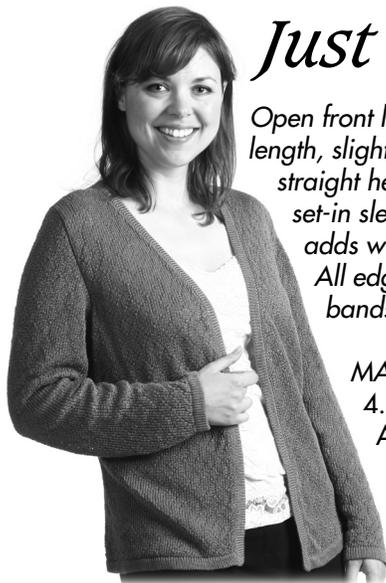# *Just the Flax* **MARYANNE**OGER

Open front linen jacket, high hip length, slightly shaped body with straight hem, low vee neck. Long, set-in sleeves. A subtle tuck pattern adds width, stability and texture. All edged with stockinette bands.

MACHINE
4.5mm, no ribber. Level - Advanced Beginner

FINISHED SIZES
Width, 88 (96, 104, 112, 120) cm/34.5 (38, 41, 44, 47) in.
Length, 51 (52, 55, 58, 61) cm/20-24 in.

YARN
Linen from BT Yarns, 100% linen, 1750 yds/lb. Finished weight, fourth size, 460g.

GAUGE
One-row-tuck, T8, 27 sts and 45 rows to 10 cm/4 in. after wash and machine dry.

NOTES
Side away/knit side is used as right side.
Stitch pattern repeat is 12 sts X 20 rows. Punch card as shown, make holes for gray squares and leave white squares unpunched. Add two rows holes top and bottom to join card. Electronics, enter as shown. DAK, download <linen47.pat>, set up as fairisle with Main on gray square, set cam for tuck.

Hem: Cast on waste yarn, knit several rows. Ravel cord, knit 1 row. RC000. CAL. MC, T8, K1R. Tighten stitch size by one dot every row to T6 at RC007. T10, K1R. T5**..**, K1R.

teaching point
using linen yarn.

I made several swatches, starting with T7 stockinette, based on the yardage and thickness of the yarn. After hand wash and lay to dry, the swatch was limp, too loose, boring and biased. Linen fabric is famous for being wrinkly, but cool, so I felt the design needed to have some ease but not a total box. I wanted the finished garment to be easy care as well as easy wear. Adding tuck to the fabric took care of the biasing and tucking only on every other row added just the right amount of texture to make an interesting material. Knitting at a looser tension allowed for the shrinkage of machine wash and dry and then required only a light steam to finish the look. Either side of the fabric is interesting: make your own choice or, better yet, knit two! – MAO

Increase stitch size by one dot every row to T8 at RC016. Make hem by picking up open sts from first row of MC. Hang weights for tuck. Program for tuck pattern and use next row to read/select pattern if necessary. T9, K1R. T8. Set to tuck.
Increase on edge: pick up 2 end sts, move out one space and hang purl bump from inside stitch to fill in empty needle.
Decrease on edge: using 3 prong tool, pick up 3 edge sts, move in one space, putting 2 sts on third needle from end.
Outlined decrease for front neck: pick up 4th stitch from edge, move to 3rd needle. Using 3 prong tool, pick up 3 edge sts, move in one space, putting 2 sts on third needle from end.

BACK
60 (66, 71, 77, 82) n's each side of 0. Cast on and make hem as in notes. T8, tuck, K6R. At each side, dec 1 st, K5 (5, 6, 6, 7)R, 9X. Knit to RC064 (064, 070, 076, 086). Lengthen or shorten here. At side, inc 1 st, K8R, 8X. Knit to RC134 (134, 144, 154, 162). Shape underarm.
At each side, dec
1st size: 4 sts, K2R; 2 sts, K2R, 2X;
1 st, K2R, 5X, 46-0-46 n's.
2nd size: 4 sts, K2R, 2X; 2 sts, K2R;
1 st, K2R, 8X, 47-0-47 n's.
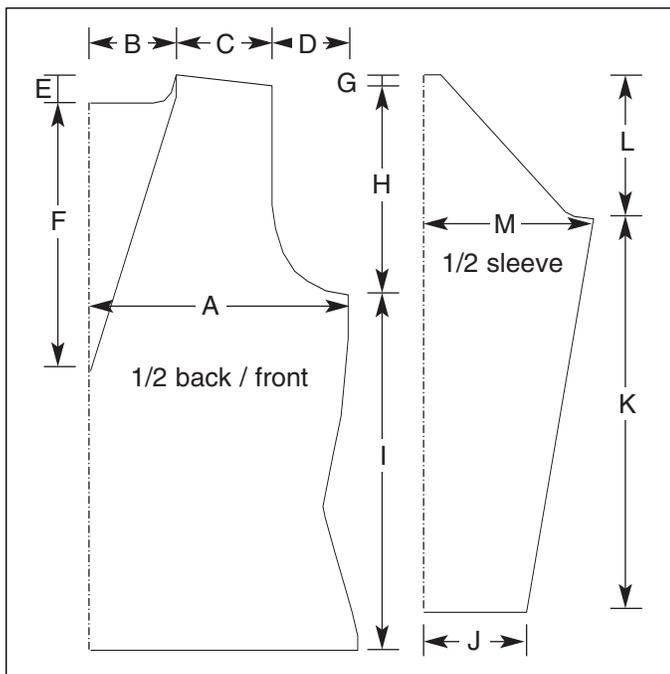**3rd size:** 5 sts, K2R, 2X; 2 sts, K2R, 2X;
1 st, K2R, 8X, 48-0-48 n's.
4th size: 5 sts, K2R, 2X; 2 sts, K2R, 3X;
1 st, K2R, 8X, 52-0-52 n's.
5th size: 5 sts, K2R, 2X; 2 sts, K2R, 3X;
1 st, K2R, 11X, 54-0-54 n's.
Knit to RC208 (212, 226, 240, 254). CAR. Record pattern row number. Set to hold. Bring left side and to #19 (20, 21, 23, 24) right to HP. KWK. At neck side, hold 1 st, KWK, 3X.

Schematic labels:
- B, C, D across top
- E, F on left side
- G, H, I on middle
- A across, 1/2 back / front
- L, M, K, J on right, 1/2 sleeve

A 22, 24, 26, 28, 30 cm /
   8.75, 9.5, 10.25, 11, 11.75 in.
B 8, 8.5, 9, 9.5, 10 cm /
   3.25, 3.25, 3.5, 3.75, 4 in.
C 9, 9, 9, 9.5, 10 cm / 3.5, 3.5, 3.5, 3.75, 4 in.
D 5, 6.5, 8, 9, 10 cm / 2, 2.5, 3.25, 3.5, 4 in.
E 3 cm / 1.25 in.
F 24 cm / 9.5 in.
G 1 cm / .25 in.
H 18, 19, 20, 21, 22 cm /
   7, 7.5, 7.75, 8.25, 8.75 in.
I 30, 30, 32, 34, 36 cm
   / 11.75, 11.75, 12.5, 13.25, 14.25 in.
J 9, 10, 11, 11, 12 cm / 3.5, 4, 4.25, 4.25, 4.75 in.
K 40, 41, 42, 42, 43 cm /
   15.75, 16, 16.5, 16.5, 17 in.
L 14, 15, 16, 17, 17 cm /
   5.5, 6, 6.25, 6.75, 6.75 in.
M 15, 16, 17, 18, 19 cm / 6, 6.25, 6.75, 7, 7.5 in.

At same time, at RC217 (221, 235, 249, 263) shape shoulder by shortrowing 8 (8, 9, 9, 10) sts, KWK, 2X. RC221 (225, 239, 253, 267) put all 24 (24, 24, 26, 27) shoulder sts in UWP. K1R. Remove on WY.
Return left side to work, reset RC208 (212, 226, 240, 254) and shape in reverse and remove shoulder on WY. At each side of 22 (23, 24, 26, 27) neck sts, stretch out edge to top of shoulder and pick up approx 3 sts each side. Record number of sts. Knit one row over all and remove on WY.

FRONT
Using n's at right of 0, knit as for back but add vee shaping, beginning at RC100 (104, 118, 132, 146).
At centre side, hang yarn mark. Dec 1 st, K5 (5, 5, 4, 4)R, 22 (23, 24, 26, 27)X. Make left front in reverse, using n's at left of 0.
Join shoulders, by hanging with right sides together. Put one set behind latches and other in hooks. Close latches

and push back on butts to knit through. T10+, K1R. Chain cast off.

SLEEVE
25 (28, 31, 31, 33) n's each side of 0. Make hem as for back. Set to tuck. At each side, inc 1 st, K11 (11, 11, 10, 10)R, 15 (15, 15, 18, 18)X to 40 (43, 46, 49, 51) sts each side of 0. Lengthen or shorten here. Knit to RC180 (184, 190, 190, 194). Shape cap by shortrowing. At each side, on every other row, hold 3 (3, 4, 5, 7) sts, 1X; 2 sts, 1X; 1 st, 29 (32, 34, 36, 36)X to 6 sts each side of 0 at RC242 (252, 262, 266, 270). Cast off.

Bands. Make hem to RC017. Remove. Hang garment, right side facing you. Turn band and hang, sts in hooks, garment behind latches. Pull open sts through. Knit loose row by hand and chain off.
Back neck band, reduce neck sts by 5/6.
Front bands, from hem to shoulder, approx 62 (65, 68, 72, 76) sts each side of 0.
Seam sides and underarm.

Set in sleeves, pin in place, working in a circle. Fit sleeve cap smoothly at top of shoulder and gather body at underarm area to fit into sleeve, stretching sleeve at underarm if necessary. Backstitch through both edges in the outside stitch.

Darn in ends. Wash and dry as swatch.