

Aura Top





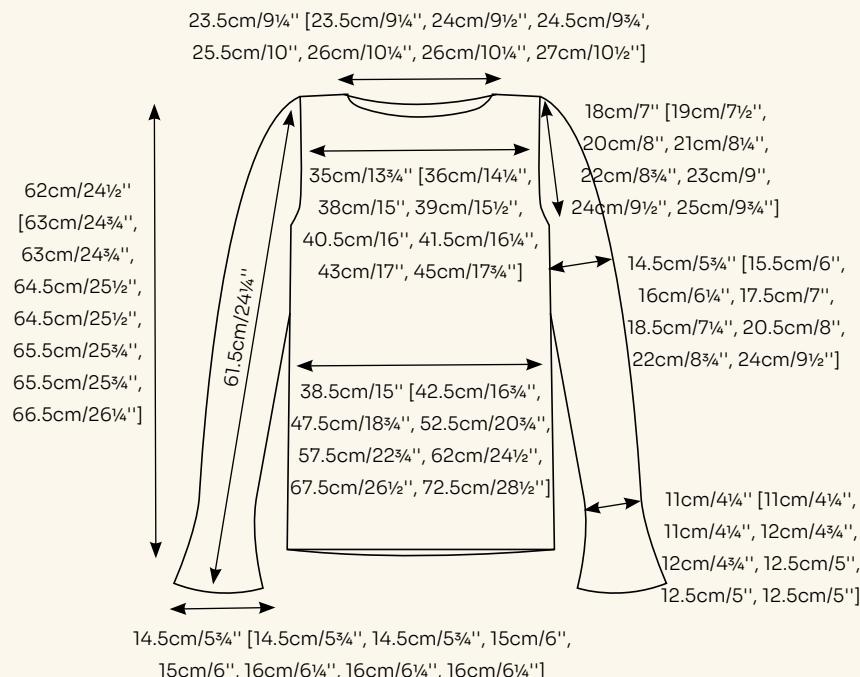
SIZING

This pattern includes 8 sizes, please use the chart below to pick your size. When the instructions differ between sizes, they will be written as follows: size 1 [size 2, size 3, size 4, size 5, size 6, size 7, size 8].

SIZE	TO FIT CHEST	UK	US	S-M-L
1	71-76cm/28-30"	2-4	0-1	XS
2	81-86 cm/32-34"	6-8	2-4	S
3	91-97cm/36-38"	10-12	6-8	M
4	102-107cm/40-42"	14-16	10-12	L
5	112-117cm/44-46"	18-20	14-16	XL/1X
6	122-127cm/48-50"	22-24	18-20	2X
7	132-137cm/52-54"	26-28	22-24	3X
8	142-147cm/56-58"	30-32	26-28	4X

MEASUREMENTS

Flat measurements: The Aura Top's open knit structure means there is plenty of stretch in the fabric, if you are in-between sizes we suggest going down a size.



INFORMATION

The Aura Top is a lightweight, long sleeve top, perfect for layering under and over anything. The open, sheer fabric is created by using a fine mohair yarn and larger needles.

SKILL LEVEL:

Easy.

Required techniques: Long tail cast on, knitting in the round, knitting flat, knit, purl, stocking stitch, decreasing, cast off, slip stitch, increasing and invisible seaming. For help with techniques see useful links on page 8.

YARN:

Lace weight yarn approx 25g/200m.

You will need approx 60g/540m [65g/585m, 73g/657m, 83g/747m, 88g/792m, 96g/864m, 104g/936m, 111g/999m].

For the grey top we have used:

3 [3, 3, 4, 4, 5, 5, 5] balls of Knitting For Olive Soft Silk Mohair, Dusty Violette - 70% Mohair, 30% Silk. (224m/246yds per 25g skein.)

For the brown top we have used:

3 [3, 3, 4, 4, 5, 5, 5] balls of Gepard Kid Seta, 485 - 70% Super Kid Mohair, 30% silk. (210m/240yds per 25g skein.)

Other yarn suggestions:

Majo Garn, pearl mohair. (210m/240yds per 25g skein.)

Drops Kid-Silk. (210m/230yds per 25g skein.)

Isager Silk Mohair. (212m/230yds per 25g skein.)

RECOMMENDED NEEDLES:

6.5mm/US 10.5 circular knitting needles, length 60-80cm/24-32".

TENSION (unblocked):

Stocking stitch on 6.5mm/US 10.5 needles:
10cm/4" x 10cm/4" = 14.5 stitches x 19 rows

USEFUL TOOLS: Tape measure, scissors, stitch markers and a blunt tapestry needle for seaming and weaving in ends.

ABBREVIATIONS

k - knit

p - purl

st(s) - stitch(es)

ws - wrong side

rs - right side

ssk - decrease 1 stitch by slipping the next two stitches knit-wise, one by one. Put left needle through the front loops of both slipped stitches and knit them together

k2tog - decrease 1 stitch by knitting 2 stitches together

p2tog - decrease 1 stitch by purling 2 stitches together.

p2togtbl - decrease 1 stitch by inserting the right needle purl-wise into the next 2 stitches on the left needle through the back loops, starting with the furthest away stitch. Purl together to make 1 stitch.

sl1pwyib - slip 1 stitch purl-wise with yarn at the back of the work.

sl1p - slip 1 stitch purl-wise

m1R - make 1 stitch right leaning. Pick up the horizontal strand before the next stitch from back to front and knit into the front of it.

m1L - make 1 stitch left leaning. Pick up the horizontal strand before the next stitch from front to back and knit into the back of it.

OVERVIEW: The Aura Top is knitted in three pieces, the body and two sleeves. The body is knitted in the round from the bottom up until reaching the armhole, then you work flat on half of your stitches to form the back of the top, then go back to the other half to form the front of the top. The sleeves are knitted flat from the bottom up. The shoulder seams are joined, followed by the sleeve underarm seams, then the sleeve head is set into the armhole.

INSTRUCTIONS

BODY

1. Cast on 112 [124, 138, 152, 166, 180, 196, 210] sts using the long tail cast on technique.

Place a stitch marker to mark the start of the round and join to work in the round, be careful not to twist your sts.

2. K all sts.
3. Repeat step 2 until your piece measures 44cm/17 $\frac{1}{4}$ " [44cm/17 $\frac{1}{4}$ ", 43cm/17", 43.5cm/17", 42.5cm/16 $\frac{3}{4}$ ", 42.5cm/16 $\frac{3}{4}$ ", 41.5cm/16 $\frac{1}{4}$ ", 41.5cm/16 $\frac{1}{4}$] from the cast on edge (approx 83 [83, 81, 82, 80, 80, 78, 78] more rounds).

Tip: Sometimes it can be harder to hide yarn ends in open fabric, when adding a new ball of yarn do so at the yarn marker to ensure this is at the side of your work, not the front!

4. Cast off 1 [2, 3, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7]sts, k55 [60, 66, 73, 79, 85, 92, 98]. Turn your work.

You will now be working over these 55 [60, 66, 73, 79, 85, 92, 98]sts only to make the back of your top, you will come back to the other sts later.

5. Cast off 1 [2, 3, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7]sts, p54 [58, 63, 70, 75, 80, 86, 91]. Turn your work. (54 [58, 63, 70, 75, 80, 86, 91]sts.)

6. K1, ssk, k until 3sts left of the row, k2tog, k1. (52 [56, 61, 68, 73, 78, 84, 89]sts.)

SIZES 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 AND 8 ONLY:

7. P all sts.
8. K1, ssk, k until 3sts left of the row, k2tog, k1. ([54, 59, 66, 71, 76, 82, 87]sts.)

SIZES 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 AND 8 ONLY:

9. Repeat steps 7 and 8 a further [1, 2, 2, 3, 4, 5] times. ([57, 62, 67, 70, 74, 77]sts.)

SIZES 4, 5, 6, 7 AND 8 ONLY:

10. Starting with a p row, work 3 rows in stocking stitch.
11. K1, ssk, k until 3sts left of the row, k2tog, k1. ([60, 65, 68, 72, 75]sts.)
12. Repeat steps 10 and 11 a further [1, 2, 3, 4, 4] times. ([58, 61, 62, 64, 67]sts.)

ALL SIZES:

13. Starting with a p row, work in stocking stitch until your piece measures 62cm/24 $\frac{1}{2}$ " [63cm/24 $\frac{3}{4}$ ", 63cm/24 $\frac{3}{4}$ ", 64.5cm/25 $\frac{1}{2}$ ", 64.5cm/25 $\frac{1}{2}$ ", 65.5cm/25 $\frac{3}{4}$ ", 65.5cm/25 $\frac{3}{4}$ ", 66.5cm/26 $\frac{1}{4}$] from the cast on edge (approx 31 [31, 31, 23, 21, 17, 13, 13] more rows). Make sure last row is a p row.

14. Cast off.

Now the back of the top is complete. RS facing you, rejoin yarn to 56 [62, 69, 76, 83, 90, 98, 105]sts waiting on your needle.

15. Cast off 1 [2, 3, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7]sts, k55 [60, 66, 73, 79, 85, 92, 98].
16. Repeat steps 5 to 12 once more, following only the steps for your size. (52 [54, 57, 58, 61, 62, 64, 67]sts.)
17. Starting with a p row, work in stocking stitch until your piece measures 59cm/23 $\frac{1}{4}$ " [60cm/23 $\frac{1}{2}$ ", 60cm/23 $\frac{1}{2}$ ", 60.5cm/23 $\frac{3}{4}$ ", 59.5cm/23 $\frac{1}{2}$ ", 60.5cm/23 $\frac{3}{4}$ ", 60.5cm/23 $\frac{3}{4}$ ", 60cm/23 $\frac{1}{2}$] from the cast on edge (approx 25 [25, 25, 15, 11, 7, 3, 1] more rows). Make sure last row is a p row.
18. K11 [12, 13, 14, 15, 15, 16, 18] cast off 30 [30, 31, 30, 31, 32, 32, 31]sts, k until end of the row.
- You will now be working over the first 11 [12, 13, 14, 15, 15, 16, 18]sts only to make one side of the front neck, you will come back to the other sts later.
19. P all sts.

20. Slip, purl, ssk, k until end of the row. (10 [11, 12, 13, 14, 14, 15, 17]sts.)
21. P all sts.
22. Repeat steps 20 and 21 a further 1 [1, 1, 2, 2, 2, 3] times. (9 [10, 11, 11, 12, 12, 13, 14]sts.)

SIZES 5, 6, 7 AND 8 ONLY:

23. Slip, purl, k until end of the row.

24. P all sts.

ALL SIZES:

25. Cast off.

26. WS facing you, rejoin yarn to 11 [12, 13, 14, 15, 15, 16, 18]sts waiting on your needle. Slip, p, p until end of the row.

27. K until 3sts left of the row, k2tog, k1. (10 [11, 12, 13, 14, 14, 15, 17]sts.)

28. Slip, p until end of the row.

29. Repeat steps 27 and 28 a further 1 [1, 1, 2, 2, 2, 3] times. (9 [10, 11, 11, 12, 12, 13, 14]sts.)

SIZES 5, 6, 7 AND 8 ONLY:

30. K all sts.

31. Slip, p until end of the row.

ALL SIZES:

32. Cast off.

SLEEVES

Follow the instructions twice to make the left and right sleeves.

1. Cast on 44 [44, 44, 46, 46, 48, 48, 48]sts using the long tail cast on technique.
2. Starting with a p row, work 5 rows in stocking stitch.
3. K1, ssk, k16 [16, 16, 17, 17, 18, 18, 18], ssk, k1, k2tog, k until 3sts left of the row, k2tog, k1. (40 [40, 40, 42, 42, 44, 44, 44]sts.)

4. Repeat step 2 once more.
5. K1, ssk, k15 [15, 15, 16, 16, 17, 17, 17], ssk, k2tog, k until 3sts left of the row, k2tog, k1. (36 [36, 36, 38, 38, 40, 40, 40]sts.)
6. Starting with a p row, work 3 rows in stocking stitch.
7. K1, ssk, k until 3sts left of the row, k2tog, k1. (34 [34, 34, 36, 36, 38, 38, 38]sts.)
8. Starting with a p row, work 11 [9, 7, 7, 5, 3, 3, 3] rows in stocking stitch.
9. K1, m1R, k until 1st left of the row, m1L, k1. (36 [36, 36, 38, 38, 40, 40, 40]sts.)
10. Repeat steps 8 and 9 a further 4 [5, 6, 7, 9, 11, 13, 12] times. (44 [46, 48, 52, 56, 62, 66, 64]sts.)

SIZE 8 ONLY:

11. P all sts.
12. K1, m1R, k until 1st left of the row, m1L, k1. (66sts.)
13. Repeat steps 11 and 12 a further 3 times. (72sts.)

ALL SIZES:

14. Starting with a p row work in stocking stitch until your piece measures 47cm/18½" [47cm/18½", 45.5cm/18", 44.5cm/17½", 44.5cm/17½", 43.5cm/17", 42.5cm/16¾", 42.5cm/16¾"] from the cast on edge (approx 13 [13, 15, 5, 9, 19, 9, 5] more rows). Make sure last row is a p row.
15. Cast off 2 [3, 4, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8]sts, k until end of the row. (42 [43, 44, 48, 51, 56, 59, 64]sts.)
16. Cast off 2 [3, 4, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8]sts, p until end of the row. (40 [40, 40, 44, 46, 50, 52, 56]sts.)
17. K1, ssk, k until 3sts left of the row, k2tog, k1. (38 [38, 38, 42, 44, 48, 50, 54]sts.)
18. P all sts.

19. K1, ssk, k until 3sts left of the row, k2tog, k1. (36 [36, 36, 40, 42, 46, 48, 52]sts.)
20. Repeat steps 18 and 19 a further 0 [0, 1, 2, 2, 3, 4, 5] times. (36 [36, 34, 36, 38, 40, 40, 42]sts.)
21. Starting with a p row, work 3 rows in stocking stitch.
22. K1, ssk, k until 3sts left of the row, k2tog, k1. (34 [34, 32, 34, 36, 38, 38, 40]sts.)
23. Repeat steps 21 and 22 a further 2 [2, 3, 2, 2, 2, 2, 1] times. (30 [30, 26, 30, 32, 34, 34, 38]sts.)
24. Repeat steps 18 and 19 a further 1 [2, 0, 2, 2, 1, 2, 2] times. (28 [26, 26, 26, 28, 32, 30, 34]sts.)
25. P1, p2tog, p until 3sts left of the row, p2togtbl, p1. (26 [24, 24, 24, 26, 30, 28, 32]sts.)
26. K1, ssk, k until 3sts left of the row, k2tog, k1. (24 [22, 22, 22, 24, 28, 26, 30]sts.)
27. Repeat steps 25 and 26 a further 3 [2, 2, 2, 2, 3, 2, 3] times. (12 [14, 14, 14, 16, 16, 18, 18]sts.)
28. P1, p2tog, p until 3sts left of the row, p2togtbl, p1. (10 [12, 12, 12, 14, 14, 16, 16]sts.)
29. Cast off loosely.

ASSEMBLY & FINISHING

Body Shoulder Seams:

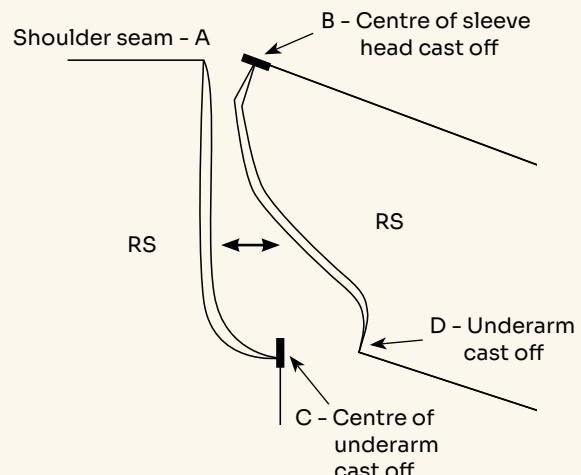
RS facing outwards, place the front of the body on top of the back. Starting from the outside edges, use the horizontal invisible seam to sew the shoulder seams together.

Sleeve Underarm Seams:

RS facing outwards, starting at the cuff of the sleeve, use the vertical invisible seam to sew the sides of the sleeve together. Stop when you reach the cast off at the underarm point. Repeat for second sleeve.

Armhole Seam (setting in the sleeve):

RS facing outwards, fold sleeve in half and use a stitch marker or short piece of yarn to mark the centre of the sleeve head cast off on both sleeves. Also mark the centre of the underarm cast off on both armholes. See below.



Thread the needle with a piece of yarn 4 times the size of the armhole. Pull half of the yarn through the back of the shoulder seam and start the seam by joining points A and point B together. Work down one side of the armhole first, heading towards points C and D. Start by using the perpendicular invisible seam to join half the sleeve head cast off, then switch to the vertical invisible seam until you reach the cast off stitches at points C and D. Use the horizontal invisible seam to join these stitches. Now go back to the yarn you left at the shoulder seam and repeat for the other side to complete the armhole. Repeat this for the other sleeve and armhole. Weave in all loose ends.

Blocking:

If you are using a mohair blend yarn, we find there's not much need for blocking. But depending what fibre you are using, you may want to block your top. Refer to the blocking instructions for the yarn you are using or follow the instructions below:

1. Fill a basin with cold water, submerge top for 15 minutes.
2. Lift out of water, supporting weight evenly, gently squeeze to remove excess water.
3. Roll between clean towels to remove most of the moisture.
4. Place on a blocking mat or board.
5. Pin out to measurements.
6. Leave until completely dry.

USEFUL LINKS

Knitting Techniques:

Long tail cast on: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=T-gdAUEjQjU>

Knitting in the round: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=p1bZ1hj8Qg8>

Knit: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=esEtUaa-Pwg>

Purl: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bbtnjHrb_Hg

Knitting flat with circular needles: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JrKTbmlIV50>

Stocking stitch: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3tW_Ck9PemM

Ssk: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RKRzXWEIrhA&t=4s>

k2tog: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YBjSEzf-Q5E>

p2tog: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9melw6FgzCM>

p2togtbl: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aLI4_u3T9Fo

S11p: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UUQ9HqCpy4U>

S11pwyib: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0gs1g58VDWg>

M1R: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2nf-iBQJCV8>

M1L: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EtFm56tJ5Nk>

Cast off: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=F9b7KS9jaAo>

Finishing Techniques:

Horizontal invisible seam: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QTmEkq-X98w>

Vertical invisible seam: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PbgYNvkEZQM>

Perpendicular invisible seam: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GWqFIXGja-w>

Setting in a sleeve: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SIGLnPbvsX8&t=342s>

Weaving in loose ends: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=v-p4qsiyul8&t=2s>

Blocking: <https://brooklyntweed.com/pages/blocking-101>

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