

HELICONIA CLOTH

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Tropical and beautiful, Heliconia flowers can be found throughout Guatemala. This cloth is easier to knit than it looks. The patterning is worked with only knit, purl, yarn-overs, and two types of decreases; knit 2 together and slip, slip, knit.

Materials

80 yards Cotton worsted weight yarn. Sample knit in Knit Picks Dishie (100% cotton, 190yds/174m, 100gr/3.53oz) color Flamingo US size 7 (4.5mm) needles *or size needed to obtain gauge*

Size: 8" wide

Gauge: 5 sts = 1" over Pattern



BOTTOM BORDER

CO 40 sts. Work 3 rows of seed st as follows:
 Rows 1 & 3: *k1, p1, rep from * to end of row.
 Row 2: *p1, k1, rep from * to end of row.

BODY PATTERN

Row 1 (rs): [p1, k1] 2x, p1, yo, ssk, p1, k3, p1, yo, k3, ssk, p6, k2tog, k3, yo, p1, k3, p1, k2tog, yo, p2, k1, p1, k1

Rows 2, 4, 6, 8 (ws): [k1, p1] 3x, [p1, k1] 3x, p16, [k1, p1] 3x, p1, k2, p1, k1, p1

Row 3: [p1, k1] 2x, p1, k2tog, yo, p1, k3, p1, k1, yo, k3, ssk, p4, k2tog, k3, yo, k1, p1, k3, p1, yo, ssk, p2, k1, p1, k1

Row 5: [p1, k1] 2x, p1, yo, ssk, p1, k3, p1, k2, yo, k3, ssk, p2, k2tog, k3, yo, k2, p1, k3, p1, k2tog, yo, p2, k1, p1, k1

Row 7: [p1, k1] 2x, p1, k2tog, yo, p1, k3, p1, k3, yo, k3, ssk, k2tog, k3, yo, k3, p1, k3, p1, yo, ssk, p2, k1, p1, k1

Rep these 8 rows of pattern until piece measures 7 3/4" ending after working a rs row.

TOP BORDER

Work 3 rows of seed stitch as worked in bottom border. Weave in ends.

ABBREVIATIONS	
2x – two times	3x – three times
CO – cast on	k – knit
k2tog – knit 2 together	st - stitch
p – purl	rep - repeat
rs – right side	yo – yarn over
ssk – slip, slip, knit	ws – wrong side

LEGEND

	Knit on RS, Purl on WS
	Purl on RS, Knit on WS
	Yarn over
	SSK
	K2tog

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