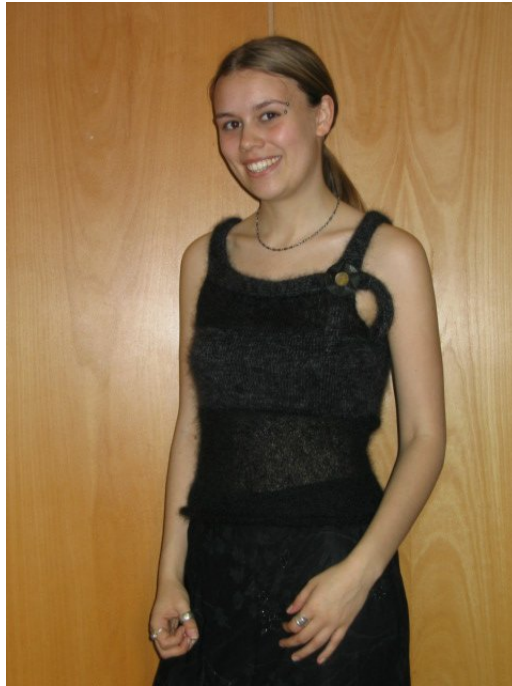


## Kidsilk, by Jennifer Thurston



### Difficulty Level

INTERMEDIATE

### Size

32 inch (34 inch, 36 inch) bust, with A or B cup

### Materials used:

3 (3, 4) balls of Rowan Kidsilk Haze in Wicked (shade 599) and 1 ball of Rowan Kidsilk Haze in Smoke (shade 605)

1 pair of 4mm straight needles

1 pair of 3.75mm straight needles

1 large button to coordinate with the yarn, for decoration

### Gauge

22 sts and 31 rows over 10cm/4 inches in stocking st

### Stitch Instructions

The pattern is worked with 1 strand of Kidsilk haze, apart from the straps and area over the bust. These parts are worked with 3 strands - 2 strands of the main colour (Wicked), and 1 strand of the other colour (Smoke).

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Cast on with 1 strand, and change to 3 when your work measures 19cm/7.5 inches for an A cup, or 17.5cm/7 inches for a B cup. Drop the extra 2 strands when you begin the armhole shaping, and work with 1 strand only for the rest of the front/back.

The pattern calls for slip stitch edging to be worked on the armholes and on the straps. This is as follows:

First row: k to last st, pick up loop between sts and slip last st k-wise (loop does not count as a st)

Next row: p2tog slipped st and loop, p to last st, pick up loop between sts and slip last st p-wise

Next row: k2togtbl slipped st and loop, k to last st, pick up loop between sts and slip last st k-wise

Repeat the last 2 rows.

When working the slip st ending, decreases should be worked 2 sts in from the edge:

On a knit row k2togtbl at the beginning of a row, and k2tog at the end of a row.

On a purl row p2togtbl at the beginning of a row, and p2tog at the end of a row.

## Pattern

### Back

Cast on 92 (98, 104) sts with 3.75mm needles

Beg with a K row, work in st st for 4 rows

Change to 4mm needles

Dec 1 st at each end of every 5th row until 78 (84, 90) sts remain

Work 9 rows ending with a WS row

Inc 1 st at each end of next and every foll 6th row until there are 92 (98, 104) sts

Work until back measures 32cm, ending with a WS row

### Shape armholes

Cast off 4 sts at beg of next 2 rows, 84 (90, 96) sts

On the next row begin working the slip st edging, working the decreases as described in the stitch instructions:

Dec 1 st at each end of next 3 rows, and on foll 4 alt rows, 70 (76, 82) sts

Work straight, continuing with the slip st edging, until the armholes measure 11cm

Cast off

### Front

Work exactly as for back, but cast off when armhole measures 6cm

### Straps

Cast on 4 sts with 4mm needles, and 2 strands of Kidsilk Haze in Wicked and 1 strand in Smoke

First row: knit

Second row: purl

Next row: k1 m1 (by picking up loop between sts and knitting into the back of it), k1 m1 k1, pick up loop between sts and slip last st k-wise (loop does not count as a st), 6 sts

Next row: p2tog slipped st and loop, p to last st, pick up loop between sts and slip last st p-wise

Next row: k2togtbl slipped st and loop, k1 m1 k2 m1 k1, pick up loop between sts and slip last st k-wise, 8 sts

Next row: p2tog slipped st and loop, p to last st, pick up loop between sts and slip last st p-wise

Next row: k2togtbl slipped st and loop, k1 m1 k4 m1 k1, pick up loop between sts and slip last st k-wise, 10 sts

Next row: p2tog slipped st and loop, p to last st, pick up loop between sts and slip last st p-wise

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These rows set the pattern for the slip st edging (which is also explained in the stitch instructions). Cont working straight, with slip st edging, until strap measures 10cm/4 inches.

The next section of the strap will be attached to the cast off edge of the front. Stop working the slip st edging on the edge which will be attached to the front (this is the left hand side of the strap as it faces you), but continue working it on the other edge, and continue until the strap is long enough to be sewn to the entire length of the cast off edge of the front, sewing it in place as you go, and ending with a WS row. See the photos if you are confused as to what this should look like.

Next row: k2togtbl slipped st and loop, k1 m1 k4 k2tog k1, pick up loop between sts and slip last st k-wise

Next row: p2tog slipped st and loop, p8, pick up loop between sts and slip last st p-wise  
Rep last 2 rows until this section measures 9cm/3.5 inches (this is the length to the top of the shoulder), ending with a WS row

Next row: k2togtbl slipped st and loop, k1 k2togtbl k4 m1 k1, pick up loop between sts and slip last st k-wise

Next row: p2tog slipped st and loop, p8, pick up loop between sts and slip last st p-wise  
Rep last 2 rows until this section measures 6.5cm/2.5 inches, ending with a WS row

The next section will be attached to the cast off edge of the back, in the same manner as the front.

Stop working the slip st edging on the edge which will be attached to the back (this is the left hand side of the strap as it faces you), but continue working it on the other edge, and continue until the strap is long enough to be sewn to the entire length of the cast off edge of the back, sewing it in place as you go, and ending with a WS row.

Next row: k2togtbl slipped st and loop, k1 m1 k4 k2tog k1, pick up loop between sts and slip last st k-wise

Next row: p2tog slipped st and loop, p8, pick up loop between sts and slip last st p-wise  
Rep last 2 rows until this section measures 6.5cm/2.5 inches (this is the length to the top of the shoulder), ending with a WS row

Next row: k2togtbl slipped st and loop, k1 k2togtbl k4 m1 k1, pick up loop between sts and slip last st k-wise

Next row: p2tog slipped st and loop, p8, pick up loop between sts and slip last st p-wise  
Rep last 2 rows until this section measures 6.5cm/2.5 inches, ending with a WS row

Now work straight (with the slip st edging on both edges) for a further 4 inches, ending with a WS row

Next row: k2togtbl the slipped st and the loop, k1 k2togtbl k2 k2tog k1, pick up loop between sts and slip last st k-wise, 8 sts

Next row: p2tog slipped st and loop, p to last st, pick up loop between sts and slip last st p-wise

Next row: k2togtbl the slipped st and the loop, k1 k2togtbl k2tog k1, pick up loop between sts and slip last st k-wise, 6 sts

Next row: p2tog slipped st and loop, p to last st, pick up loop between sts and slip last st p-wise

Next row: k1 k2tog k2tog k1

Next row: p4

Cast off

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## Finishing

Sew the straps together, with the last end over the first end, by sewing your large button through both straps, placing the button as shown in the photos. Weave in ends.



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