, 5, 5, 6, 6) skeins each of colors Aubergine (MC) and Classic (CC).

Ladies or Men's Sizes: 31-1/2(34, 36, 39, 42, 46)"

Approx. Finished Measurements: 34 (37, 39, 42, 45-1/2, 49)".

Needles: Sizes 2 and 4. (Or size needed for gauge). Crochet hook size E.

Gauge: (Be sure to wash and let swatch dry before taking gauge). 20 sts and 24 rows = 4" on size 4 needles.

Additions: Six 1/2" shank buttons.

Pattern Stitch

Seed Variation (mult of 2 sts)

Row 1 (RS): [K1, p1] across.

Row 2: P all sts.

Row 3: [P1, k1] across.

Row 4: P all sts.

Rep Rows 1-4 for patt.

BACK

Using smaller needles and 1 ball of yarn for ea color section, CO 21 (23, 24, 26, 28, 30) sts in CC, the same number in MC, the same number in CC, and the same number in MC—84 (92, 96, 104, 112, 120) sts. Retain the color setup throughout.

Note: To avoid gaps, twist the yarns at every color change by bringing up the new color under the old.

Work 4 rows of Seed Variation patt, then change to larger needles and work in St st. Work even until piece measures 11 (11-3/4, 12, 12, 12-1/2, 11-1/2)" from beg.

Armhole Shaping

BO 1(2, 3, 3, 6, 7) sts at beg of next 2 rows.

BO 1 st at ea end of every RS row 3 (4, 4, 6, 6, 6) times—76 (80, 86, 86, 88, 98) sts.

Work even until Armhole measures 10 (10-1/4, 10-1/2, 11, 11-1/2, 13-1/4)".

Shoulder Shaping

Size 31-1/2: At beg of ea of next 2 rows BO 5 sts 4 times.

Size 34: At beg of ea of next 2 rows BO 5 sts 4 times, then 2 sts once.

Size 36: At beg of ea of next 2 rows BO 5 sts 4 times, then 3 sts once.

Size 39: At beg of ea of next 2 rows BO 4 sts 6 times.

Size 42: At beg of each of next 2 rows BO 4 sts 5 times, then 5 sts once.

Size 46: At beg of next 2 rows 4 sts 6 times, then 3 sts once.

BO rem 36 (36, 38, 38, 38, 44) sts.

FRONT

Work same as for Back until armhole measures 3" (8cm) ending with a WS row.

Divide Front for Placket

Next Row (RS): Work 27 (28, 30, 29, 29, 33) sts, then join a second ball of yarn, BO 2 sts, then work 47 (50, 54, 55, 57, 63) sts to end.

Working both sides of placket at the same time, work even until Armhole measures 8-1/2 (8-3/4, 9-1/2, 9-3/4, 10-1/4, 11-3/4)", ending with a WS row.

Neck Shaping

Next Row (RS): Work across 27 (28, 30, 29, 29, 33) sts then on other side of placket BO 18 (20, 22, 24, 26, 28) sts and work to end.

BO at ea neck edge 5 (4, 4, 3, 2, 4) sts.

BO 1 st at ea neck edge every RS row 3 times (same for all sizes) —20 (22, 23, 24, 25, 27) sts ea side.

Work even until Armhole measures 10 (10-1/4, 10-1/2, 11, 11-1/2, 13-1/4)", then shape Shoulders same as for Back.

SLEEVES

Make both Sleeves the same. When sewn in, CC will be at the front on one, and MC on the other. Using smaller needles and 1 ball of yarn for ea color section, CO 37 (39, 40, 41, 42, 47) sts in CC, and the same number in MC—74 (78, 80, 82, 84, 94) sts. Retain the color setup throughout.

Work 4 rows of Seed Variation, then change to larger needles and work in St st.
 Next Row (RS): Inc 1 st at ea end of row, then inc 1 st ea end every 6 (6, 6, 6, 6, 4) rows until there are 98 (100, 104, 108, 110, 128) sts.
 Work even until piece meas 14-1/2" from beg.

Sleeve Cap

Shaping for ea size differs; ea size is given separately.

Size 31-1/2: BO at beg of next 2 rows: 5 sts once, then 3 sts 6 times, then 4 sts 3 times, then 9 sts once. BO rem 10 sts.

Size 34: BO at beg of next 2 rows: 6 sts once, then 3 sts 7 times, then 2 sts twice, then 4 sts once, then 9 sts once. BO rem 12 sts.

Size 36: BO at beg of next 2 rows: 6 sts once, then 2 sts 3 times, then 3 sts 8 times, then 5 sts once. BO rem 22 sts.

Size 39: BO at beg of next 2 rows: 5 sts once, then 4 sts 2 times, then 3 sts once, then 2 sts 8 times, then 3 sts once, then 4 sts once. BO rem 18 sts.

Size 42: BO at beg of next 2 rows: 5 sts once, then 3 sts 3 times, then 2 sts 9 times, then 3 sts twice, then 4 sts twice. BO rem 19 sts.

Size 46: BO at beg of next 2 rows: 6 sts once, 4 sts once, 3 sts once, then 2 sts 13 times, then 3 sts twice, then 4 sts once, then 7 sts once. BO rem 16 sts.

FINISHING

Block pieces. Sew Shoulder seams. Set Sleeves into Armholes, sew underarm and side seams. Using crochet hook and MC, sc along the center Right Front edge, fasten off. Sew buttons onto the crocheted edge with top and bottom buttons 1/2" (1cm) from ea end and the rest spaced evenly between. Sc along opposite edge, ch 1, turn, and work a second row of sc, and work (ch 2, skip 1) opposite buttons to form button loops. Check that the button fits through the loop—if not, adjust loop size.

Using crochet hook and MC, sc around the Neck edge, working onto Front edges at ea end. Fasten off.

Pocket

Using larger needles, CO 1 st of CC, then 1 st of MC.

Row 1 (RS): Inc in first stitch, then inc in second stitch. Then inc 1 st at ea end of every row until there are 20 sts. Work even until piece meas 4-1/2" (11cm) from beg. BO. Turn upper 1/2" (1cm) of pocket to inside and sew in place. Work sc along sides and bottom edges of pocket. Sew pocket to Right Front of tee, 7 (7-1/4, 7-3/4, 8, 8-1/4, 8-3/4)" [18 (18, 20, 20, 21, 22]cm) from upper edge, aligning the colors and sewing along the bottom of the sc row so edges rem loose.

Weave in ends.

