

## Bohemian Rhapsody Skirt and Tank



### Supplies:

One vintage or new T-Shirt or Tank

One vintage or new skirt, knee length or shorter

US Size 3, 4.5 and 6 Knitting needles

1 cone Habu Textiles item A-20, 1/20 Silk Stainless 69% silk, 31% stainless, 28gm and 622 yards, color lavender

1 Skein Rowan Kid Silk Haze in Majestic

Felted Flowers

One Pin Back (to make one of the flowers into a brooch)

Coordinating thread to the yarn, not necessarily coordinating to the skirt.

Optional: 30 very small coordinating beads with holes in the center, coordinating to felted flower.

Beading needle.

Basic sewing needle.

Directions:

Measure the waist, or point where you will attach knitted skirt to non-knitted skirt.

Multiply the waist measurement by 1.33 and this will be the approximate long side (around the waist) of your knitted rectangular piece, remember this does not need to be exact.

You are casting on the short end of your knitted rectangle or the length of the skirt. Cast on as many stitches as you need to get to the approximate length of your skirt.

My skirt has an unstretched 19 inch waist and a length of 15 inches.

I casted onto largest needles 40 stitches with Habu

Switch to Size 3 needles and knit all rows for 1 inch

\*Switch to Size 4.5 needles and knit 3 rows

Switch to Size 6 needles and knit 3 rows

Switch to size 4.5 needles and knit 3 rows

Switch to size 3 needles and knit 1 inch

Repeat from \* until piece measures the length required as per above minus 1 inch.

Simultaneously after the first 6 inches are knit with just the Habu pick up the Rowan Kidsilk Haze every inch to create 1 inch striped of just Habu and then the combination of the two yarns.

Finish the piece with the last inch being just the Habu on size 3 needles.

Cast Off.

Pin your knitted skirt along waist or hip line of your "base skirt" , gathering as needed so that you are left with 3 inches of skirt that is not attached to the skirt but just hangs on the right side of the skirt.

Machine sew the knitted skirt to the base skirt using a zig zag stitch and back stitching at each end.

Make 6 felted flowers using your own method or buy them on Etsy.

Using beading needles hand sew 5 beads to the inside of each felted flower.

Attach 5 flowers with a needle and thread to the two open sides of the skirt. You will need to attach the flower at the center back of the flower and also on the top, so that the flower does not flop down. Try to make the sides of the knitted skirt look like ruffle when attaching the flowers, so you will be gathering up the edges a bit. This is all to the eye's delight so don't follow any rules, just what looks good to you.

On the 6<sup>th</sup> flower using a basic needle sew the pin back to the flower.

Attach flower to the T-Shirt or tank using brooch pin on one shoulder.

#### Style Notes:

This is meant to be a softer design, so softer muted colors look best with this design. It is best to not create a great contrast between the base skirt and the knitted skirt, so as to just focus on the various textures and not the colors.

#### Construction Notes:

Knitted with the Habu is a bit tricky for the first 2 inches, but then it loosens up. Be patient. The skirt with these exact yarns will not be machine washable. (We actually do wash it in the machine but it does alter the appearance some)