

# Valla Tunic

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## FINISHED MEASUREMENTS

36 (38, 40, 42, 44, 46, 48)" / 92 (97, 102, 107, 112, 117, 123) cm bust circumference worn with 4" / 10 cm positive ease.

Sample shown measures 38" / 97 cm

## MATERIALS

- Zealana Luxuria Air (40% cashmere, 40% brushtail possum down, 20% mulberry silk; 191 yds / 175 cm per 25 grams)
- 6 (6, 6, 7, 7, 8) balls #A13 Cobalt Blue
- US size 4 (3.5 mm) 16" / 41 cm circular needle
- US size 4 (3.5 mm) 32" / 81 cm circular needle
- set of 4 or 5 US size 4 (3.5 mm) double-pointed needles
- OR SIZE NEEDED TO OBTAIN GAUGE
- stitch markers
- stitch holder or scrap yarn
- tapestry needle

## GAUGE

32 sts and 36 rows to 4" / 10 cm over St st

TAKE TIME TO CHECK YOUR GAUGE

## BODY

Using 32" circ needle, CO 288 (304, 320, 336, 352, 368, 384), sts using Long-Tail method. Pm and join to knit in the rnd, being careful not to twist. Knit 1 round.

Rnd 1: Purl.

Rnd 2: Knit.

Rnd 3: Purl.

Rnd 4: \*k1, wrapping yarn around right needle 3x before completing st; rep from \* to last st, end k1.

Rnd 5: \*purl, dropping two extra wraps; rep from \* to end of rnd.

Rnds 6 & 7: Rep Rnds 2 & 3.

Rnd 8: k43 (45, 48, 51, 53, 56, 59), pm, k2tog, k2, [yo] two times, k2, ssk, pm, k42 (46, 48, 50, 54, 56, 58), pm, k2tog, k2, [yo] 2x, k2, ssk, pm, k86 (90, 96, 102, 106, 112, 118), pm, k2tog, k2, [yo] 2x, k2, ssk, pm, k42 (46, 48, 50, 54, 56, 58), pm, k2tog, k2, [yo] 2x, k2, ssk, pm, knit to end of rnd.

Rnd 9: [knit to m, p3, knit into first yo, purl into second yo, p3] 4x slipping m as you come to them, knit to end of rnd.

Rep Rnds 8 & 9 45 (46, 46, 48, 48, 50, 50) times.

Next Rnd (Side Eyelet Rnd): k2tog, [yo] 2x, [knit to m, sl m, k2tog, k2, [yo] 2x, k2, ssk, sl m] 2x, k 41 (43, 46, 49, 51, 54, 57), [yo] 2x, ssk, k2tog, [yo] 2x, [knit to m, sl m, k2tog, k2, [yo] 2x, k2, ssk, sl m] 2x, knit to last 2 sts, [yo] 2x, ssk.

Next Rnd: [knit to m, p3, knit into first yo, purl into second yo, p3] 4x slipping m as you come to them, knit to end of rnd.

Notes: when knitting this rnd, knit into the first yo and drop the second yo of side eyelets from last rnd.

Rep Rnds 8 & 9 25 (25, 25, 27, 27, 29, 29) times.

Next Rnd: remove beg of rnd m, k9, transfer last 9 sts from right needle to stitch holder or scrap yarn, knit to m, sl m, k2tog, k2, [yo] 2x, k2, ssk, sl m, knit to m, sl m, k2tog, k2, [yo] 2x, k2, ssk, sl m, k34 (36, 39, 42, 44, 47, 50), place next 9 sts from left needle onto stitch holder, place front sts onto scrap yarn or spare needle and hold, continuing over back only. 126 (134, 142, 150, 158, 166, 174) sts.

## TOP BACK

Row 1 (WS): [purl to m, k3, purl into first yo, knit into second yo, k3] 2x, purl to end of row.

Row 2 (RS): [knit to m, k2tog, k2, [yo] two times, k2, ssk] 2x, knit to end of row.

Rep Rows 1 & 2 21 (21, 21, 23, 23, 25, 25) times.

Rep Row 1 one more time.

Begin elongated rows as foll:

Rows 1-3: Knit

Row 4 (WS): \*k1 wrapping yarn around right needle three times before completing stitch; rep from \* to last st, end k1.

Row 5: \*knit, dropping two extra wraps; rep from \* to end of row.

Rows 6-9: Knit.

Next row (WS): \*k1, p1 tbl; rep from \* to end of row.

Next row: \* k1 tbl, p1; rep from \* to end of row.

Rep last 2 rows for 1.5" / 4 cm ending on RS row.

Next row (WS): [k1, p1 tbl] 17 (18, 19, 21, 22, 23, 25) times, BO 58 (62, 66, 70, 74, 74), cont in est patt to end of row.

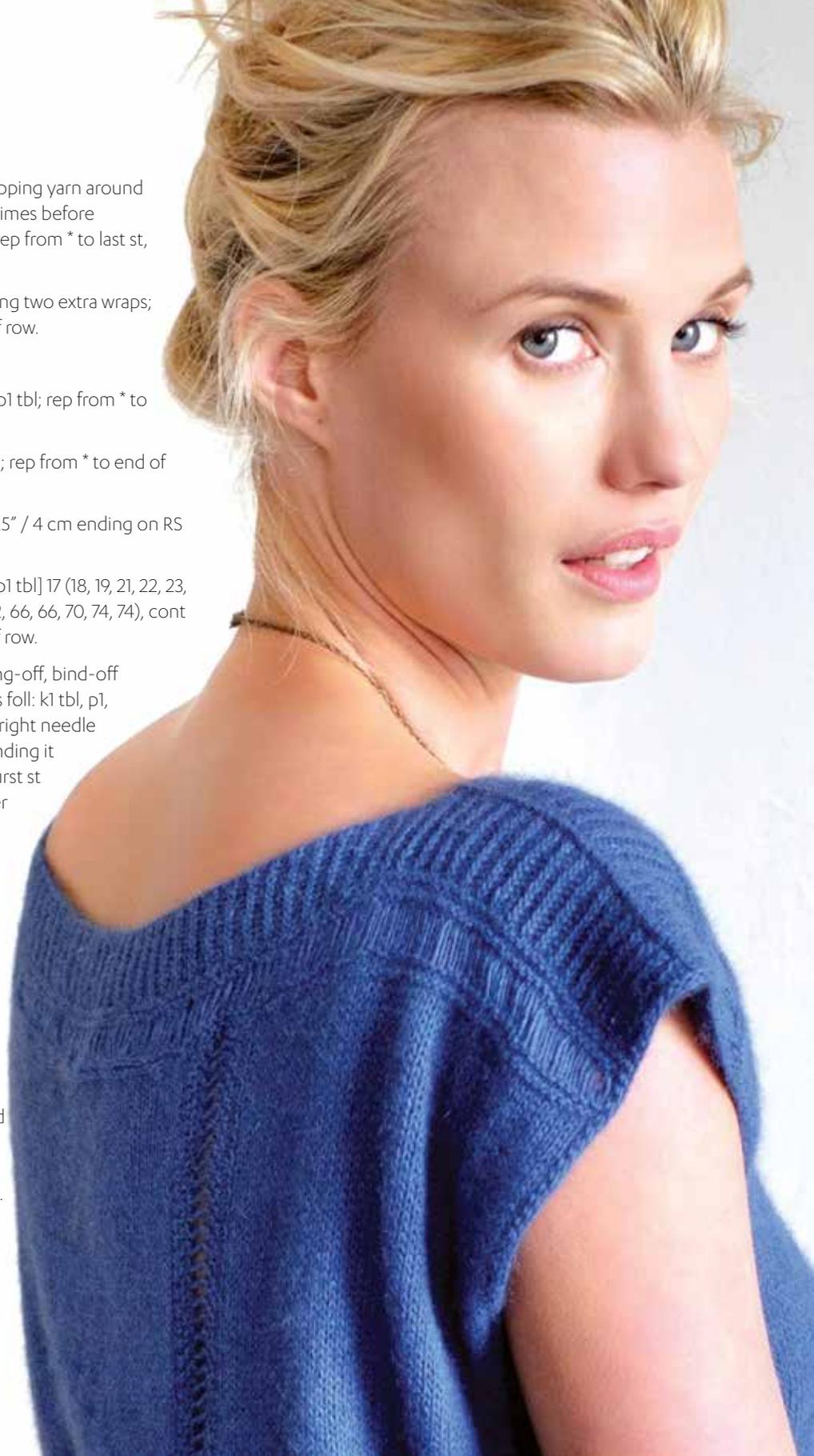
NOTE: When binding-off, bind-off all stitches in patt as foll: k1 tbl, p1, \*pass the first st on right needle over the second binding it off, k1 tbl, pass the first st on right needle over the second binding it off, p1; rep from \* until desired sts are bound off.

Break yarn, place stitches onto dpns, and hold.

#### TOP FRONT

Transfer sts held back to needles and rejoin yarn with RS facing. 144 (152, 160, 168, 176, 184, 192) sts.

Row 1 (RS): [knit to m, k2tog, k2, [yo] two times, k2, ssk] two times, knit to end of row.



Row 2 (WS): [purl to m, k3, purl into first yo, knit into second yo, k3] two times, purl to end of row.

Rep Rows 1 & 2 19 (19, 19, 21, 21, 23, 23) times.

Begin elongated rows as foll:

Rows 1-3: knit.

Row 4 (WS): \*k1, wrapping yarn around right needle three times before completing stitch; rep from \* to last st, end k1.

Row 5: \*knit, dropping two extra wraps; rep from \* to end of row.

Rows 6-9: knit.

Next row (WS): \*k1, p1 tbl; rep from \* to end of row.

Next row: \* k1 tbl, p1; rep from \* to end of row.

Rep last 2 rows for 11.5" / 29 cm ending on RS row.

Next row (WS): [k1, p1 tbl] 17 (18, 19, 21, 22, 23, 25) times, BO 76 (80, 84, 84, 88, 92, 92), cont in patt to end of row.

NOTE: When binding-off, bind-off all stitches in patt as foll: k1 tbl, p1, \*pass the first st on right needle over the second binding it off, k1 tbl, pass the first st on right needle over the second binding it off, p1; rep from \* until desired sts are bound off. Do not break yarn.

Next row, with RS facing and starting on the right side, join Top Back to Top Front using 3-Needle BO method. Break yarn. Slide Top Front sts to the tip of the left needle and join the left side similarly, using 3-Needle BO.

## ARMHOLES

Using 16" / 41 cm circ needles with RS facing, transfer held sts onto needles, pu and knit 86 (86, 86, 91, 91, 97, 97) sts evenly around armhole – 95 (95, 95, 100, 100, 106, 106) sts.

Knit 1 round.

Purl 1 round.

BO all sts loosely.

## I-CORD DRAWSTRING

Using DPNs, CO 4 sts. Knit all sts, DO NOT TURN, \*push stitches to opposite side of needle, then knit across all sts, drawing yarn tightly across the back of the work to form a small tube. Rep from \* as est until piece measures 48 (50, 52, 54, 56, 58, 60)" / 122 (127, 132, 137, 142, 147, 152) cm. Ssk, k1, k2tog. On foll row, k3tog, then cut yarn, draw through rem sts and tighten. Weave in ends.

## FINISHING

Block gently and carefully weave in ends. Thread drawstring through eyelets on tunic body and tie at the front.