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AUDREY TOP



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- Sizes:** XXS (XS) S (M) L (XL) 2XL (3XL) 4XL (5XL)
- Bust circumference:** 80 (85) 90 (95) 100 (110) 120 (130) 140 (150) cm [31½ (33½) 35½ (37½) 39½ (43¼) 47¼ (51¼) 55 (59) inches]
- Total length:** 45 (47) 50 (52) 57 (60) 61 (62) 64 (67) cm [17¾ (18½) 19¾ (20½) 22½ (23½) 24 (24½) 25¼ (26½) inches] (measured mid back)
- Gauge:** 20 sts x 27 rows = 10 x 10 cm [4 x 4 inches] in stockinette stitch on 4 mm [US6] needles
- Needles:** Circular needles: 4 mm [US6] / 60 or 80 cm [24 or 32 inches]
Circular or Double-pointed needles: 3 mm [US2½]
- Materials:** **Suggestion 1:** 200 (200) 250 (300) 300 (350) 350-400 (400) 400 (450) g Hør Organic by Isager Yarn (50 g = 178 m [195 yds]) (worked with two strands of yarn held together) **or** 250 (250) 300 (350) 350 (400) 400-450 (450) 450 (500) g Crealino by Lang Yarns (50 g = 165 m [180 yds]) (worked with two strands of yarn held together) **or** 150 (150) 200 (200) 200-250 (250) 250-300 (300) 300 (300-350) g Pure Silk by Knitting for Olive (50 g = 250 m [273 yds]) (worked with two strands of yarn held together) **Suggestion 2:** 150 (150) 200 (200-250) 250 (250) 250-300 (300) 300 (350) g Madarin Naturell by Sandnes Garn (50 g = 130 m [142 yds]) (worked with one strand) **or** 200 (200) 250 (250-300) 300 (300) 350 (350) 400 (400) g Line by Sandnes Garn (50 g = 110 m [120 yds]) (worked with one strand)

PATTERN

The Audrey Top is worked bottom-up. The body is worked in the round in stockinette stitch, then the work is divided for front and back, and each section is worked back and forth in stockinette stitch with decreases along the sides. The straps are worked as an i-cord.

Start by knitting a swatch to determine which size needle gives you the correct gauge. Wash the swatch as the recommended yarns can 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]. The Audrey Top is designed to have approx. 0-5 cm [0-2 inches] of positive ease. Measure yourself before beginning your project, to determine which size will fit you the best. For example, if you measure 89 cm [35 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 90 cm [35½ inches] which in the given example would give you 1 cm [½ inch] of positive ease. The model in the photos is wearing a size XXS and has a bust circumference of 78 cm [30¾ inches] and is 164 cm [approx. 5 feet 4 inches] tall. The top in the photo has 2 cm [¾ inch] 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 160 (170) 180 (190) 200 (220) **240** (260) 280 (300) sts on a 4 mm [US6] / 80 cm [32 inches] needles 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 23 (24) 27 (30) 34 (36) 37 (37) 39 (40) cm [9 (9½) 10¾ (11¾) 13½ (14¼) 14½ (14½) 15¼ (15¾) inches] in the round in stockinette stitch.

Tip: You can also work the Audrey 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 4 mm [US6] / 80 cm [32 inches] circular needles, so there are 160 (170) 180 (190) 200 (220) 240 (260) 280 (300) sts on each needle.

Knit across 1 row, join the work in the round making sure that the 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 stitches on one circular needle set until the work measures 23 (24) 27 (30) 34 (36) 37 (37) 39 (40) cm [9 (9½) 10¾ (11¾) 13½ (14¼) 14½ (14½) 15¼ (15¾ 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 underarms on the next round, thus dividing the work into a front and a back. The technique described below ensures that the division of the sts looks neat. Work as follows from the beginning of the round:

Round 1: Knit into the front and back loop of the next stitch, K1, pass the second stitch on the right needle over the stitch that has just been knitted (as if to bind off), bind off 4 (5) 4 (5) 4 (4) 6 (6) 6 (6) sts, knit 75 (79) 85 (89) 95 (105) 113 (123) 133 (143) sts, knit into the front and back loop of the next stitch, K1, pass the second stitch on the right needle over the stitch that has just been knitted (as if to bind off), bind off 4 (5) 4 (5) 4 (4) 6 (6) 6 (6) sts, knit 76 (80) 86 (90) 96 (106) 114 (124) 134 (144) sts.

The work has now been divided into a front and a back with 76 (80) 86 (90) 96 (106) 114 (124) 134 (144) sts for each piece.

Now work the front flat, back and forth on the needles. Place the back sts on a stitch holder to rest.

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

Work back and forth across the front sts, while working decreases on both RS and WS rows (note: for all sizes except XXS). 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 0 (1) 3 (5) 6 (8) 10 (13) 17 (20) times (i.e. for a total of 0 (2) 6 (10) 12 (16) 20 (26) 34 (40) rows). There are now a total of 76 (76) 74 (70) 72 (74) 74 (72) 66 (64) sts on the needles.

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

Work Rows 1 and 2 a total of 19 (19) 17 (14) 14 (13) 12 (9) 6 (5) times. There are now a total of 38 (38) 40 (42) 44 (48) 50 (54) 54 (54) sts on the needles.

On the next row, which is a RS row, the sts are bound off except for the first and last 4 sts on the needle. These two sets of 4 remaining sts will form the i-cord straps later. Work as follows:

Row 1 (RS): K4, bind off 30 (30) 32 (34) 36 (40) 42 (46) 46 (46) sts, k4.

Let the 4 sts at each end rest. Break the yarn leaving a long tail (approx. 1.5 m [1¾ yds]), so there's enough yarn for working the i-cord strap.

Back

The back is worked the same way as the front, but longer.

Work back and forth across the back sts, while working decreases on both RS and WS rows (note: for all sizes except XXS). 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 0 (1) 3 (5) 6 (8) 10 (13) 17 (20) times (i.e. for a total of 0 (2) 6 (10) 12 (16) 20 (26) 34 (40) rows). There are now a total of 76 (76) 74 (70) 72 (74) 74 (72) 66 (64) sts on the needles.

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

Work Rows 1 and 2 a total of 19 (19) 17 (14) 14 (13) 12 (9) 6 (5) times. There are now a total of 38 (38) 40 (42) 44 (48) 50 (54) 54 (54) 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 until a total of 8 cm [3¼ inches] have been worked straight in stockinette stitch (measured from the last decrease on the back) for all sizes.

Bind off all sts from the RS.

Straps

Place the 4 resting sts on the left front side on 3 mm [US2½] needles. Join new yarn and work an i-cord from the RS across the 4 sts as follows:

Row 1 (RS): K4, return the 4 sts back onto the left needle.

Repeat this row until the strap measures 8 cm [3¼ inches] (or desired length – you can try the top on to determine the perfect length for you). Count how many rows you work so you can work the next strap to the exact same length.

Once the strap is the correct length, sew the end of the strap to the same side of the back using Kitchener stitch. Take care to make sure the strap isn't twisted before sewing it to the back.

Work the second strap the same way as the first. Use the yarn the front was worked with.

Weave in all ends.

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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