



***Free Knitting Pattern***  
**Lion Brand® 24/7 Cotton®**  
**Folklore Top**  
Pattern Number: L80023  
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## **SKILL LEVEL – Intermediate**

### **SIZES**

S (M, L, 1X, 2X, 3X)

**Finished Bust** About 36 (39, 43, 48, 52, 56) in. (91.5 (99, 109, 122, 132, 142) cm)

**Finished Waist** About 34 (37, 41, 46, 50, 55) in. (86.5 (94, 104, 117, 127, 139.5) cm)

**Finished Length** About 24 (24, 25, 25, 26, 26) in. (61 (61, 63.5, 63.5, 66, 66) cm)

**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)
  - 133 Tangerine 4 (5, 5, 6, 7, 7) balls (A)
  - 098 Ecu 1 (1, 1, 1, 1, 1) ball (B)
- Lion Brand® large-eyed blunt needle



### **ADDITIONAL MATERIALS**

Circular knitting needle size 6 (4 mm), 36 in. (91.5 cm) long  
Straight pins

### **GAUGE**

20 1/2 sts + 28 rows = about 4 in. (10 cm) in St st (k on RS, p on WS).  
BE SURE TO CHECK YOUR GAUGE.

### **STITCH EXPLANATIONS**

**M1 (make 1)** An increase worked by lifting the horizontal strand lying between needles and placing it onto the left needle. Knit this new stitch through the back loop – 1 st increased.

**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 STITCHES**

#### **Seed St (worked over an even number of sts)**

**Row 1:** \*K1, p1; rep from \* to end of row.

**Row 2:** P the knit sts, and k the purl sts.

Rep Row 2 for Seed st.

#### **Seed St (worked over an odd number of sts)**

**Row 1:** \*K1, p1; rep from \* to last st, k1.

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

Rep Row 2 for Seed st.

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## **NOTES**

1. Top is made from 2 pieces: Back and Front.
2. Each piece is worked back and forth in rows from lower edge upwards in St st (k on RS, p on WS) with Seed st borders.
3. A circular needle is used to accommodate the number of sts. Work back and forth on the circular needle as if working on straight needles.
4. Simple motifs are embroidered onto the Top. These designs are optional – the Top is a lovely classic without them.
5. When you see 'work even' in the instructions, this means to continue on in the pattern st you have established without changing the st count by increasing, decreasing, or binding off.
6. When you see 'work in pattern as established' in the instructions, this means to work the next row of the pattern sts, lining up sts as in previous rows.

## **BACK**

With A, cast on 96 (104, 114, 126, 136, 148) sts.

Work in Seed st until piece measures about 1 1/2 in. (4 cm) from beg, end with a WS row as the last row you work.

**Set-Up Row (RS):** Work in Seed st over first 3 sts, knit to last 3 sts, work in Seed st over last 3 sts.

Keeping first and last 3 sts in Seed st, and rem sts in St st (k on RS, p on WS), work even until piece measures about 4 in. (10 cm) from beg, end with a WS row as the last row you work.

**Next Row (RS):** K2, M1, k to last 2 sts, M1, k2 – you will have 98 (106, 116, 128, 138, 150) sts.

**Next Row:** Purl.

## **Shape Waist**

**Row 1 (Decrease Row – RS):** K2, ssk, k to last 4 sts, k2tog, k2 – 96 (104, 114, 126, 136, 148) sts.

**Rows 2-6:** Work even in St st.

**Row 7:** Rep Row 1 – 94 (102, 112, 124, 134, 146) sts.

**Rows 8-25:** Rep Rows 2-7 for 3 more times – 88 (96, 106, 118, 128, 140) sts in Row 25.

Work even in St st until piece measures about 10 (10, 10 1/2, 10 1/2, 10 1/2, 10 1/2) in. (25.5 (25.5, 26.5, 26.5, 26.5, 26.5) cm) from beg, end with a WS row as the last row you work.

**Next Row (Increase Row – WS):** K2, M1, k to last 2 sts, M1, k2 – 90 (98, 108, 120, 130, 142) sts.

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Work even in St st until piece measures about 12 (12, 12 1/2, 12 1/2, 12 1/2, 12 1/2) in. (30.5 (30.5, 32, 32, 32, 32) cm) from beg, end with a WS row as the last row you work.

Rep Increase Row – 92 (100, 110, 122, 132, 144) sts.

Work even in St st until piece measures about 16 (16, 16 1/2, 16 1/2, 17, 17) in. (40.5 (40.5, 42, 42, 43, 43) cm) from beg, end with a RS row as the last row you work.

### Beg Armhole Borders

**Note:** A Seed st border is worked along the edges of each armhole. As you prepare to shape the armholes, you will work 1 more st at the beg and end of each row into Seed st.

**Row 1 (WS):** P to last 9 (12, 15, 18, 21, 24) sts, work Row 1 of Seed st to end of row for underarm border.

**Row 2:** Work in Seed st over first 10 (13, 16, 19, 22, 25) sts, k to last 9 (12, 15, 18, 21, 24) sts, work Row 1 of Seed st to end of row for underarm border.

**Row 3:** Work in Seed st over first 10 (13, 16, 19, 22, 25) sts, p to last 11 (14, 17, 20, 23, 26) sts, work in Seed st to end of row.

### Shape Armholes

**Row 4 (RS):** Bind off 8 (11, 14, 17, 20, 23) sts, work in Seed st over next 2 sts (for a total of 3 Seed sts on the right needle), k to last 11 (14, 17, 20, 23, 26) sts, work in Seed st to end of row – 84 (89, 96, 105, 112, 121) sts.

**Row 5:** Bind off 8 (11, 14, 17, 20, 23) sts, work in Seed st over next 2 sts (for a total of 3 Seed sts on the right needle), p to last 3 sts, work in Seed st over last 3 sts – 76 (78, 82, 88, 92, 98) sts.

**Row 6 (Decrease Row):** Work in Seed st over first 3 sts, k2tog, k to last 5 sts, ssk, work in Seed st over last 3 sts – 74 (76, 80, 86, 90, 96) sts.

**Row 7:** Work in Seed st over first 3 sts, p to last 3 sts, work in Seed st over last 3 sts.

**Rows 8-13:** Rep Rows 6 and 7 for 3 more times – 68 (70, 74, 80, 84, 90) sts in Row 12.

Keeping first and last 3 sts in Seed st, and rem sts in St st, work even until armholes measure about 6 (6, 6 1/2, 6 1/2, 7, 7) in. (15 (15, 16.5, 16.5, 18, 18) cm), end with a RS row as the last row you work.

### Beg Neck Borders

**Note:** A Seed st border is worked along neck edges. As you prepare to shape the neck, you will work 1 more st at each side border into Seed st.

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**Row 1 (WS):** Work in Seed st over first 3 sts, p14 (15, 16, 18, 19, 21), work in Seed st over next 34 (34, 36, 38, 40, 42) sts for neck border, p14 (15, 16, 18, 19, 21), work in Seed st over last 3 sts.

**Row 2:** Work in Seed st over first 3 sts, k13 (14, 15, 17, 18, 20), work in Seed st over next 36 (36, 38, 40, 42, 44) sts, k13 (14, 15, 17, 18, 20), work in Seed st over last 3 sts.

**Row 3:** Work in Seed st over first 3 sts, p12 (13, 14, 16, 17, 19), work in Seed st over next 38 (38, 40, 42, 44, 46) sts, p12 (13, 14, 16, 17, 19), work in Seed st over last 3 sts.

### Shape Neck

**Row 4 (RS):** Work in Seed st over first 3 sts, k12 (13, 14, 16, 17, 19) sts, work in Seed st over next 3 sts for right border, join a 2nd ball of yarn and bind off next 32 (32, 34, 36, 38, 40) sts for back neck, work in Seed st over next 2 sts (for a total of 3 Seed sts for left border), k12 (13, 14, 16, 17, 19), work in Seed st over last 3 sts – 18 (19, 20, 22, 23, 25) sts on each side of neck.

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

**Row 5:** On first side, work in Seed st over first 3 sts, p to last 3 sts, work in Seed st over last 3 sts; on second side, work in Seed st over first 3 sts, p to last 3 sts, work in Seed st over last 3 sts.

**Row 6 (Decrease Row):** On first side, work in Seed st over first 3 sts, k to last 5 sts, ssk, work in Seed st over last 3 sts; on second side, work in Seed st over first 3 sts, k2tog, k to last 3 sts, work in Seed st over last 3 sts – 17 (18, 19, 21, 22, 24) sts on each side of neck.

**Rows 7-10:** Rep Rows 5 and 6 for 2 more times – 15 (16, 17, 19, 20, 22) sts on each side of neck in Row 10.

Keeping first and last 3 sts of each side of neck in Seed st, and rem sts in St st, and working both sides at the same time with separate balls of yarn, work until armholes measure about 7 1/2 (7 1/2, 8, 8, 8 1/2, 8 1/2) in. (19 (19, 20.5, 20.5, 21.5, 21.5) cm).

Bind off all sts of both sides of neck, using separate balls of yarn.

### FRONT

With A, cast on and make same as Back to Shape Armholes.

### Shape Armholes

**Row 4 (RS):** Bind off 8 (11, 14, 17, 20, 23) sts, work in Seed st over next 2 sts (for a total of 3 Seed sts on the right needle), k to last 11 (14, 17, 20, 23, 26) sts, work in Seed st to end of row – 84 (89, 96, 105, 112, 121) sts.

**Row 5:** Bind off 8 (11, 14, 17, 20, 23) sts, work in Seed st over next 2 sts (for a total of 3 Seed sts on the right needle), p to last 3 sts, work in Seed st over last 3 sts – 76 (78, 82, 88, 92, 98) sts.

**Row 6 (Decrease Row):** Work in Seed st over first 3 sts, k2tog, k to last 5 sts, ssk, work in Seed st over last 3 sts – 74 (76, 80, 86, 90, 96) sts.

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**Row 7:** Work in Seed st over first 3 sts, p to last 3 sts, work in Seed st over last 3 sts.

**Rows 8-13:** Rep Rows 6 and 7 for 3 more times – 68 (70, 74, 80, 84, 90) sts. Keeping first and last 3 sts in Seed st, and rem sts in St st, work until armholes measure about 1 1/2 (1 1/2, 2, 2, 2 1/2, 2 1/2) in. (4 (4, 5, 5, 6.5, 6.5) cm) from bind-off rows, end with a RS row as the last row you work.

### Beg Neck Placket Borders

**Row 1 (WS):** Work in Seed st over first 3 sts, p28 (29, 31, 34, 36, 39), work in Seed st over next 6 sts, p28 (29, 31, 34, 36, 39), work in Seed st over last 3 sts.

**Row 2:** Work in Seed st over first 3 sts, k28 (29, 31, 34, 36, 39), work in Seed st over next 6 sts, k28 (29, 31, 34, 36, 39), work in Seed st over last 3 sts.

**Row 3:** Rep Row 1.

### Divide for Neck Placket

**Row 4 (Dividing Row – RS):** Work in Seed st over first 3 sts, k28 (29, 31, 34, 36, 39), work in Seed st over next 3 sts for left side of neck, join a 2nd ball of yarn and work in Seed st over next 3 sts, k28 (29, 31, 34, 36, 39), work in Seed st over last 3 sts for right side of neck – 34 (35, 37, 40, 42, 45) sts for each side of neck.

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

**Row 5:** On first side, work in Seed st over first 3 sts, p to last 3 sts, work in Seed st over last 3 sts; on second side, work in Seed st over first 3 sts, p to last 3 sts, work in Seed st over last 3 sts.

**Row 6:** On first side, work in Seed st over first 3 sts, k to last 3 sts, work in Seed st over last 3 sts; on second side, work in Seed st over first 3 sts, k to last 3 sts, work in Seed st over last 3 sts.

Rep Rows 5 and 6 until armholes measure about 5 (5, 5 1/2, 5 1/2, 6, 6) in. (12.5 (12.5, 14, 14, 15, 15) cm), end with a RS row as the last row you work.

### Beg Neck Borders

**Notes:** A Seed st border is worked along the edges of neck. As you shape the neck, you will work 1 more st at each side into Seed st. Continue to work both sides AT THE SAME TIME with separate balls of yarn.

**Row 1 (WS):** On first side, work in Seed st over first 3 sts, p to last 15 (15, 16, 17, 18, 19) sts, work in Seed st to end; on second side, work in Seed st over first 3 sts, p to last 3 sts, work in Seed st over last 3 sts.

**Row 2:** On first side, work in Seed st over first 3 sts, k to last 15 (15, 16, 17, 18, 19) sts, work in Seed st to end; on second side, work in Seed st over first 16 (16, 17, 18, 19, 20) sts, k to last 3 sts, work in Seed st over last 3 sts.

**Row 3:** On first side, work in Seed st over first 3 sts, p to last 17 (17, 18, 19, 20, 21) sts, work in Seed st to end; on second side, work in Seed st over first 16 (16,

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17, 18, 19, 20) sts, p to last 3 sts, work in Seed st over last 3 sts.

### Shape Neck

**Row 4 (RS):** On first side, work in Seed st over first 3 sts, k to last 17 (17, 18, 19, 20, 21) sts, work in Seed st to end; on second side, bind off 14 (14, 15, 16, 17, 18) sts, work in Seed st over next 2 sts (for a total of 3 Seed st pattern sts), k to last 3 sts, work in Seed st over last 3 sts – 34 (35, 37, 40, 42, 45) sts on left side and 20 (21, 22, 24, 25, 27) sts on right side.

**Row 5:** On first side, work in Seed st over first 3 sts, p to last 3 sts, work in Seed st over last 3 sts; on second side, bind off 14 (14, 15, 16, 17, 18) sts, work in Seed st over next 2 sts (for a total of 3 Seed st pattern sts), p to last 3 sts, work in Seed st over last 3 sts – 20 (21, 22, 24, 25, 27) sts on each side.

**Row 6 (Decrease Row):** On first side, work in Seed st over first 3 sts, k to last 5 sts, ssk, work in Seed st over last 3 sts; on second side, work in Seed st over first 3 sts, k2tog, k to last 3 sts, work in Seed st over last 3 sts – 19 (20, 21, 23, 24, 26) sts on each side.

**Row 7:** On first side, work in Seed st over first 3 sts, p to last 3 sts, work in Seed st over last 3 sts; on second side, work in Seed st over first 3 sts, p to last 3 sts, work in Seed st over last 3 sts.

**Rows 8-15:** Rep Rows 6 and 7 for 4 more times – 15 (16, 17, 19, 20, 22) sts on each side in Row 15.

**Row 16:** On first side, work in Seed st over first 3 sts, k to last 3 sts, work in Seed st over last 3 sts; on second side, work in Seed st over first 3 sts, k to last 3 sts, work in Seed st over last 3 sts.

**Row 17:** On first side, work in Seed st over first 3 sts, p to last 3 sts, work in Seed st over last 3 sts; on second side, work in Seed st over first 3 sts, p to last 3 sts, work in Seed st over last 3 sts.

Rep Rows 16 and 17 until armholes measure about 7 1/2 (7 1/2, 8, 8, 8 1/2, 8 1/2) in. (19 (19, 20.5, 20.5, 21.5, 21.5) cm) from bind-off rows.

Bind off all sts of both sides of neck, using separate balls of yarn.

## **FINISHING**

### **Embroidery**

Embroidery is easiest to do before you sew the Back to the Front.

We embroidered straight stitch spirals – but feel free to use your own favorite embroidery designs.

First, draw or trace five circles onto scrap paper. Our circles were about 1 1/4 in. (3 cm) across, but you can change this size if you'd like.

Cut the circles out, then arrange the paper circles onto the RS of the Front.

When circles are arranged as you like, pin each one in place.

Thread blunt needle with a length of B.

Bring threaded needle through from WS to RS of Front, anywhere along outside edge of one circle.

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Embroider straight stitches around the outside edge of the paper circle, then remove paper. Continue to embroider straight stitches, working towards the center of the circle and making a spiral within the outlined circle.

When stitching is complete on this circle, bring threaded needle through to WS and knot B.

Repeat to embroider remaining circles.

Sew shoulder seams.

Sew side seams, leaving 4 in. (10 cm) at lower edge unsewn for side slits.

Weave in ends.

### **ABBREVIATIONS**

beg = begin(ning)

k = knit

k2tog = knit 2 stitches together

p = purl

rem = remain(ing)(s)

rep = repeat

RS = right side

st(s) = stitch(es)

St st = Stockinette stitch

WS = wrong side

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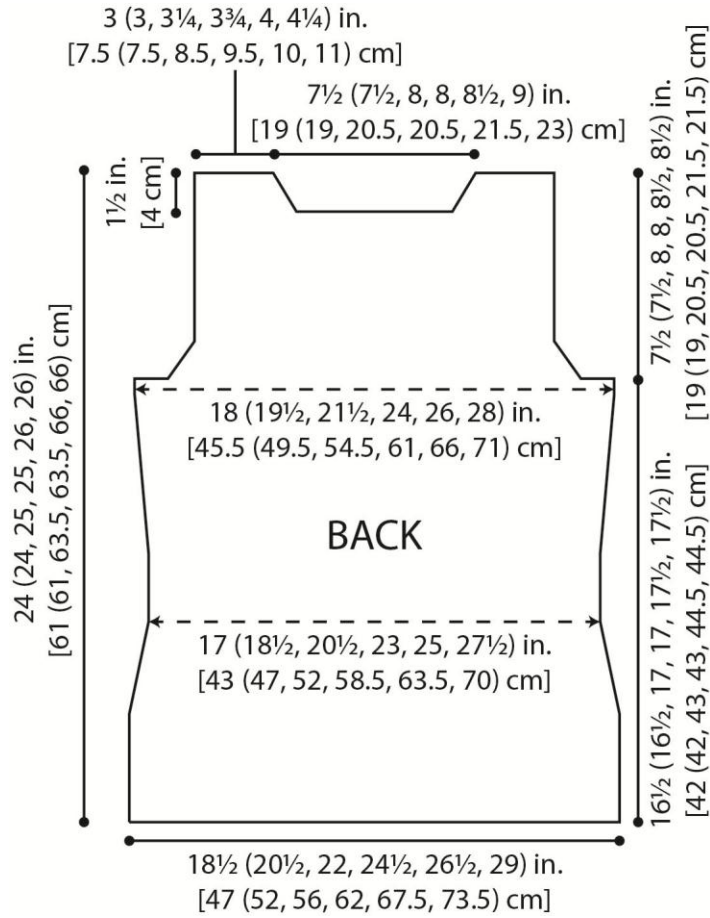
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