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**1806**

## 1806 - Blouse with pleat in Mayflower Easy Care.

<b>Size:</b>	S	(M)	L	(XL)	XXL	(XXXL)
<b>Chest measurement in cm:</b>	116	(120)	124	(128)	132	(136)
<b>Length in cm:</b>	50	(52)	54	(56)	58	(60)
<b>Color 039, Ice Blue, balls:</b>	8	(8)	9	(9)	10	(10)
<b>Needles:</b>	US 1/UK 13 (2½ mm) and US 2/UK 11 (3 mm)					
<b>Circular needles (40 and 80 cm)</b>	US 1/UK 13 (2 ½ mm) and US 2/UK 11 (3 mm)					
<b>Quality:</b>	Mayflower Easy Care. 100 % Merino Wool, 185 m pr. 50 gram.					
<b>Accessories:</b>	1 double pointed needle US 1/UK 13 (2½ mm), 2 stitch markers + cotton thread in a diverging color. 2 pieces of elastic band of 1½ cm in width and fitting length for the cuffs.					
<b>Gauge:</b>	28 sts and 40 r in stockinette on needles US 2/UK 11 = 10 x 10 cm					

To achieve the best result, we recommend using Knit Pro needles, which is the professional tool for knitting and crochet.

### Back and front.

Are knitted together on circular needles up to the armholes. Cast on 324(336)346(358)370(380) sts on circular needles US 1/UK 13 and knit 2 cm stockinette. Knit 1 rnd of purl sts and knit another 2 cm stockinette. Shorten the blouse like so: Put a double pointed needle into the sts on the cast-on-rnd, approx. 20 sts at a time. Fold the edge of the blouse to the back side, put the double pointed needle behind the working needle and knit the sts together in knit sts with 1 sts from each needle. Continue like this, until the edge is shortened all the way around. Continue in stockinette, while placing a stitch marker by the beginning of the rnd and after 162(168)173(179)185(190) sts for "side hems". When the work measures 8 cm, put marking threads like so: (It is a good idea to use cotton thread in a diverging color. This makes it easier to sew the pleats later on. The threads should be about 15-20 cm each). Put a marking thread after the 26.(28.)30.(32.)34.(36.) sts, after every following 14. sts 3 times, after the following 26.(28.)29.(31.)33.(34). sts, after every following 14. sts 3 times and knit the remaining 26(28)30(32)34(36) sts to the marker in the "side hem" = 162(168)173(179)185(190) sts. Repeat the procedure by putting marking threads the same way after the "side hem". There should now be 8 marking threads on both the front and back pieces and a stitch marker in each "side hem". The threads are weaved up along the work for every 4<sup>th</sup> rnd. When the work measures 17(18)19(20)21(22) cm, the height of the pleats is reached, and the marking threads are weaved

one last time along the work. Knot continue without the weaving the marking threads along – just leave them for later. Continue working straight, until the work measures 29(30) 31(32)33(34) cm. Now split it in the "side hems" for front and back = 162(168)173(179)185(190) sts per piece.

### Back.

Knit back and forth in stockinette, until the armhole measures 17(18)19(20)21(22) cm. put the middle 48(50)51(53)55(56) sts on a stitch holder for the neckline and finish each side apart. Fasten off in the neck side on every other row another 1 x 2 sts and 1 x 1 sts. When the armhole measures 19(20)21(22)23 (24) cm, put the remaining 54(56)58(60)62 (64) sts on a stitch holder for the shoulder. Knit the other side opposite.

### Front.

Is knitted like the back, but with a deeper neckline: When the armhole measures 13(14)15(16)17 (18) cm, put the middle 24(26)27(29)31(32) sts on a stitch holder for the neckline and finish each side apart. Fasten off in the neck side on every other row another 1 x 5 sts, 1 x 4 sts, 1 x 3 sts, 1 x 2 sts and 1 x 1 sts. When the armhole measures 19(20) 21(22)23(24) cm, knit the shoulder together with the corresponding shoulder on the back like so: Put the needles with the shoulder sts together knit wise, and knit the shoulder sts together in knit sts with 1 sts from each needle. Fasten off the sts at the same time. Knit the other side opposite

**Sleeves.**

Cast on 108(112)116(120)124(128) sts on needles US 1/UK 13 and knit 2 cm stockinette. Knit 1 r of purl sts and knit another 2 cm in stockinette. Shorten the sleeve the same way as you did the blouse. Then change to needles US 2/UK 11 and continue in stockinette. Work straight until the sleeve measures 35(35)36(36)37(37) cm and fasten off all sts. Knit the other sleeve matching.

**Assembly.**

Standing collar: with the short circular needles US 2/UK 11 knit 20 + the waiting 24(26)27(29)31(32) sts + 20 sts up along the neckline on the front piece and 6 + the waiting 48(50)51(53)55(56) sts + 6 sts up along the neckline on the back = in total 124(128)130(134)138(140) sts. Knit around in stockinette. When the collar measures 4 cm, knit 1 rnd of purl sts and then another 4 cm stockinette. Fasten off loosely. Fold the collar halfway to the wrong side in the hem and sew it along the neckline with elastic stitches. Steam the

work gently – it is absolutely easier before you sew the pleats together! Pleat: Sew the pleats together with mattress stitches from the right side like so: Back: Fold the first pleat after the 26.(28.)30.(32.)34.(36.) sts from the side hems (the first marking thread), the next 14 sts should be inside the pleat with 7 sts to each side, fold the work so the second marking thread runs parallel with the first. Sew the pleat together with mattress stitches along the marking threads over 10 cm – from 8 cm from the bottom edge and up to where the marking threads stop (18 cm). Fold the next pleat after the 3rd marking thread, the next 14 sts should be inside the pleat with 7 sts to each side, fold the work so the 4<sup>th</sup> marking thread runs parallel with the 3<sup>rd</sup>. Sew the pleat the same way as you did the first. Continue this way, folding and sewing the 3rd and 4th pleat on the back. There is a distance of 26(28)29(31)33(34) sts between the 2nd and 3rd pleat = the middle of the back. Continue sewing the pleats the same way on the front piece. Sew each sleeve together, leaving a small gap for the elastic band by the seam. Pull the elastic band through the drawstring, sew it together and close the hole. Sew the sleeves on.