



***Free Knitting Pattern***  
**Lion Brand® 24/7 Cotton®**  
**Bel Aire Top**  
Pattern Number: L70102  
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## **SKILL LEVEL** – Easy

### **SIZES**

S (M, L)

**Finished Bust** 34 (38, 42) in. (86.5 (96.5, 106.5) cm)

**Finished Back Length** 16 (16 1/2, 17) in. (40.5 (42, 43) cm), not including straps

**Note:** Pattern is written for smallest size with changes for larger sizes in parentheses. When only one number is given, it applies to all sizes. To follow pattern more easily, circle all numbers pertaining to your size before beginning.

### **MATERIALS**

- Lion Brand® 24/7 Cotton® (Art. #761)
  - 178 Jade 3 (4, 4) balls (A)
  - 156 Mint 1 (1, 1) ball (B)
- Lion Brand® knitting needles size 6 (4 mm)
- Lion Brand® stitch markers
- Lion Brand® stitch holders
- Lion Brand® large-eyed blunt needle



### **GAUGE**

18 sts + 25 rows = about 4 in. (10 cm) in St st (k on RS, p on WS).

**BE SURE TO CHECK YOUR GAUGE.**

### **STITCH EXPLANATION**

**ssk (slip, slip, knit)** Slip next 2 sts as if to knit, one at a time, to right needle; insert left needle into fronts of these 2 sts and knit them together – 1 st decreased.

### **PATTERN STITCH**

**K2, p2 Rib (worked over a multiple of 4 sts + 2 additional sts)**

**Row 1:** K2, \*p2, k2; rep from \* to end of row.

**Row 2:** K the knit sts and p the purl sts.

Rep Row 2 for K2, p2 Rib.

### **NOTES**

1. Back, Front and Straps are worked separately.
2. When the pattern tells you to slip a st, slip as if to knit or as if to purl, whichever look you prefer.

### **BACK**

With A, cast on 106 (114, 122) sts.

**Rows 1-6:** Beg with Row 1 of pattern, work in K2, p2 Rib for 6 rows.

**Row 7 (WS):** P33 (36, 39), place marker (pm), p40 (42, 44), pm, p33 (36, 39).

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**Row 8 (Decrease Row – RS):** K1, k2tog, k to first marker, slip marker (sm), k2tog, k to 2 sts before next marker, ssk, sm, k to last 3 sts, ssk, k1 – you will have 102 (110, 118) sts in this row.

**Rows 9-11:** Beginning with a WS (purl) row, work in St st (k on RS, p on WS) for 3 rows, slipping markers as you come to them.

**Row 12 (Decrease Row):** K1, k2tog, k to last 3 sts, ssk, k1 – 100 (108, 116) sts.

**Rows 13-20:** Rep Rows 9-12 twice – 96 (104, 112) sts at the end of Row 20.

**Rows 21-23:** Work in St st for 3 rows.

**Row 24:** Rep Row 8 – 92 (100, 108) sts.

**Rows 25-31:** Work in St st for 7 rows.

**Row 32:** Rep Row 12 – 90 (98, 106) sts.

**Rows 33-39:** Work in St st for 7 rows.

**Rows 40-71:** Rep Rows 24-39 twice, removing markers while working last row – 78 (86, 94) sts when all decreases have been completed.

**Rows 72-89:** Work in St st for 18 rows.

### Shape Armholes

**Row 1 (RS):** Bind off 5 sts, k to end of row – 73 (81, 89) sts.

**Row 2:** Bind off 5 sts, p to end of row – 68 (76, 84) sts.

**Row 3 (Decrease Row):** Sl 1, k2, k2tog, k to last 5 sts, ssk, k3 – 66 (74, 82) sts.

**Row 4:** Sl 1, p to end of row.

**Rows 5-10 (10, 14):** Rep Rows 3 and 4 for 3 (3, 5) more times – 60 (68, 72) sts when all decreases have been completed.

**Next Row:** Sl 1, \*k2, p2; rep from \* to last 3 sts, k3.

**Next Row:** Sl 1, \*p2, k2; rep from \* to last 3 sts, p3.

Rep last 2 rows for 1 (2, 1) more time(s).

Bind off.

### FRONT

Cast on 106 (114, 122) sts and work same as Back to Shape Armholes.

### Shape Armholes

**Row 1 (RS):** Bind off 6 sts, k to end of row – 72 (80, 88) sts.

**Row 2:** Bind off 6 sts, p to end of row – 66 (74, 82) sts.

**Row 3 (Decrease Row):** Sl 1, k2, k2tog, k to last 5 sts, ssk, k3 – 64 (72, 80) sts.

**Row 4:** Sl 1, p to end of row.

**Rows 5-12:** Rep Rows 3 and 4 for 4 more times – 56 (64, 72) sts when all decreases have been completed.

### Shape Neck

**Row 1 (RS):** Sl 1, (k2, p2) 6 (7, 8) times, k3 for one side of neck, join a 2nd ball of yarn, sl 1, (k2, p2) 6 (7, 8) times, k3 for other side of neck – you will have 28 (32, 36) sts on each side of neck.

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You will now work both sides of neck AT THE SAME TIME using separate balls of yarn.

**Row 2:** On first side, sl 1, \*p2, k2; rep from \* to last 3 sts, p3; on 2nd side, sl 1, \*p2, k2; rep from \* to last 3 sts, p3.

**Row 3:** On first side, sl 1, \*k2, p2; rep from \* to last 3 sts, k3; on 2nd side, sl 1, \*k2, p2; rep from \* to last 3 sts, k3.

**Row 4:** Rep Row 2.

### **Sizes M and L ONLY**

Rep Rows 3 and 4 for 1 (2) more times.

### **ALL SIZES**

Bind off.

### **Shoulder Straps (make 2)**

With B, cast on 14 sts.

**Row 1 (RS):** Sl 1, p1, k2, p6, k2, p2.

**Row 2:** Sl 1, k1, p2, k6, p2, k2.

Rep Rows 1 and 2 until piece measures about 15 in. (38 cm).

Slip sts onto a st holder.

### **Arm Straps (make 2)**

With B, cast on and work same as shoulder straps until piece measures about 12 in. (30.5 cm).

Slip sts onto a st holder.

### **FINISHING**

Sew Front to Back at sides.

You'll need to try on the Top to determine strap placement.

Pin cast-on end of each shoulder strap to top of Back. Pin cast-on end of each arm strap to back edge of armhole.

Wrap straps to front to determine best placement and strap length.

If the straps are too short, slip sts back onto needle and work more rows; if the straps are too long, rip back.

When you've adjusted the straps to the correct length, bind off.

Sew ends of straps to Top.

Weave in yarn ends.

## **ABBREVIATIONS**

beg = begin(ning)

k = knit

k2tog = knit 2 stitches together

p = purl

rep = repeat

RS = right side

sl = slip

st(s) = stitch(es)

St st = Stockinette stitch

WS = wrong side

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