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FINISHED MEASUREMENTS

Length: 135 cm / 53"

Width at widest point: 7.5 cm / 3"

Width at narrowest point: 3 cm / 1.25"

YARN

Shibui Heichi (Worsted weight; 100% recycled silk, 96 m / 105 yds per 50g). Shade: Tar x 1 skein.

NEEDLES AND NOTIONS

3.75 mm / 5 US needles, tapestry needle, sewing needle and matching thread

GAUGE

25 sts & 32 rows = 10 cm / 4" in chevron pattern.
Adjust your needle to give a firm but flexible fabric.

NOTES

The sample tie used the full skein of Heichi. Seaming the edges is optional but if finishing them we recommend using sewing thread to avoid too much bulk. Keep your edges tidy if you prefer the rugged selvedge look.

ABBREVIATIONS

CDD: central double decrease, slip 2 stitches as though to knit them together, knit next stitch, pass 2 slipped sts over the knitted stitch.

Dec: decrease

K: knit

K2tog: knit 2 stitches together

P: purl

P2tog: purl 2 stitches together

RS: right side

Ssk: slip 2 stitches knitwise one at a time, knit them together through back loop

St(s): stitch(es)

WS: wrong side

Yo: yarn over needle

PATTERN

Cast on 21 sts.

Row 1 (WS): Purl.

Row 2 (RS): K1, yo, k8, CDD, k8, yo, k1.

Repeat rows 1 and 2 until piece measures 38 cm / 15" ending with a WS row.

Commence shaping as follows:

Next row (RS)(Dec): K1, yo, ssk, k6, CDD, k6, k2tog, yo, k1.

Next row: Purl. 19 sts

Next row: K1, yo, k7, CDD, k7, yo, k1.

Next row: Purl.

Repeat last 2 rows a further 5 times.

Next row (Dec): K1, yo, ssk, k5, CDD, k5, k2tog, yo, k1.

Next row: Purl. 17 sts

Next row: K1, yo, k6, CDD, k6, yo, k1.

Next row: Purl.

Repeat last 2 rows a further 5 times.

Next row (Dec): K1, yo, ssk, k4, CDD, k4, k2tog, yo, k1.

Next row: Purl. 15 sts

Next row: K1, yo, k5, CDD, k5, yo, k1.

Next row: Purl.

Repeat last 2 rows a further 5 times.

Next row (Dec): K1, [ssk] twice, k1, CDD, k1, [k2tog] twice, yo, k1. 11 sts

Next row: Purl.

Next row: [K1, p1] to last st, k1.

Next row: [P1, k1] to last st, p1.

Last 2 rows set 1x1 rib.

Work in rib as set for 61 cm / 24".

Cast off.

FINISHING

Weave in ends and gently block by pinning the tie out and spritzing with a spray bottle – silk should be handled carefully when blocking! If you'd like a more refined edge, seam as follows; once dry, fold over the edges on each side, where the eyelets create a natural selvedge, and sew down on the wrong side of the tie. Carefully steam iron so the tie is nice and flat.

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