



SIAM KNIT MISTLETOE TOP WITH CROCHET FLORAL VINE

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SIZES Small (**Medium**, Large, **X-Large**)

KNITTED MEASUREMENTS

Bust 33 (37½, 41, 45½)"/84 (95.5, 104, 115.5)cm

Length 21¼ (22¼, 23¼, 24¼)"/54 (56.5, 59, 61.5) cm

MATERIALS

• 6 (7, 8, 9) balls S. Charles Collezione **SIAM** 52% viscose, 24% silk, 24% virgin wool (1.75oz/50g; 108yds/98m) in **color #3 ruby**

MATERIALS (continued)

- One pair size 6 (4mm) needles
- OR SIZE TO OBTAIN GAUGE**
- One size 6 (4mm) circular needle, 16"/40cm long, for Neck
- Two size 6 (4mm) double-pointed needles (dpn), for LEAVES
- Crochet hook size F-5 (3.75mm) for FLOWERS
- Stitch holders

GAUGE

20 sts and 24 rows = 4"/10 cm in k2, p2 rib, slightly stretched

TAKE TIME TO CHECK GAUGE

SPECIAL TERM

K1-f/b/f Knit next st into front, then back, then front to inc to 3 sts.

PATTERN STITCHES

Stockinette stitch (St st)

K2, p2 rib (multiple of 4 sts + 2)

Crochet – single, double, treble

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BACK

Cast on 82 (94, 102, 114) sts; begin k2, p2 rib.

Work even until piece measures 13 (13½, 14, 14½)" from the beginning, end with a WS row.

Shape Armholes

(RS) Bind off 4 (6, 8, 10) sts at beginning of next 2 rows, then dec 1 st each side every other row 7 times – 60 (68, 72, 80) sts.

Work even until Armhole measures 7½ (8, 8½, 9)" from the beginning, end with a WS row.

Shape Shoulders and Neck

(RS) Bind off 6 (7, 8, 9) sts at beginning of next 2 rows, then 6 (8, 8, 10) sts at beginning of next 2 rows. Place remaining 36 (38, 40, 42) sts on holder for BACK neck.

FRONT

Work as for BACK until piece measures 9" from the beginning, end with a WS row.

Shape Front Panel

Note: FRONT panel and Armhole shaping are worked simultaneously. Please read entire section through before beginning.

Dec Row 1 (RS) Work 56 (**64**, 68, **76**) sts, p2tog, place marker, work in rib to end – 81 (**93**, 101, **113**) sts rem. Work even for 5 rows, working dec st in Rev St st.

Dec Row 2 (RS) Dec 1 st this row, then every 6 rows 5 times, as follows: Work to 4 sts before p2tog of last Dec Row, p2tog, work in Rev St st to marker, work in rib to end.

Shape Armhole

(RS) Continue FRONT panel shaping and **AT THE SAME TIME**, when piece measures same as for BACK to beginning of Armhole, shaping Armhole as for BACK – 53 (**61**, 65, **73**) sts rem when all shaping is complete. Work even until Armhole measures 5¼ (**5¾**, 6¼, **6¾**)" from beginning, end with a RS row. Place markers either side of center 17 (**19**, 21, **23**) sts.

Shape Neck

(RS) Work across to marker, join a second ball of yarn, work across center 17 (**19**, 21, **23**) sts and place on holder for FRONT neck, work to end.

Working both sides at same time, bind off 2 sts at each neck edge twice, then dec 1 st edge every other row twice – 12 (**15**, 16, **19**) sts rem each side for Shoulders. Work even until Armhole measures same as for BACK to Shoulder shaping, shape Shoulders as for BACK.

LEAVES (make 7)

With dpn, cast on 3 sts. Work I-Cord 1" long.

Change to working back and forth.

Row 1 (RS) K1, k1-f/b/f, k1 – 5 sts.

Row 2 and all WS Rows Purl.

Row 3 K2, k1-f/b/f, k2 – 7 sts.

Row 5 K3, k1-f/b/f, k3 – 9 sts.

Row 7 Knit.

Row 9 K1, SSK, k3, k2tog, k1 – 7 sts.

Row 11 K1, SSK, k1, k2tog, k1 – 5 sts.

Row 13 K1, k3tog, k1 – 3 sts.

Row 15 K3tog – 1 st rem. Fasten off.

FLOWERS (make 5)

With Crochet hook, chain 5 and join with slip st to form ring.

Rnd 1 Ch 1, 15 sc in ring, slip st in first ch to join – 15 sc.

Rnd 2 *Ch 4, sk next 2 sc, slip st in next sc; rep from * around, sl st in base of first ch-4 to join – 5 ch-4 loops.

Rnd 3 Ch 1, (sc, 3 dc, tr, 3 dc, sc) in each ch-4 loop around, sl st in first sc to join – 5 petals.

Rnd 4 *Ch 5, slip st between next 2 petals; rep from * around, slip st in base of first ch-5 – 5 ch-5 loops.

Rnd 5 Ch 1, (sc, 4 dc, 2 tr, 4 dc, sc) in each ch-5 loop around, sl st in first sc to join – 5 petals. Fasten off.

FINISHING

Block pieces to measurements. Sew shoulder seams.

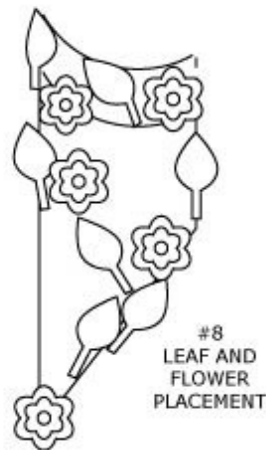
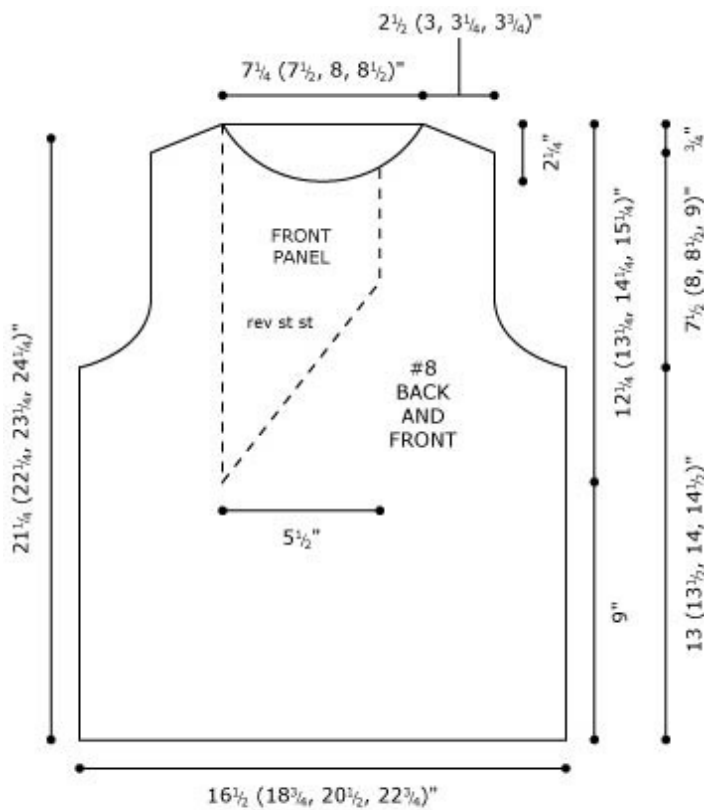
Neckband

Note: Adjust the number of sts picked up if necessary to match the established rib pattern.

With RS facing, using circular needle, beginning at right shoulder seam, pick up and knit 73 (**77**, 81, **85**) sts around neck shaping, including sts on holders. Place marker for beginning of rnd. Work in k2, p2 rib, beginning with k2 at right shoulder seam, matching rib as established across BACK and FRONT neck sts, and ending with k2 at edge of Rev St st FRONT Panel, then continuing in Rev St st across FRONT Panel. Work even until piece measures 2½" from pick-up row. Bind off all sts in pattern.

Sew side seams. Sew LEAVES and FLOWERS to FRONT Panel and Neckband as shown. Weave in ends.

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SPECIAL TECHNIQUES

SSK [or SSP]: Slip, slip, knit [or purl] (dec) – Slip 2 sts, one at a time KNITWISE to RH needle, return sts to LH needle in turned position and knit [or purl] them together through the back loops.

I-CORD: On a double-pointed needle, cast on [or pick up] number of sts indicated in instructions. **DO NOT TURN.** *Slide sts to the opposite end of the needle and knit them, pulling yarn **firmly** behind sts; rep from * to desired length. After a few rows, you will see that you are knitting a tiny tube; give it a gentle tug now and then to adjust any loose sts. Bind off all sts, leaving approx. 12" tail for finishing.

ABBREVIATIONS

ch	chain
dc	double crochet
dec	decrease
inc	increase
k	knit
k2tog	knit 2 stitches together
p	purl
p2tog	purl 2 stitches together
pssso	pass slip st over
rem	remain(ing)
rnd(s)	round(s)
RS	right side
sc	single crochet
sk	skip
SKP	slip 1, knit 1, pssso
st(s)	stitch(es)
tbl	through back loop
tog	together
tr	treble crochet
WS	wrong side