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ALICE TOP



Sizes:	XXS (XS) S (M) L (XL) 2XL (3XL) 4XL (5XL)
Bust circumference:	77 (83) 88 (93) 97 (108) 117 (128) 137 (148) cm [30¼ (32¾) 34¾ (36½) 38¼ (42½) 46 (50½) 54 (58¼) inches]
Total length:	48 (50) 52 (54) 56 (58) 60 (61) 63 (66) cm [19 (19¾) 20½ (21¼) 22 (22¾) 23½ (24) 24¾ (26) inches]
Gauge:	15 sts x 24 rows = 10 x 10 cm [4 x 4 inches] in stockinette stitch on 5 mm [US8] needles
Needles:	Two sets of 5 mm [US8] / 80 cm [32 inches] circular needles
Materials:	Suggestion 1: 50 (50-100) 100 (100) 100 (100) 100 (100-150) 150 (150) g Japansk Bomuld by Isager Yarn (50 g = 315 m [344 yds]) (one strand) held together with 200 (200) 250 (250) 300 (300) 300-350 (350) 350 (350) g Trio 2 by Isager Yarn (50 g = 175 m [191 yds]) (two strands) Suggestion 2: 250-300 (300) 300 (350) 400 (450) 450 (500) 500 (550) g Tykk Line by Sandnes Garn (50 g = 60 m [66 yds]) (one strand)

PATTERN

The Alice Top is worked from the bottom up. The body is worked in the round in stockinette stitch to the armholes, the work is then divided for front and back and each section is finished separately, each worked back and forth in stockinette stitch. The back is worked in one piece, while the front is divided for a V-neckline. The pattern also contains instructions for working the top from the middle using a provisional cast on, so the final length of the top can be adjusted at the end by working the body top-down.

Start by knitting a swatch to determine which size needle gives you the correct gauge. Wash the swatch as the recommended yarns will grow with washing and wear.

Size guide

The sizes XXS (XS) S (M) L (XL) 2XL (3XL) 4XL (5XL) are designed to fit a bust circumference of 75-80 (80-85) 85-90 (90-95) 95-100 (100-110) 110-120 (120-130) 130-140 (140-150) cm [29½-31½ (31½-33½) 33½-35½ (35½-37½) 37½-39½ (39½-43¼) 43¼-47¼ (47¼-51¼) 51¼-55 (55-59) inches]. This means the Alice Top is designed to have approx. 0 cm [0 inches] of positive ease. Measure yourself before beginning your project, to determine which size will fit you the best. For example, if you measure 88 cm [34¾ inches] around your bust (or around the widest part of your upper body) you should knit a size S. A size S top has a bust circumference of 88 cm [34¾ inches] which in the given example would give you 0 cm [0 inches] of positive ease. The model in the photos is wearing a size XS and has a bust circumference of 80 cm [31½ inches] and is 164 cm [approx. 5 feet 4 inches] tall. The top in the photo has 3 cm [1¼ inches] of positive ease.

About decreases

Decreases are worked so they either slant to the left (skp and p2tog tbl) or slant to the right (k2tog and p2tog). Decreases are worked as follows:

Left leaning decreases:

Skp: From the RS - slip 1 stitch knit-wise, k1, pass the slipped stitch over the knitted stitch.

P2tog tbl: From the WS - purl two stitches together through the back loops.

Right leaning decreases:

K2tog: From the RS - knit 2 stitches together.

P2tog: From the WS - purl 2 stitches together.

Body

Cast on 116 (124) 132 (140) 146 (162) 176 (192) 206 (222) sts on a 5 mm [US8] / 80 cm [32 inches] circular needle with your preferred method. Join in the round making sure that the cast-on edge is not twisted and place a marker for the beginning of the round.

Work 27 (28) 30 (32) 34 (36) 38 (39) 41 (43) cm [10¾ (11) 11¾ (12½) 13½ (14¼) 15 (15¼) 16¼ (17) inches] in the round in stockinette stitch.

Tip: You can also work Alice Top "from the middle" if you would like to be able to adjust the length along the way. If so, cast on using *Judy's Magic Cast On* on two sets of 5 mm [US8] / 80 cm [32 inches] circular needles, so there are 116 (124) 132 (140) 146 (162) 176 (192) 206 (222) sts on each needle. Knit across 1 row, join the work in the round making sure that the provisional cast-on edge is not twisted and place a marker for the beginning of the round (see video at www.petiteknit.com).

Work in the round in stockinette stitch on one circular needle set until the work measures 27 (28) 30 (32) 34 (36) 38 (39) 41 (43) cm [10³/₄ (11) 11³/₄ (12¹/₂) 13¹/₂ (14¹/₄) 15 (15¹/₄) 16¹/₄ (17) inches]. At the very end you have the option to work in the round in stockinette stitch in the opposite direction with the resting stitches, thus adjusting the final length of the top.

Now divide the work for front and back and finish each section separately.

Front

Bind off sts for the underarm on the round as follows: Knit 52 (56) 58 (62) 64 (70) 76 (82) 86 (92) sts, bind off 6 (6) 8 (8) 9 (11) 12 (14) 17 (19) sts, knit 52 (56) 58 (62) 64 (70) 76 (82) 86 (92) sts and slip these sts to a stitch holder to rest, bind off 6 (6) 8 (8) 9 (11) 12 (14) 17 (19) sts.

The sts that are resting on the stitch holder are for the back. The sts left on the needle are for the front.

Work back and forth across the front sts, while working decreases on both RS and WS rows (note: only for size (XL) 2XL (3XL) 4XL (5XL)). Work as follows:

Row 1 (RS): K2, **skp**, knit to the last 4 sts on the needle, **k2tog**, k2. (2 sts have been decreased)

Row 2 (WS): P2, **p2tog**, purl to the last 4 sts on the needle, **p2tog tbl**, p2. (2 sts have been decreased)

Work Row 1 and 2 a total of 0 (0) 0 (0) 0 (2) 2 (3) 4 (5) times (i.e. for a total of 0 (0) 0 (0) 0 (4) 4 (6) 8 (10) rows). There are now a total of 52 (56) 58 (62) 64 (62) 68 (70) 70 (72) sts on the needle.

Work back and forth across the front sts, while working decreases at the beginning and end of every RS row (all sizes). Work as follows:

Row 1 (RS): K2, **skp**, knit to the last 4 sts on the needle, **k2tog**, k2. (2 sts have been decreased)

Row 2 (WS): Purl across.

Work Rows 1 and 2 a total of 3 (5) 4 (5) 4 (3) 3 (3) 2 (2) times. There are now a total of 46 (46) 50 (52) 56 (56) 62 (64) 66 (68) sts on the needles. Do not break the yarn as the next step follows from here.

Right front

Divide the front in two on the next row, and finish the two sections separately, thus forming the V-neck. The technique described below ensures that the division of the sts looks neat. Work as follows:

Row 1 (RS): Knit 22 (22) 24 (25) 27 (27) 30 (31) 32 (33) sts, knit first through the front loop and then the back loop of the next stitch, k1, pass the second stitch on the right needle over the stitch that was just knitted (as if to bind off), knit to end of row.

Place the first 23 (23) 25 (26) 28 (28) 31 (32) 33 (34) sts on a stitch holder to rest (left front) while the right front is finished. The next row is a WS row.

Purl across 1 row. The next row is a RS row.

Work back and forth across the right front in stockinette stitch, while working decreases every 4th row (note: only for size S (M) L (XL) 2XL (3XL) 4XL (5XL)). Work as follows:

Row 1 (RS): K3, **skp**, knit to the last 4 sts on the needle, **k2tog**, k2. (2 sts have been decreased)

Row 2 (WS): Purl across.

Row 3 (RS): Knit across.

Row 4 (WS): Purl across.

Work Row 1-4 a total of 0 (0) 1 (1) 2 (2) 4 (5) 5 (6) times. There are now a total of 23 (23) 23 (24) 24 (24) 23 (22) 23 (22) sts on the needles.

Now work back and forth across the right front in stockinette stitch, while working decreases at the beginning of the row (all sizes). Work as follows:

Row 1 (RS): K3, **skp**, knit to end of row. (1 stitch has been decreased)

Row 2 (WS): Purl across.

Row 3 (RS): Knit across.

Row 4 (WS): Purl across.

Work Rows 1-4 a total of 10 (10) 10 (10) 10 (10) 9 (8) 8 (7) times. There are now a total of 13 (13) 13 (14) 14 (14) 14 (14) 15 (15) sts on the needles.

Bind off the sts from the RS. Break the yarn leaving a long tail to use for sewing the shoulders together at the end.

Left front

Place the resting sts for the left front back on a 5 mm [US8] / 80 cm [32 inches] circular needle. Join new yarn from the WS (meaning at the bottom of the V for the V-neck).

Purl across 1 row. The next row is a RS row.

Work back and forth across the left front in stockinette stitch, while working decreases every 4th row (note: only for size S (M) L (XL) 2XL (3XL) 4XL (5XL)). Work as follows:

Row 1 (RS): K2, **skp**, knit to the last 5 sts on the needle, **k2tog**, k3. (2 sts have been decreased)

Row 2 (WS): Purl.

Row 3 (RS): Knit.

Row 4 (WS): Purl.

Work Rows 1-4 a total of 0 (0) 1 (1) 2 (2) 4 (5) 5 (6) times. There are now a total of 23 (23) 23 (24) 24 (24) 23 (22) 23 (22) sts on the needles.

Now work back and forth across the left front in stockinette stitch, while working decreases at the end of the row (all sizes). Work as follows:

Row 1 (RS): Knit to the last 5 sts on the needle, **k2tog**, k3. (1 stitch has been decreased)

Row 2 (WS): Purl across.

Row 3 (RS): Knit across.

Row 4 (WS): Purl across.

Work Rows 1 - 4 a total of 10 (10) 10 (10) 10 (10) 9 (8) 8 (7) times. There are now a total of 13 (13) 13 (14) 14 (14) 14 (14) 15 (15) sts on the needles.

Bind off the sts from the RS. Break the yarn leaving a long tail to use for sewing the shoulders together at the end.

Back

Place the resting sts for the back on a 5 mm [US8] / 80 cm [32 inches] circular needle. Join new yarn from the WS.

Purl across 1 row. The next row is a RS row.

Work back and forth across the back, while working decreases on both RS and WS rows (note: only for size (XL) 2XL (3XL) 4XL (5XL)). Work as follows:

Row 1 (RS): K2, **skp**, knit to the last 4 sts on the needle, **k2tog**, k2. (2 sts have been decreased)

Row 2 (WS): P2, **p2tog**, purl to the last 4 sts on the needle, **p2tog tbl**, p2. (2 sts have been decreased)

Work Rows 1 and 2 a total of 0 (0) 0 (0) 0 (1) 1 (2) 3 (3) times (i.e. for a total of 0 (0) 0 (0) 0 (2) 2 (4) 6 (6) rows). There are now a total of 52 (56) 58 (62) 64 (66) 72 (74) 74 (80) sts on the needle.

Now work back and forth across the back in stockinette stitch, while working decreases on every RS row (all sizes). Work as follows:

Row 1 (RS): K2, **skp**, knit to the last 4 sts on the needle, **k2tog**, k2. (2 sts have been decreased)

Row 2 (WS): Purl across.

Work Rows 1 and 2 a total of 2 (4) 4 (6) 5 (4) 5 (5) 5 (5) times. There are now a total of 48 (48) 50 (50) 54 (58) 62 (64) 64 (70) sts on the needles.

Now work back and forth in stockinette stitch, while working decreases on every 4th row (note: only for size L (XL) 2XL (3XL) 4XL (5XL)). Work as follows:

Row 1 (RS): K2, **skp**, knit to the last 4 sts on the needle, **k2tog**, k2. (2 sts have been decreased)

Row 2 (WS): Purl across.

Row 3 (RS): Knit across.

Row 4 (WS): Purl across.

Work Rows 1 - 4 a total of 0 (0) 0 (0) 1 (1) 2 (3) 3 (4) times. There are now a total of 48 (48) 50 (50) 52 (56) 58 (58) 58 (62) sts on the needles.

Work back and forth in stockinette stitch as follows:

Row 1 (RS): Knit across.

Row 2 (WS): Purl across.

Work Rows 1 and 2 a total of 16 (15) 15 (12) 11 (11) 8 (6) 4 (3) times (i.e. for a total of 32 (30) 30 (24) 22 (22) 16 (12) 8 (6) rows).

Now work back and forth across the back in stockinette stitch, while working decreases at the beginning and end of both RS and WS rows. Work as follows:

Row 1 (RS): K3, **skp**, knit to the last 5 sts on the needle, **k2tog**, k3. (2 sts have been decreased)

Row 2 (WS): P3, **p2tog**, purl to the last 5 sts on the needle, **p2tog tbl**, p3. (2 sts have been decreased)

Work Rows 1 and 2 a total of 6 (6) 6 (6) 6 (7) 7 (7) 7 (8) times (i.e. for a total of 12 (12) 12 (12) 12 (14) 14 (14) 14 (16) rows). There are now a total of 24 (24) 26 (26) 28 (28) 30 (30) 30 (30) sts on the needles.

Bind off the sts from the RS.

Finishing shoulders

Sew the bound-off ends of the straps to the slanting parts of the back with Kitchener stitch (see video at www.petiteknit.com).

If you have cast on for the body using Judy's Magic Cast On, you can now try on your Alice Top and adjust the length to fit you as you prefer. It can be a good idea to wash and block the top first, as this will give you a more accurate idea of the final fit. Bind off all sts loosely.

Wash and block the top to the exact measurements given on the front page of the pattern. Take care to make sure that all edges are lying flat and do not roll while the top is drying.

Abbreviations

k	knit
k2tog	right leaning decrease, knit two stitches together
p	purl
p2tog	right leaning decrease, purl two stitches together
p2tog tbl	left leaning decrease, purl two stitches together through the back loops
RS	right side of your work
skp	left leaning decrease, slip 1 stitch knit-wise, k1, pass the slipped stitch over the knitted stitch.
st(s)	stitch(es)
WS	wrong side of your work



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