Classic Elite Yarns

Allegoro
70% organic cotton, 30% linen

A blend of 70% organically grown cotton and 30% linen: Allegoro has enough linen to give a summery linen crispness and cotton to add softness and keep the yarn from getting too wiry (as pure linen is prone to do). Allegoro is great for summery projects, like the Chatham Tank featured in this week's Web-Letter, because it will keep you cool and comfortable—in the knitting and wearing.

In keeping with its mostly earth-friendly fiber content, Allegoro is dyed using GOTS certified non-toxic dyes. (You can find out more about GOTS standards here: www.global-standard.org.) These dyes yield beautiful soft colors, the kind of colors that are easy to wear and you'll never tire of.

SIZES: Extra Small (Small, Medium, Large, Extra Large)
Finished Measurements: 30½ (34¼, 38½, 42, 46¼)"

MATERIALS:
Allegoro by **Classic Elite Verde Collection**
(70% organic cotton, 30% linen; 50 gram ball = approx 152 yards)
• 4 (5, 5, 6, 7) balls 5656 Larkspur
Needles:
• One 40" circular size US 6 (4 mm)
Or size to obtain gauge.
• Smooth waste yarn for provisional cast-on and holding sts.
• Ond crochet hook, size US H/8 (5 mm)
• Tapestry needle

GAUGE: 20 sts and 28 rows = 4" in Stockinette Stitch. **Take time to save time, check your gauge. Row gauge is important for the proper fit of this garment.**

SPECIAL TERMS:
k2tog: Knit 2 sts together (1 st decreased).
ssk: (slip, slip, knit) Slip 2 sts, 1 at a time, knitwise to the RH needle; return sts to LH needle in turned position and knit them together through the back loops (1 st decreased).
m1: (make 1) Insert LH needle under horizontal strand between st just worked and next st, from the front to the back, knit through the back loop (1 st increased).
m1p: (make 1 purlwise) Insert LH needle under horizontal strand between st just worked and next st, from the front to the back, purl through the back loop (1 st increased).
p2tog: Purl 2 sts together (1 st decreased).

ABBREVIATIONS

approx: approximately	**LH:** left hand	**RH:** right hand
BO: bind off	**meas:** measures	**RS:** right side
beg: begin(ning)	**p:** purl	**st(s):** stitch(es)
CO: cast on	**pc:** piece	**St st:** Stockinette Stitch
dec'd: decrease(d)	**pc:** piece	**WS:** wrong side
EOR: every other row	**rem:** remain(ning)	**wyib:** with yarn in back
inc'd: increase(d)	**rep:** repeat	**wyif:** with yarn in front
k: knit		

PATTERN STITCHES:

Provisional Cast-on Method: See tutorial on the Classic Elite website: http://www.classic-eliteyarns.com/WebLetter/Stitches/ProvCO/ProvCO.php

Stockinette Stitch (St st): Knit on RS, purl on WS.

Wrap and turn: Knit row—Wyib, slip next st purlwise onto RH needle, bring yarn to front of work, return slipped st to LH needle, bring yarn to back of work, then turn work.
Purl row—Wyif slip next st purlwise onto RH needle, bring yarn to back of work, return slipped st to LH needle, bring yarn to front of work, then turn work.

Hide Wraps: Knit row—Pick up the wrap from the front with the RH needle and knit together with the st it wraps. **Purl row**—pick up the wrap through back of loop with RH needle and purl together with the st it wraps.

Cable Cast-on Method: *Insert RH needle between first 2 sts on LH needle, k1 from this position, leave the first st on LH needle and slip new st onto LH needle. Rep from * for desired number of sts.

Kitchener Stitch:
Step 1: Bring threaded tapestry needle through first st on front needle as if to knit and slip this st off needle.
Step 2: Bring threaded tapestry needle through next st on front needle as if to purl and leave st on needle.
Step 3: Bring threaded tapestry needle through first st on back needle as if to purl and slip this st off needle.
Step 4: Bring threaded tapestry needle through next st on back needle as if to knit and leave st on needle.
Rep Steps 1–4 until no sts rem on needles.
For more information, visit our website :http://www.classiceliteyarns.com/WebLetter/Stitches/Grafting/Grafting.php

CROCHET STITCHES:

Single crochet: Insert crochet hook in indicated stitch, yarn over and pull up a loop; yarn over and draw through both loops on hook.
Crab Stitch: *Insert hook in next st to the right, yarn over and pull up a loop; yarn over and draw through both loops on hook; rep from * in each sc around. Slip st into first st to join.

NOTES:

1. Circular needle is used to accommodate large number of sts; work back and forth in rows.
2. Pc is provisionally cast-on slightly offset to the left from the center back, and knit, with a little short row shaping, to the front location of the left strap. The strap length is cast on, then the live stitches are picked up from the provisional cast-on. The strap is knit to the width needed, and then bound off. The back sts are put onto a holder and the front neck shaping is worked. The right strap is cast on and bound off as for the left. The right side is worked, with a little short row shaping, then the garment ends with a graft slightly to the right of the center back.

LEFT BACK and SIDE

Use the Provisional Method to CO 90 (93, 95, 98, 100) sts. **(RS) Begin St st;** work even until pc meas 8 (9, 9½, 10½, 11)" from beg, ending after a RS row. **Shape left side with short rows as follows:**
Short Row 1: (WS) Purl to last 16 sts, wrap and turn; (RS) knit to end.
Short Row 2: Purl to 16 sts before last wrapped st, wrap and turn; (RS) knit to end.
Rep short row 2—3 (3, 3, 4, 4) more times.
Work even for another 1½ (1½, 2, 2, 2½)", hiding wraps as they appear, ending after a WS row.

LEFT STRAP

Shape Shoulder Straps, Inc Rows: (RS) K1, m1, work to end—1 st inc'd. (WS) Work to last st, m1p, p1—1 st inc'd. Rep the previous 2 rows 2 more times—96 (99, 101, 104, 106) sts. **CO strap as follows:** With RS facing, use cable method to CO 80 (85, 90, 95, 100) sts, then, with RS still facing, beg at the upper edge, remove the provisional cast-on and knit across the 90 (93, 95, 98, 100) live sts—266 (277, 286, 297, 306) sts. Work even for 1 (1, 1½, 2, 2½)", ending after a WS row. **BO strap as follows:** (RS) Work 130 (136, 140, 145, 150) back sts, slip the previously worked sts onto st holder or waste yarn; BO 30 (32, 35, 38, 40) sts then work to end—106 (109, 111, 114, 116) sts rem.

FRONT

(WS) Work 1 row. **Shape Neck, Dec Row:** (RS) Ssk, work to end—1 st dec'd. Rep neck dec row EOR 6 (7, 7, 8, 8) more times, then every 4th row 3 (4, 5, 5, 6) times—96 (97, 98, 100, 101) sts rem. (WS) Work 1 row. **Shape Neck, Inc Row:** (RS) K1, m1, work to end—1 st inc'd. Rep neck inc row every 4th row 3 (4, 5, 5, 6) times, then EOR 6 (7, 7, 8, 8) times—106 (109, 111, 114, 116) sts.

RIGHT STRAP

CO strap as follows: With RS facing, CO 30 (32, 35, 38, 40) sts, then work across 130 (136, 140, 145, 150) sts from back holder—266 (277, 286, 297, 306) sts. Work even for 1 (1, 1½, 2, 2½)", ending after a RS row. **BO strap as follows:** (RS) Work 90 (93, 95, 98, 100) back sts, slip the previously worked sts onto st holder or waste yarn; BO 80 (85, 90, 95, 100) sts, then work to end—96 (99, 101, 104, 106) sts rem. (WS) Work 1 r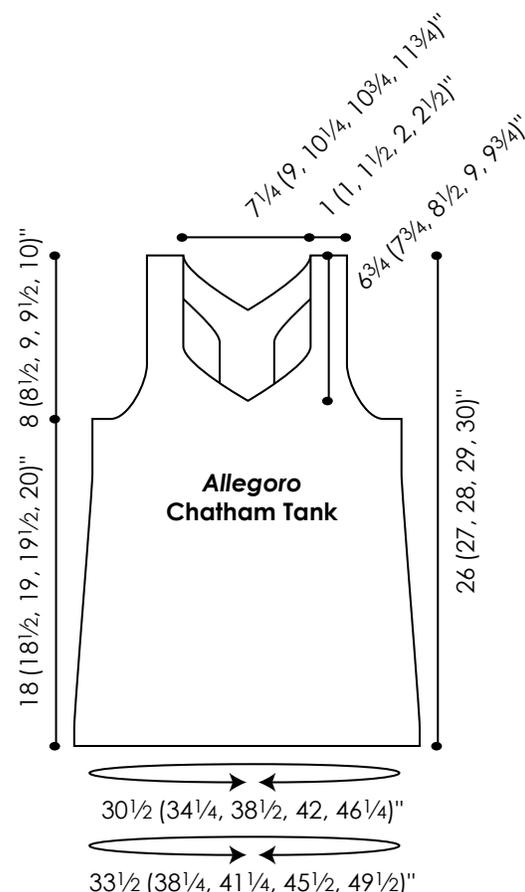ow. **Shape Shoulder Straps, Dec Rows:** (RS) K1, k2tog, work to end—1 st dec'd. (WS) Work to last 3 sts, p2tog, p1—1 st dec'd. Rep the previous 2 rows 2 more times—90 (93, 95, 98, 100) sts rem.

RIGHT SIDE and BACK

Work even for 1½ (1½, 2, 2, 2½)", ending after a RS row. **Shape right side with short rows as for left side.** Work even for 8 (9, 9½, 10½, 11)", hiding wraps as they appear, ending after a RS row.

FINISHING

Use the Kitchener Stitch to graft live sts to held back sts. **Crochet Edging**: Work 1 row single crochet and then one row crab stitch (reverse single crochet) around neckline. Rep edging for both armholes and bottom selvedge. Block pc to measurements.

Schematic measurements:
7¼ (9, 10¼, 10¾, 11¾)"
1 (1, 1½, 2, 2½)"
6¾ (7¾, 8½, 9, 9¾)"
8 (8½, 9, 9½, 10)"
18 (18½, 19, 19½, 20)"
26 (27, 28, 29, 30)"
30½ (34¼, 38½, 42, 46¼)"
33½ (38¼, 41¼, 45½, 49½)"

Allegoro **Chatham Tank**

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