# **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

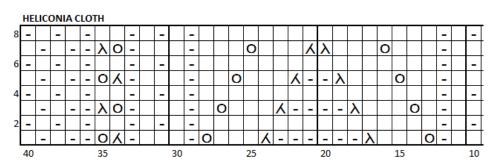
**Row 5:** [p1, k1] 2x, p1, yo, ssk, p1, k3, p1, k2, yo, k3, ssk, p2, k2tog, k3, yo, k2, p1, k3, p1, k2tog, yo, p2, k1, p1, k1

**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 ¾" ending after working a rs row.

### **TOP BORDER**

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



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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

O Yarn over

**λ** ssκ

K2tog

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