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Skill Level:

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Cantata Buttoned Vest Top

Designed by Simona Merchant-Dest

Size:
XS (S, M, L, XL, 2XL, 3XL, 4XL)

Finished Measurements:
Bust/chest: 32 (35¼, 38½, 41½, 46½, 49½, 54½, 57½)"/ 81.5 (89.5, 98, 105.5, 118, 125.5, 138.5, 146) cm

Length: 23¼ (2 3¾, 24¼, 24¾, 25½, 26, 26½, 27)"/ 59 (60.5, 61.5, 63, 65, 66, 67, 68.5) cm

Materials:

- Cascade Yarns® Cantata 70% Cotton / 30% Merino Wool
- 100 g (3.5 oz) / 218 yds (200 m)
- 4 (4, 5, 5, 6, 6, 6, 7) skeins of color #21 (Plum)
- US 9 (5.5 mm) 32" (80cm) circular needles (cir), or size to obtain gauge
- US 9 (5.5 mm) set of 5 dpn, or 16" (40cm) cir, or size to obtain gauge
- Four ¾"/ 19 mm buttons
- Waste yarn or stitch holders
- Yarn needle

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Gauge:
15 sts x 2 rows = 4” (10 cm) in stockinette stitch

Abbreviations:

BO	= Bind off
CO	= Cast on
Dec	= Decrease
Est	= Established
K	= Knit
K2tog	= Knit 2 stitches together
M	= Marker
P	= Purl
PM	= Place marker
Rnd(s)	= Round(s)
RS	= Right side
SSK	= Slip, slip, knit the two together slipped stitches
St(s)	= Stitch(es)
St st	= Stockinette stitch
WS	= Wrong side

Special Stitches:
M1L (left slanted inc): make a stitch by picking up the horizontal strand between the stitch just knit and the next stitch on the left needle. Place on the left needle. Knit into the back of the loop.

M1R (right slanted inc): make a stitch by picking up the horizontal strand between the stitch just knit and the next stitch on the left needle. Place on the left needle with a twist. Knit into the front of the loop.

w&t (wrap and turn): Slip next stitch purlwise with yarn in back, bring yarn to front, slip stitch back to left needle, turn work.

Stitch patterns:
St st (in ROUNDS)
Knit each round.

St st (in ROWS)
Row 1 (RS): Knit.
Row 2: Purl.
Rep Rows 1 - 2 for pattern.

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K2, P1 Rib (in ROUNDS)
(Multiple of 3 sts)
Rnd 1: K1, *p1, k2; rep from * to last 2 sts, p1, k1.
Rep Rnd 1 for pattern.

K2, P1 Rib (in ROWS)
(Multiple of 3 sts + 2)
Row 1 (WS): K2, *p1, k2; rep from * to end.
Row 2: P2, *k1, p2; rep from * to end.
Rep Rows 1-2 for pattern.

Note: Vest is worked in rounds to underarms; work is then divided for the front and back, and sleeve stitches are cast on so that sleeves are worked at the same time as the front and back, and each side is worked separately in rows.

Begin Pattern:
BODY
With longer cir needle, CO 60 (66, 72, 78, 87, 93, 102, 108) sts, PM (color A for right side marker), CO 60 (66, 72, 78, 87, 93, 102, 108) sts, PM (color A for left side marker) for beg of round. Join to work in round taking care not to twist sts– 120 (132, 144, 156, 174, 186, 204, 216) sts.
Work 10 rounds in K2, P1 Rib; piece measures approximately 1¾”/ 4.5cm from beg.
Knit 1 round.

Waist Shaping:
Dec Rnd: *K3, ssk, knit to 5 sts before side M, k2tog, k3; rep from * once more – 4 sts decreased.
Continue in St st and rep Dec Rnd every 8th rnd 3 more times – 104 (116, 128, 140, 158, 170, 188, 200) sts.
Work even until piece measures approx 7¾”/ 19.5cm from beg.
Next Rnd: K21 (24, 27, 30, 34, 37, 42, 45), PM (color B for neck marker), k10 (10, 10, 10, 11, 11, 10, 10), PM (color B for neck marker), knit to end.

Bust and Front Neck Shaping:
Note: Front Neck shaping is introduced while bust shaping is in progress; read through the following section before proceeding.

Bust Shaping:
Inc Rnd: *K4, M1L, knit to 4 sts before side M, M1R, k4; rep from * once – 4 sts inc’d.
Knit 11 rnds even.
Rep Inc Rnd - 112 (124, 136, 148, 166, 178, 196, 208) sts.
Knit 1 rnd even.
Piece measures approx 10½"/ 26.5cm from beg.

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Separate for Front Neck:
Next Rnd: Knit to neck M, remove M, BO center 10 (10, 10, 10, 11, 11, 10, 10) sts, remove neck M, knit to end – 102 (114, 126, 138, 155, 167, 186, 198) sts.
Beg working back and forth in rows.
Work 9 rows even in St st, ending with WS row.
Cont Bust Shaping in rows as follows:
Inc Row (RS): *Knit to 4 sts before side M, M1R, k8, M1L; rep from * once more, knit to end – 4 sts inc'd.
Work 3 rows even.

Front Neck Shaping:
Dec Row (RS): K1, ssk, knit to last 3 sts, k2tog, k1 – 2 sts dec'd.
Work 3 rows even.
Rep last 4 rows once more.
Rep Dec Row.
Work 1 row even.
Rep bust shaping Inc Row – 104 (116, 128, 140, 157, 169, 188, 200) sts.
Piece measures approx 15"/ 38cm from beg.

Separate for Front and Back:
Inc Row (WS): Work to side M, place sts just worked onto waste yarn or stitch holder and set aside for left front, remove M, work to side M for back, work to end for right front, and place right front sts onto waste yarn or stitch holder and set aside.

BACK
Shape Sleeves:
Inc Row (RS): With RS facing and new ball of yarn, CO 8 sts using knitted method, knit to end, CO 8 sts using knitted method – 76 (82, 88, 94, 103, 109, 118, 124) sts.
Work even until piece measures approximately 6 (6½, 7, 7½, 8, 8½, 9, 9½)"/ 15 (16.5, 18, 19, 20.5, 21.5, 23, 24) cm from underarm, ending with WS row.

Shape Neck and Shoulders:
Note: Shoulder shaping is introduced while neck shaping is in progress; read through the following section before proceeding.

Set-up Row (RS): K27 (30, 33, 36, 40, 43, 48, 51), join a new ball of yarn and BO 22 (22, 22, 22, 23, 23, 22, 22) sts for neck, knit to end – 27 (30, 33, 36, 40, 43, 48, 51) sts remain at each side.

LEFT SHOULDER AND NECK
Neck Shaping:
Row 1 (WS): Purl.
Row 2: BO 3 sts, knit to end – 24 (27, 30, 33, 37, 40, 45, 48) sts.
Row 3: Purl.
Row 4: BO 2 sts, knit to end – 22 (25, 28, 31, 35, 38, 43, 46) sts.
Row 5: Purl.
Continue Neck shaping and beg Shoulder shaping as follows:

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Sizes XL (2XL, 3XL, 4XL) only:
Row 1 (RS): K1, ssk, knit to end – 1 st dec'd.
Row 2: Purl.

All sizes:
Short Row (RS): K1, ssk, knit to last 3 (4, 4, 5, 6, 6, 7, 8) sts, w&t.
Next row: Purl.
Next short row: K1, ssk, knit to 3 (4, 4, 5, 6, 6, 7, 8) sts before where row was turned before, w&t.
Rep last 2 rows twice more, then rep WS row once more – 18 (21, 24, 27, 30, 33, 38, 41) sts.
Next Row (RS): K1, ssk, knit and AT THE SAME TIME pick up each wrap and knit together with corresponding wrapped st across row - 17 (20, 23, 26, 29, 32, 37, 40) sts rem. Place sts onto waste yarn or stitch holder. Set aside.

RIGHT SHOULDER AND NECK
Neck Shaping:
Row 1 (WS): BO 3 sts, purl to end – 24 (27, 30, 33, 37, 40, 45, 48) sts.
Row 2: Knit.
Row 3: BO 2 sts, purl to end– 22 (25, 28, 31, 35, 38, 43, 46) sts.
Row 4: Knit.
Continue Neck shaping and beg Shoulder shaping as follows:

Sizes XL (2XL, 3XL, 4XL) only:
Row 1 (WS): Purl.
Row 1 (RS): Knit to last 3 sts, k2tog, k1.

All sizes:
Short row (WS): Purl to last 3 (4, 4, 5, 6, 6, 7, 8) sts, w&t.
Next row: Knit to last 3 sts, k2tog, k1.
Next short row: Purl to 3 (4, 4, 5, 6, 6, 7, 8) sts before where row was turned before, w&t.
Rep last 2 rows twice more, then rep RS row once more – 18 (21, 24, 27, 30, 33, 38, 41) sts.
Next Row (WS): P1, p2tog, purl to end and AT THE SAME TIME pick up each wrap and purl together with corresponding wrapped st along the shoulder - 17 (20, 23, 26, 29, 32, 37, 40) sts rem. Place sts onto waste yarn or stitch holder. Set aside.

RIGHT FRONT
Shape Sleeves:
Row 1 (RS): Knit to end, CO 8 sts using knitted method – 28 (31, 34, 37, 41, 44, 49, 52) sts.
Row 2: Purl.

Shape Neck and Shoulders:
Note: Shoulder shaping starts while neck shaping is in progress; read through the following section before proceeding.

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Shape Neck:
*Dec Row (RS): K1, ssk, knit to end – 1 st dec'd.
Work 1 (1, 1, 1, 1, 3, 3, 3) row(s) even.
Rep Dec Row.*
Work 1 (1, 1, 3, 3, 1, 1, 3) row(s) even.
Rep last 4 (4, 4, 6, 6, 6, 8, 8) rows 3 more times, then rep from * to * once more.
Work 1 row even.
Rep Dec Row.
Rep last 2 rows 0 (0, 0, 0, 1, 1, 1, 1) more time – 17 (20, 23, 26, 29, 32, 37, 40) sts.
Continue even until sleeve measures approx. 6¾ (7¼, 7¾, 8¼, 8¾, 9¼, 9¾, 10¼)"/ 17 (18.5, 19.5, 21, 22, 23.5, 25, 26)cm from underarm, shape shoulder as follows:

Shape Shoulder:
Short row (RS): Working neck shaping as est, work to last 3 (4, 4, 5, 6, 6, 7, 8) sts, w&t.
Next row: Purl to end.
Next short row: Working neck shaping as est, work to 3 (4, 4, 5, 6, 6, 7, 8) sts before where row was turned before, w&t.
Next Row: Purl to end.
Rep last 2 rows twice more.
Next Row (RS): Knit and AT THE SAME TIME pick up each wrap and knit together with corresponding wrapped st along the shoulder - 17 (20, 23, 26, 29, 32, 37, 40) sts.
Place sts onto waste yarn or stitch holder. Set aside.

LEFT FRONT
With RS facing, join new ball of yarn.
Shape Sleeves:
Row 1 (RS): CO 8 sts using knitted method, knit to end - 28 (31, 34, 37, 41, 44, 49, 52) sts.
Row 2: Purl.

Shape Neck and Shoulders:
Note: Shoulder shaping starts while neck shaping is in progress; read through the following section before proceeding.
Shape Neck:
*Dec Row (RS): Knit to last 3 sts, k2tog, k1 – 1 st dec'd.

Work 1 (1, 1, 1, 1, 3, 3, 3) row(s) even.
Rep Dec Row.
Work 1 (1, 1, 3, 3, 1, 1, 3) row(s) even.*
Rep last 4 (4, 4, 6, 6, 6, 8, 8) rows 3 more times, then rep from * to * once more.
Work 1 row even.
Rep Dec Row.
Rep last 2 rows 0 (0, 0, 0, 1, 1, 1, 1) more time – 17 (20, 23, 26, 29, 32, 37, 40) sts.
Continue even until sleeve measures approximately 6¾ (7¼, 7¾, 8¼, 8¾, 9¼, 9¾, 10¼)"/ 17 (18.5, 19.5, 21, 22, 23.5, 25, 26)cm from underarm, shape shoulder as follows:

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Shape Shoulder:
Short row (WS): Work to last 3 (4, 4, 5, 6, 6, 7, 8) sts, w&t.
Next row: Working neck shaping as est, work to end.
Next short row: Work to 3 (4, 4, 5, 6, 6, 7, 8) sts before where row was turned before, w&t.
Rep last 2 rows twice more.
Next Row (RS): Working neck shaping as est, work to end.
Next Row (WS): Purl and AT THE SAME TIME pick up each wrap and purl together with corresponding wrapped st along the shoulder - 17 (20, 23, 26, 29, 32, 37, 40) sts. Place sts onto waste yarn or stitch holder. Set aside.

FINISHING
Shoulder seams:
With front and back WS held tog, use 3-needle bind-off method to join shoulder sts. Weave in ends.

SLEEVE EDGE
With RS and dpns or short cir needle, beg at underarm, and pick up and k54 (57, 60, 63, 66, 72, 75, 78) sts evenly spaced along armhole edge, join to work in rnd, PM for beg of rnd.
Work 10 rnds in K2, P1 Rib. BO in pattern.
Rep on rem sleeve edge.

NECK EDGE
With RS facing and longer cir needle, beg at right front neck corner, and pick up and k49 (51, 53, 55, 57, 59, 62, 62) sts evenly spaced along right front neck edge, 12 (12, 12, 12, 14, 14, 13, 13) sts along right back neck edge, k22 (22, 22, 22, 23, 23, 23, 23) center back sts, 12 (12, 12, 12, 14, 14, 13, 13) sts along left back neck edge, 48 (52, 53, 54, 56, 60, 62, 62) sts evenly spaced along left front neck edge, leaving center front neck unworked – 143 (149, 152, 155, 164, 170, 173, 173) sts.
Work back and forth for approx 2 ½"/ 6.5cm K2, P1 Rib.
BO in pattern.

Sew front edges to body along center and front neck edges as indicated by orange lines on schematic.
Sew 4 buttons to front neck rib as shown in photo.

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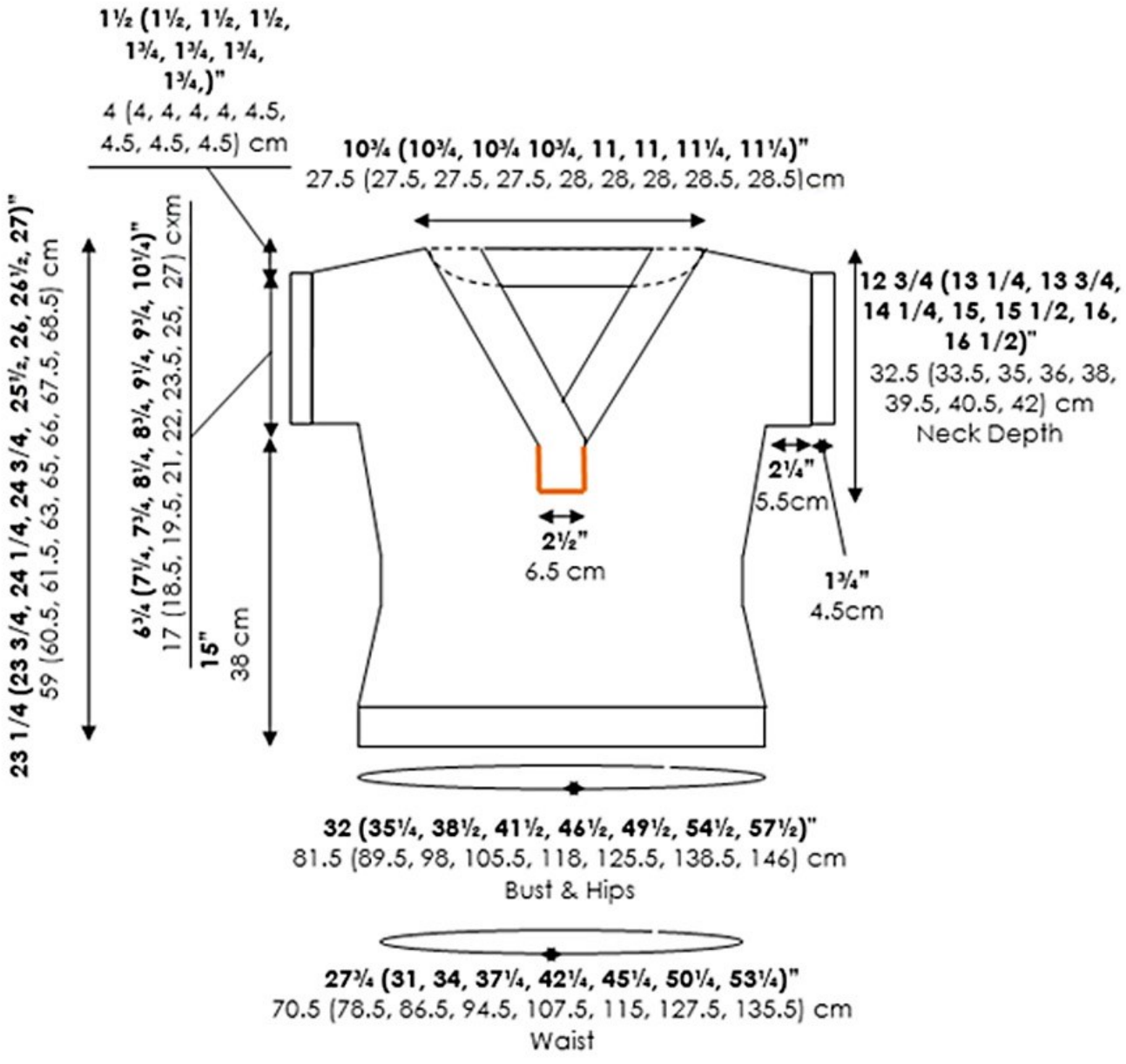

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