



**Brown Sheep
Company, Inc.**

PATTERN
1101

Willow Tunic

Designed exclusively for Brown Sheep Company by Karen Semo

SIZE

Child 2 (4, 6) (Model shown in Size 2)

FINISHED MEASUREMENTS

Chest: 18 (20, 22)"

Length: 17½ (19½, 20½)"



MATERIALS

- Brown Sheep *Cotton Fine* 80% cotton/20% Merino wool, (50g/222 yds per skein): 2 (3, 4) skeins #CF455 Willow Leaf (MC); 1 (1, 1) skein #CF825 Truffle (CC)
- US size 3 (3.25 mm) 16" and 24" circular needles, and set of double pointed needles
- Size C/2 (2.75mm) crochet hook and button for back closure
- Stitch holders, markers and tapestry needle

GAUGE

24 sts and 30 rows = 4" in Stockinette stitch

27½ sts and 34 rows = 4" in Traveling Leaf Pattern (blocked)

DESIGNER NOTES

This tunic is fit with 3" negative ease in the chest. The chest band is worked vertically in a single repeat lace pattern and allows for plenty of stretch. Stitches are picked up for the skirt and knit in the round down to the hem allowing for length customization.

ABBREVIATIONS

K: Knit

K2tog: Knit 2 stitches together.

P: Purl

P2tog: Purl 2 stitches together.

PM: Place marker.

RS: Right side.

Sl1-k2tog-ssso: Slip 1 stitch, knit 2 stitches together, pass the slipped stitch over the just knit stitches.

Ssk: Slip, slip, knit. Slip 2 stitches individually as if to knit. Insert left needle into back of stitches and knit together.

WS: Wrong side.

YO: Yarn over.

STITCH GLOSSARY

Diagonal Fern Lace (worked flat over 20 stitches)

Row 1 and all other odd rows (WS): Purl.

Row 2: P2, k9, yo, k1, yo, k3, sl1-k2tog-ssso, p2.

Row 4: P2, k10, yo, k1, yo, k2, sl1-k2tog-ssso, p2.

Row 6: P2, k3tog, k4, yo, k1, yo, k3, (yo, k1) twice, sl1-k2tog-ssso, p2.

Row 8: P2, k3tog, k3, yo, k1, yo, k9, p2.

Row 10: P2, k3tog, k2, yo, k1, yo, k10, p2.

Row 12: P2, k3tog, (k1, yo) twice, k3, yo, k1, yo, k4, sl1-k2tog-ssso, p2.



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Traveling Leaf pattern (multiple of 12 stitches)

Round 1 and all other odd numbered rounds: Knit.

Rounds 2 and 4: *K1, yo, k3, k2tog, k1, ssk, k3, yo: repeat from * to end of round.

Rounds 6 and 8: *K1, ssk, k3, yo, k1, yo, k3, k2 tog: repeat from * to end of round.

TECHNIQUES

Three Needle Bind off

With stitches on 2 needles, place RS together. *K2tog (1 st from each needle); repeat from * once. **Pass first stitch of right hand needle over second stitch (1 stitch bound off), knit next 2 stitches together; repeat from ** until desired stitches have been bound off.

Join Chest Band

When Chest Band reaches desired length bring the cast on edge of the band up in front of (and even with) stitches on left needle. The right sides of the band will be facing each other. To bind off, hold the two ends of the band together and *pick up one stitch from the cast on edge, knit one stitch from the left needle, pass the first stitch over the second. Repeat from * to end of row.

INSTRUCTIONS

Chest Band

With MC CO 20 stitches. Work in Diagonal Fern Lace pattern for 20 (23, 26)", ending with Row 12 of pattern. Join Chest Band.

Skirt

With MC and RS of chest band facing, start at back seam and pick up 84 (96, 108) stitches evenly around band – on the Garter stitch bumps. PM and join in round.

Round 1: Increase into every stitch by knitting into the front and back of each stitch. 168 (192, 216) stitches.

Continue in Traveling Leaf pattern for approximately 11 (14, 15)". (To lengthen skirt, always end with round 8 of pattern.)

Last 2 rounds: Purl.

Bind off all stitches as if to Purl.

Bodice

With CC and RS of chest band facing, start at other side of back seam and pick up 84 (96, 108) stitches evenly around band. PM and join in round.

Next 3 rounds: Stockinette stitch.

Back Right Shoulder (Work all remaining rows flat.)

Rows 1 (WS): Turn work and purl 21 (24, 27) sts.

Row 2: Knit.

Rows 3 and 5: Purl.

Row 4: K2tog, knit across row. 20 (23, 26) sts.

Repeat rows 4 and 5 until 18 (21, 24) sts remain.

Work even until piece is 3½ (3½, 4)" from color change ending with a RS row.

Next row (WS): Bind off 2 sts, purl across row. 16 (19, 22) sts.

Next row: Knit.

Repeat last 2 rows until 6 sts remain. Break yarn and transfer stitches to holder.

Back Left Shoulder

With RS facing, rejoin yarn at middle back and knit 21 (24, 27) sts. Work same as for Back Left - reversing all shaping.

Front

With RS facing, rejoin yarn at left front armhole and work flat in Stockinette stitch over 42 (48, 54) sts for 3 rows.

Next row (WS): P2 tog, purl across row.

Next row: Knit.

Repeat last 2 rows until a total of 6 sts decreased. 36 (42, 48) sts.

Work even until piece is 3½ (3½, 4)" from color change ending with a WS row.

Right Front Shoulder

Row 1: K10 (13, 16), bind off 16, k10 (13, 16). Turn.

Row 2: Purl.

Row 3: BO 1, knit across row.

Repeat rows 2 and 3 until 6 sts remain.

Next 3 rows: Work even in Stockinette stitch.

Place stitches on holder. Break yarn and leave tail for seaming.

Left Front Shoulder

With RS facing, rejoin yarn at armhole and make same as Right Front Shoulder, reversing all shaping. Leave stitches on needle. Break yarn and leave tail for seaming.

FINISHING

Use Three-needle Bind Off technique to bind off each shoulder. Block tunic by soaking gently in cold water. Pin to measurements by aligning front and back skirt lace patterns and pin out hemline points. Let dry.

Armhole Trim

Round 1: With RS facing and CC, use pick up and knit stitches evenly around armhole, starting at top shoulder seam:

Round 2: PM, change to MC and knit.

Round 3: Purl.

Bind off all stitches. Repeat for second armhole.

Neckline Trim

Round 1: With RS facing and CC, pick up and knit stitches evenly around neckline, starting at back left center.

Row 2: Change to MC and knit.

Rows 3 and 4: Knit.

Bind off all stitches.

Weave in all ends. Seam together opening at back where MC and CC meet. Use crochet hook to chain a button loop and stitch to top right back opening. Sew on button.

