

# Classic Elite Yarns

## Cotton Bam Boo Little Shell Top

Knit from the bottom up, the back is knit in one piece. The front however, is knit as one piece to the neck divide. The neck is divided by working across part of the row, then placing those stitches onto a holder for the left front—they will be worked later. The right front is continued using the remaining stitches on the needle.

When the right front is finished, the left front stitches are slipped back onto the needle. Stitches are picked up from behind the right front stitches, then worked to the shoulder.

Be aware that when the front neck shaping begins, the waist increase stitches begin at the same time. When the waist shaping is finished, work that edge even to the specified measurement, while continuing the neck shaping on the other edge. Then begin the armhole shaping when instructed—the neck shaping continues.



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**Sizes:** Small (Medium, Large, Extra Large, 2X Large, 3X Large)

**Finished Measurements:** 33 (36, 39, 42, 45, 48)"

### MATERIALS:

**Cotton Bam Boo** by **Classic Elite** (52% cotton, 48% bamboo; 50 gram ball = approx 130 yards)

- 6 (7, 7, 8, 8, 9) balls 3695 Purple Heather

### Needles

- One pair size US 4 (3.5 mm)

### Or size to obtain gauge

- Stitch markers
- Stitch holders

**GAUGE:** 24 sts and 33 rows = 4" in Stockinette Stitch and Little Shell Pattern. **Take time to save time, check your gauge.**

### SPECIAL TERMS:

**k1-b:** Knit 1 st into the row below.

**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).

**k2tog:** Knit 2 sts together (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).

**yo:** Yarn over (1 st increased).

**p3tog:** Purl 3 sts together (2 sts decreased).

**p2tog:** Purl 2 sts together (1 st decreased).

### PATTERN STITCHES:

**Garter Stitch (Gtr St):** Knit every row.

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

### Row Below Rib Panel: (panel of 5 sts)

(also, see chart on page 2)

Row 1: (RS) P2, k1-b, p2.

Row 2: K2, p1, k2.

Rep Rows 1 and 2 for Row Below Rib Panel.

**Reverse Stockinette Stitch (Rev St st):** Purl on RS, knit on WS.

### Little Shell Pattern: (multiple of 6 sts + 1)

(also, see chart on page 2)

Row 1: (RS) Knit.

Row 2: Purl.

Row 3: K1, \*yo, p1, p3tog, p1, yo, k1; rep from \* across.

Row 4: Purl.

Rep Rows 1–4 for Little Shell Patt.

### Right Little Shell Panel: (panel of 5 sts)

(also, see chart on page 2)

Row 1: (RS) Slip 1 st purlwise wyib, k1, p1, k5.

Row 2: P5, k1, p2.

Row 3: Slip 1 st purlwise wyib, k1, p1, yo, p1, p3tog, p1, yo.

Row 4: Rep Row 2.

Rep Rows 1–4 for Right Little Shell Panel.

### Left Little Shell Panel: (panel of 5 sts)

(also, see chart on page 2)

Row 1: (WS) Slip 1 st purlwise wyif, p1, k1, p5.

Row 2: Yo, p1, p3tog, p1, yo, p1, k2.

Row 3: Rep Row 1.

Row 4: K5, p1, k2.

Rep Rows 1–4 for Left Little Shell Panel.

### NOTES:

1. Work waist dec sts as follows: (RS) K1, ssk, work to last 3 sts, k2tog, k1.

2. Work waist inc sts as follows: **Back:** (RS) K1, m1, work to last st, m1, k1. **Right Front:** (RS) Work as est to last st, m1, k1. **Left Front:** (RS) K1, m1, work to end as est.

3. Work armhole dec sts as follows: **Back:** (RS) Slip 1 st purlwise wyib (edge st, slip on RS, purl on WS), ssk, work to last 3 sts, k2tog, k1 (edge st, knit on RS, slip purlwise wyif on WS). **Right Front:** (RS) Work to last 3 sts as est, k2tog, k1 (edge st, knit on RS, slip purlwise wyif on WS). **Left Front:** (RS) Slip 1 st purlwise wyib (edge st, slip on RS, purl on WS), ssk, work to end as est.

4. Work Front neck dec sts as follows: **Right Front:** (RS) Work as est to marker, slip marker, p2tog, work to end as est.



## ABBREVIATIONS

**approx**—approximately

**beg**—begin(ning)

**BO**—Bind Off

**CO**—Cast On

**cont**—continue

**dec**—decrease

**est**—establish(ed)

**Gtr st**—Garter Stitch

**inc**—increase

**k**—knit

**k1-b**—see Special Terms

**k2tog**—see Special Terms

**LH**—Left Hand

**m1**—see Special Terms

**meas**—measures

**p**—purl

**p2tog**—see Special Terms

**p3tog**—see Special Terms

**pat**—pattern

**pc**—piece

**pm**—place marker

**rem**—remain(ning)

**rep**—repeat

**Rev St st**—Reverse Stockinette Stitch

**RH**—Right Hand

**RS**—Right Side

**ssk**—see Special Terms

**st(s)**—stitch(es)

**St st**—Stockinette Stitch

**WS**—Wrong Side

**wyib**—with yarn in back

**wyif**—with yarn in front

**BACK**

CO 99 (109, 117, 127, 135, 145) sts. **(RS) Begin Gtr St;** work 4 rows, end WS row. **Est Patt:** (RS) Work 26 (31, 32, 34, 38, 40) sts in St st, place marker (pm), work 5 sts in Row Below Rib Panel, work 37 (37, 43, 49, 49, 55) sts in St st, work 5 sts in Row Below Rib Panel, pm, work to end in St st. Work as est until pc meas 4" from beg, end WS row. **Shape Waist, dec:** (RS) Dec 1 st each side this row (see Note 1), then every 28<sup>th</sup> (28<sup>th</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup>, 32<sup>nd</sup>, 34<sup>th</sup>, 34<sup>th</sup>) row 2 times—93 (103, 111, 121, 129, 139) sts rem. Work even until pc meas 12¼ (12¼, 12¾, 13¼, 13¾, 13¾)" from beg, end WS row. **Change to Rev St st;** (RS) work 4 rows, end WS row. **Est Patt:** (RS) Work to marker in St st, slip marker, work 5 sts in Row Below Rib Panel, work to 5 sts before marker in St st, work 5 sts in Row Below Rib Panel, slip marker, work to end in St st. (WS) Work 1 row even as est. **Shape Waist, inc:** (RS) Inc 1 st each side this row (see Note 2), then every 8<sup>th</sup> row 2 times—99 (109, 117, 127, 135, 145) sts. Work even until pc meas 15½ (15½, 16, 16½, 17, 17)" from beg, end WS row. **Shape Armhole:** (RS) BO 6 (8, 8, 8, 10, 11) sts at beg of the next 2 rows—87 (93, 101, 111, 115, 123) sts rem. (RS) Dec 1 st each side this row (see Note 3), then EOR 5 (6, 6, 7, 8, 9) times—75 (79, 87, 95, 97, 103) sts rem. Work even maintaining edge sts until armhole measures 7½ (7½, 8, 8½, 9, 9½)" from beg of armhole shaping, end WS row. **Shape Shoulders:** (RS) At each armhole edge, BO 7 sts 1 (0, 0, 0, 0, 0) time, 8 sts 2 (2, 1, 0, 0, 0) times, 9 sts 0 (1, 2, 3, 2, 2) times, then 10 sts 0 (0, 0, 0, 1, 1) time—29 (29, 35, 41, 41, 47) sts rem. (RS) BO rem sts for Back neck.

**FRONT**

CO 99 (109, 117, 127, 135, 145) sts. **(RS) Begin Gtr St;** work 4 rows, end WS row. **Est Patt:** (RS) Work 26 (31, 32, 34, 38, 40) sts in St st, pm, work 5 sts in Row Below Rib Panel, work 37 (37, 43, 49, 49, 55) sts in Little Shell Patt, work 5 sts in Row Below Rib Panel, pm, work to end in St st. Work as est until pc meas 4" from beg, end WS row. **Shape Waist, dec:** (RS) As for Back—93 (103, 111, 121, 129, 139) sts. Work even until pc meas approx 12¼ (12¼, 12¾, 13¼, 13¾, 13¾)" from beg, end WS Row 4 of Little Shell Patt. **Change to Rev St st;** (RS) work 4 rows, end WS row. **Est Patt and Divide Fronts:** (RS) Work 23 (28, 29, 31, 35, 37) sts in St st, work 5 sts in Row Below Rib Panel, work 12 (12, 15, 18, 18, 21) sts in St st. Place 40 (45, 49, 54, 58, 63) just worked on st holder to be worked for Left Front—53 (58, 62, 67, 71, 76) sts rem for Right Front.

**RIGHT FRONT**

**Est Patt:** (RS) Work 8 sts in Right Little Shell panel, pm, work 1 st in Rev St st, work 16 (16, 19, 22, 22, 25) sts in St st, work 5 sts in Row Below Rib Panel, work to end in St st. (WS) Work 1 row as est. **Shape Neck:** (RS) Dec 1 st this row (see Note 4), EOR 0 (0, 3, 6, 4, 8) times, then every 4<sup>th</sup> row 20 (20, 20, 20, 22,

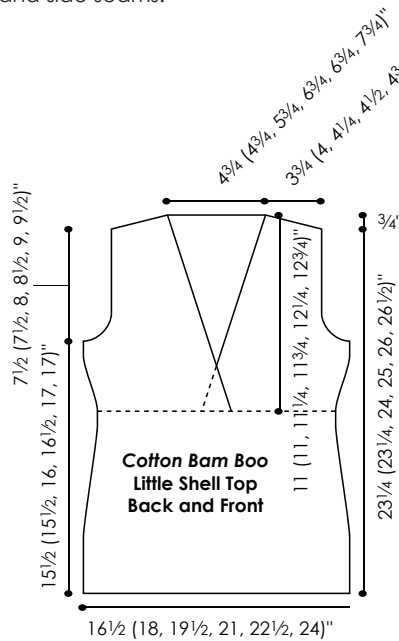
21) times; **and at the same time**, on first row of neck shaping, **Shape Waist, inc:** (RS) As for Back at end of row only (see Note 2); **and at the same time**, when pc meas 15 (15½, 16, 16½, 17, 17)" from beg, end RS row. **Shape Armhole:** (WS) BO 6 (8, 8, 8, 10, 11) sts, work to end. (RS) Dec 1 st at end of this row (see Note 3), then EOR 5 (6, 6, 7, 8, 9) times. Work as est maintaining edge sts until armhole meas 7½ (7½, 8, 8½, 9, 9½)" from beg of armhole shaping, end RS row—23 (25, 26, 27, 28, 28) sts rem after all shaping. **Shape Shoulder:** (RS) As for Back.

**LEFT FRONT**

With RS facing slip 40 (45, 49, 54, 58, 63) sts from stitch holder onto working needle. Join yarn at end of RS row and pick up 13 sts behind Right Front sts—53 (58, 62, 67, 71, 76) sts. **Est Patt:** (WS) Work 8 sts in Left Little Shell Panel, pm, work 1 st in Rev St st, work 16 (16, 19, 22, 22, 25) sts in St st, work 5 sts in Row Below Rib Panel, work to end in St st. **Shape Neck:** (RS) Dec 1 st this row (see Note 4), EOR 0 (0, 3, 6, 4, 8) times, then every 4<sup>th</sup> row 20 (20, 20, 20, 21) times; **and at the same time**, on first row of neck shaping, **Shape Waist, inc:** (RS) As for Back at beg of row only (see Note 2); **and at the same time**, when pc meas 15 (15½, 16, 16½, 17, 17)" from beg, end WS row. **Shape Armhole:** (RS) BO 6 (8, 8, 8, 10, 11) sts, work to end. (WS) Work 1 row. (RS) Dec 1 st at end of this row (see Note 3), then EOR 5 (6, 6, 7, 8, 9) times. Work as est maintaining edge sts until armhole meas 7 (7½, 8, 8½, 9, 9½)" from beg of armhole shaping, end WS row—23 (25, 26, 27, 28, 28) sts rem after all shaping. **Shape Shoulders:** (RS) As for Back.

**FINISHING:**

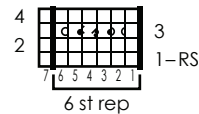
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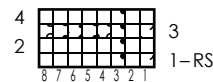
**Row Below Rib Chart**  
(panel of 5 sts; 2 row rep)



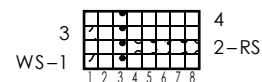
**Little Shell Pattern Chart**  
(multiple of 6 sts + 1; 4 row rep)



**Right Little Shell Panel Chart**  
(panel of 8 sts; 4 row rep)



**Left Little Shell Panel Chart**  
(panel of 8 sts; 4 row rep)



- Knit on RS, purl on WS
- Purl on RS, knit on WS
- k1-b (see Special Terms)
- yo (see Special Terms)
- p3tog (see Special Terms)
- Slip 1 st purlwise wyib on RS, wyif on WS