

Abesses - a Madame tricote pattern



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Abesses a small sleeveless sweater. It's a very fast knitting and it's the perfect project for beginners reluctant to knit a garment.

This sweater is knitted in 2 parts: the back and then the front. The heart is knitted using the "intarsia" method. It is also possible to knit the sweater without the heart, nothing more simple, you only have to work twice the instructions for the back.

I wanted to name this sweater tribute to a symbolic romantic place in Paris and it occurs that in my neighborhood, at Abbesses, stands the famous "I love you" wall that you can see in the pictures.



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Material

- Yarn: A.S.A.P from Madelinetosh, or any other super bulky yarn (to knit with US10 or US 11 needles) : 100g et environ 90yrd/skein (S:4, M:4, L:5) skeins of Main Color (MC on the picture: Spectrum), 1 skein for the contrasting color (CC on the picture: Fluoro Rose)
- Straight needles (or circular if you prefer) : US11/8mm
- A tapestry needle for sewing parts at the end

Gauge

with US 11 needles/8mm : 18 rows x 12 sts = 4"/10cm (to knit with CC yarn) in stockinette sts.

Size of the sweater size M (model shown)

Pull length: 55 cm /22"

Width: 52 cm /20,8"

If you want more ease, knit the size above your usual size.

I offer instructions in 3 sizes: S, M, L, but it is approximate. The simplest still remains to adjust the number of stitches according to your measurements and your gauge.



Back

Cast on (56, 62, 68) sts

We start with 1 x 1 rib on the first 10 rows:

Row 1: [K1,P1] to repeat to end of row

Repeat row 1 again 9 times

Stockinette part:

Row 1: knit all sts until the end of row

Row 2: purl sts until the end of row

Repeat row 1 and 2 still 8 times (total for 18 rows)

decrease:

row dec 1: Knit 1, ssk, knit until 3 sts before end of row, k2tog, k1.

row dec 2: purl all sts until the end of row

Resume Stockinette part for 18 rows, then repeat the 2 decrease rows

Resume Stockinette part during 18 rows

increase:

row inc 1: knit 1 M1L, knit until 1 stitch before the end of the row, M1R, 1 m.end

row inc 2: purl all sts until the end of row

(M1L & M1R tutorial here: <http://www.purlbee.com/2008/04/23/make-1-right-m1r-make-1-left-m1l/>)

Resume Stockinette part for 18 rows

Moss stitch part:

row 1: k1 ,p 1 to repeat until the end of the row

row 2: p1, K1 to repeat until the end of the row

Repeat row 1 and 2 again 4 times

The 4th time, while knitting row 2, bind off sts.



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Front

Cast on (55, 61, 67) sts

We start with 1 x 1 rib on the first 10 rows:

Row 1: Row 1: [K1,P1] to repeat until 1 st before the end of row, k1

Row 2: Row 1: [P1,K1] to repeat until 1 st before the end of row, p1

Repeat rows 1 and 2 again 4 times

Stockinette part:

Row 1: knit all sts until the end of row

Row 2: purl sts until the end of row

Repeat rows 1 and 2 again 4 times (you should have 10 rows at the end)

From now on, we knit with 3 balls of yarn according to the intarsia technique. Indeed, the idea is that each "color block" has its own yarn so here we'll have: a yarn for the sts at the right of the heart, (Y1), it is actually the current yarn you've been knitting with so far, another yarn (Y2) in CC for the heart (according to diagram below) and another yarn (Y3) of main color for the stitches at the left of the heart.

The link below allows you to see the technique:

http://www.dailymotion.com/video/x6560g_jacquard-intarsia_lifestyle

The heart pattern is working 37 sts and during 55 rows.

Set up rows:

Row1: k30, change to CC yarn, k1, change to another ball of MC, k 30.

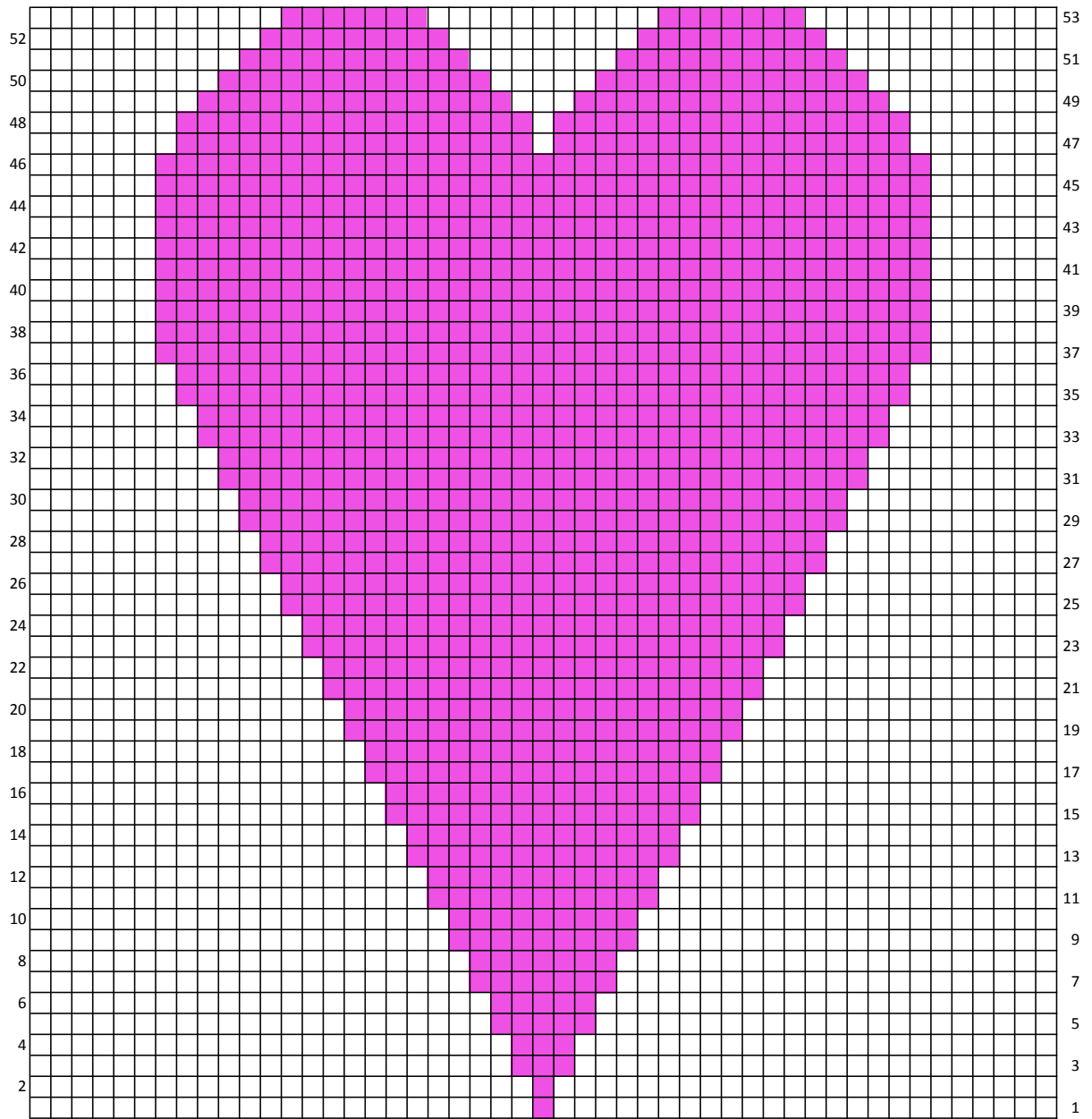
Row 2: p all sts following the chart

Work the heart pattern following the chart

If you want a more fitting sweater, do not hesitate to make 2 decrease rows at the rows 9 and 27 of the chart (as done for the back) and one increase row at the row 45 of the chart (as done for the back)

To work the 2 "bosses" of the heart, you can either knit using the method of intarsia (and thus have 3 balls of main color and two balls of CC yarn) or you can let the strand of yarn hang behind, just alternating colors. But be careful not to pull on the strand !

Heart pattern



Once row 53 is done, on the next row purl all stitches with the main color.

Then work 6 rows in stocking st with the main color.

Moss stitch part:

row 1: [k1 ,p1] to repeat until one st before the end, k1

row 2: k1, [p1, K1] to repeat until the end of the row

Repeat row 1 and 2 again 4 times.

The 4th time, bind off the stitches knitting row 2.

Finishing

With main color, sew sides leaving openings of 20 cm/8" for armholes.

The link below explains very well the technique:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OGK84IrUn3Y>

Sew also shoulders with the same technique but only on 13cm/5,2" on each side.

Congratulations it's done !!

Now it's time to wear your sweater and dance!!

Enjoy!

