

Classic Elite Yarns

"POSH" SIMPLE SHELL



SIZES: Small (Medium, Large, Extra Large)
Finished Measurements: 33½ (38, 41½, 46)"

MATERIALS:

Posh or **Posh Print** by **Classic Elite** (30% cashmere, 70% silk; 50 gram hank = approx 125 yards)

- 5 (6, 6, 7) hanks

Needles

- One pair each size US 7 (4.5 mm) and US 8 (5 mm)

Or size to obtain gauge

- One 16" circular needle size US 7 (4.5 mm)
- Stitch marker

GAUGE: 18 stitches and 24 rows = 4" in Stockinette stitch (St st), using larger needles. **Take time to save time, check your gauge.**

PATTERN STITCH:

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

BACK

Using smaller needles, cast on 76 (86, 94, 104) stitches. Knit 1 row on WS. **Change to larger needles and St st; and at the same time, Shape Sides:** (RS) Decrease 1 stitch at each side on this row, then every 6 rows 4 times – 66 (76, 84, 94) stitches remaining. Work 6 (6, 6, 6, 8) rows even, end WS row. **Shape Sides:** (RS) Increase 1 stitch at each side on this row, then every 6 rows 4 times – 76 (86, 94, 104) stitches. Work even until piece measures 12½ (12½, 12½, 13)" from beginning, end

WS row. **Shape Armholes:** (RS) Bind off 3 (4, 4, 5) stitches at beginning of next 2 rows, 0 (0, 2, 3) stitches at beginning of next 2 rows, then at each side decrease 1 stitch every other row 3 (5, 5, 6) times – 64 (68, 72, 76) stitches remaining. Work even until Armhole measures 6½ (7, 7½, 8)" from beginning of shaping, end WS row. **Shape Shoulders and Neck:** (RS) Bind off 5 (5, 6, 5) stitches at beginning of next 2 rows, 4 (5, 5, 6) stitches at beginning of next 4 rows; **and at the same time,** on first row of shoulder shaping, work across to center 30 (30, 32, 34) stitches, join second ball of yarn and bind off center stitches, work to end. Working both sides at the same time, at each neck edge, bind off 2 stitches twice.

FRONT

Work as for Back until Armhole measures 5½ (6, 6½, 7)" from beginning of shaping, end WS row – 64 (68, 72, 76) stitches remaining. **Shape Neck:** (RS) Work 17 (19, 20, 21) stitches, join second ball of yarn and bind off center 30 (30, 32, 34) stitches, work to end. Working both sides at the same time, at each neck edge, bind off 2 stitches twice – 13 (15, 16, 17) stitches remaining at each shoulder. Work even until Armhole measures same as Back to shoulders, **Shape Shoulders** as for Back.

FINISHING

Block pieces to measurements. Sew shoulder seams. Sew side seams. **Neck Edging:** With RS facing, using circular needle and beg at right shoulder pick up and knit 88 (88, 92, 96) stitches evenly around neck edge, place marker for beginning of round. Purl 1 round. Bind off all stitches purlwise. **Armhole Edging:** With RS facing, using circular needle, pick up and knit 58 (60, 62, 64) stitches evenly around armhole edge, place marker for beginning of round. Purl 1 round. Bind off all stitches purlwise.

