

# SAMPLE COVER PAGE

## Pianissimo Lace Blouse



Softly with a whisper of lace, like fine classic music, this sweater is a masterpiece in concomitant simplicity and elegance.

Alternating diagonals of eyelets suggest a soothing repetitive melody punctuated with the dainty staccato of herringbone faggot lace columns. The theme of pianissimo is echoed in the softly gathered bodice that adjoins the lacy saddle shoulder continuations of the full-length sleeves.



Shown in size 36½" using Crystal Palace Panda Silk, 52% bamboo/43% superwash Merino/5% silk, color 3005 Bamboo Green

**Sizes** 6 sizes with finished chest measurements of 34 (36½, 39, 42, 45½, 50)" and 0 - 2" negative ease. See schematic on last page for other key measurements.

**Yarn** 1250 (1325, 1400, 1475, 1550, 1625) yards. Sizing of this sweater is accomplished through choice of yarn weight and gauge; a yarn with a soft hand and good draping quality such as bamboo and silk blend is recommended. For the 3 smaller sizes, choose a fingering weight at approximately 200 yards/50 g such as Crystal Palace Panda Silk (7 - 8 balls). For the 3 larger sizes, choose a sport weight at approximately 120 yards/50 g such as Panda Silk DK (13 - 14 balls).

**Gauge** 32 (30, 28, 26, 24, 22) stitches / 44¾ (42, 39¾, 36½, 33½, 30¾) rows = 4" over lace stitch pattern after washing and blocking in same manor in which the garment will be cared for. In the smaller sizes, the knitting of this sweater might be at finer gauge than you've considered before. But those who meet the challenge will be rewarded with a timeless classic to be enjoyed and admired for years to come.

**Suggested Needles** US 1 (2, 3, 4, 5, 6) / 2.25 (2.75, 3.25, 3.5, 4.75, 4) mm knitting needle; crochet hook in an equivalent size to that used for knitting the sweater (will be used for button band).

**Notions** 7 small buttons or large beads ⅜ - ½" / (9 - 12) mm, stitch holders, stitch markers, tapestry needle for sewing sleeve seams and weaving in ends, smaller spare knitting needle for transferring stitches.

**Skill Level** The instructions are intended for advanced knitters comfortable with larger projects and garment construction. But intermediate knitters will also find this project doable with some time and attention. Only basic crochet skills are needed (chain stitch and single crochet).

**Stitch Instructions** Charted and written.