

# Caesura V

a sleeveless Ziggurat

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*Caesura V* is a summery, sporty sleeveless top with a generous A-line shape. Worked in DK weight it knits up fast so you may need a few in different colours. Like any true Ziggurat *Caesura V* is knitted from cast on to cast off in one big zig-zaggy sweep from beginning to end, except, here there is a caesura, a pause — a single cut of the yarn to make things just a bit easier, and less obsessive. It's still all knitted in one piece with special attention to finishing and detail. As usual.



**SIZES** 81 (86, 91, 97, 102) [107, 112, 117, 122, 127] cm  
32 (34, 36, 38, 40) [42, 44, 46, 48, 50] in

**YARN** Dibadu **Seda de Campo** (65% Silk, 35% Linen, 250 m / 273 yds per 100 g), Mondlicht x 2 (2, 2, 2, 2) [2, 2, 2, 2, 3] skeins, Erdbeeren auf Pistazieneis x 1 (1, 1, 1, 2) [2, 2, 2, 2, 2] skein(s)  
Approx yardage

**MC** 300 (310, 350, 370, 390) [410, 425, 455, 490, 510] m  
325 (340, 380, 410, 425) [450, 465, 500, 535, 560] yds  
**CC** 195 (200, 225, 245, 255) [270, 280, 300, 320, 335] m  
215 (220, 250, 265, 280) [295, 305, 325, 350, 365] yds

**ALTERNATIVE YARN SUGGESTIONS** Dye For Yarn Silk/Linen Summer edition; any yarn that knits to gauge

## NEEDLES & NOTIONS

3.5 mm (US 4) circular needle, 80 – 100 cm (32 in – 40 in)  
2.5 mm (US 1½) circular needle  
3.5 mm (US 4) needle (double pointed or circular)  
Crochet hook, 2.5 – 3.5 mm (C – E), optional for cast ons  
Stitch markers

## BLOCKED GAUGE

20 sts x 28 rows on 3.5 mm over stocking stitch = 10 cm (4 in)

## PATTERN NOTES

*Caesura V* is a sleeveless Ziggurat, knitted top-down using Åsa's **Top-Down Ziggurat Tricnique** (an all-in-one, one-piece technique inspired by The Tailored Sweater Method) with just one uncharacteristic snip and a special twist. Step-by-step instructions (and a tutorial on the final pages) guide you from start to cast off. There are optional bust darts, and a small split in the back hem provides room for rears.

The pattern is written and also has helpful charts to keep track of rows and shaping.

Note on **CC** yardage: To make 1 skein of **CC** suffice also for sizes 40–44, begin the striping sequence a few rounds later.

## HELPFUL LINKS

**Winding Provisional Cast On** [asatricosa.com/winding-provisional-cast-on/](http://asatricosa.com/winding-provisional-cast-on/)

**German Short Rows** [asatricosa.com/german-short-rows](http://asatricosa.com/german-short-rows)

**Crochet Cast On Perfected** [asatricosa.com/crochet-cast-on/](http://asatricosa.com/crochet-cast-on/)

**Crochet Cast On** [ow.ly/wpgqT](http://ow.ly/wpgqT)

**M1L/M1R** [asatricosa.com/m1r](http://asatricosa.com/m1r)

**3 Needle Cast Off** [knitty.com/ISSUEfall06/FEATfall06TT.html](http://knitty.com/ISSUEfall06/FEATfall06TT.html)



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## ABBREVIATIONS

<b>k</b>	Knit
<b>k<sup>^</sup></b>	Knit through both legs of 'pulled-tight' st (short-row-slipped-st) as if it were a normal, single st
<b>k2tog</b>	Knit 2 sts together
<b>kwise</b>	Knitwise
<b>LN</b>	Left needle
<b>loop</b>	Looping the cable to accommodate sts (see photo)
<b>M1L(p)</b>	Make 1 Left: with LN pick up bar between sts from below and from front, knit into back leg of this loop (on WS purl)
<b>M1R(p)</b>	Make 1 Right: with LN pick up bar between sts from behind, knit into front leg of this (twisted) loop (on WS purl)
<b>p</b>	Purl
<b>p<sup>^</sup></b>	Purl through both legs of 'pulled-tight' st (short-row-slipped-st) as if it were a normal, single st
<b>p&amp;k/p</b>	Pick up and knit/purl
<b>pm/rm/sm</b>	Place/remove/slip marker
<b>pwise</b>	Purlwise
<b>RN</b>	Right needle
<b>RS</b>	Right side
<b>sl</b>	Slip purlwise wyf unless otherwise directed
<b>sl1<sup>^</sup></b>	Wyf, sl1pwise, pull on yarn over and behind needle until both legs of st show (see <a href="#">link</a> )
<b>ssk</b>	Slip 1 kwise, slip1 kwise, knit slipped sts tog tbl
<b>st/sts</b>	Stitch/stitches
<b>tbl</b>	Through the back loop
<b>WS</b>	Wrong side
<b>wyf</b>	With yarn in front

## HINTS &amp; TIPS

**TRY IT ON!** Try your top on every now and then! The beauty of top-down knitting is that you can try your garment for fit as you go.

**WORKING THE SHOULDER SHORT ROWS** Wrap and turn — but without the wraps! After turning, bring yarn to front, sl1<sup>^</sup> (= sl1wyf and pull on yarn over and behind until stitch slips round and shows both its legs). **On RS:** k next st(s) as usual. When purling back over the sl1<sup>^</sup> on next WS (when you'd normally pick up the wraps), p1<sup>^</sup> (= purl through both legs of the 'pulled-tight' st). **On WS:** purl next st(s) as usual). When knitting back over this stitch, k1<sup>^</sup> (= knit the two legs of the st tog as if it were a normal, single st). See [link](#) on page 1.

**ARMHOLES** are designed to fit comfortably but also to be snug enough to not let things spill out or bras to show. A stretchy yarn will be more accommodating, a stiffer yarn such as linen may require an adjustment for those of us with bigger arms. The blue outlines in Helpful Table and notes in the written instructions indicate where you can add (or subtract) a few rows.

**CAST ONS** Provisional Winding or Crochet cast on are used for all cast ons. See links on page 1. For the crochet cast on begin by 'borrowing' the first stitch on the needle as your initial loop. Cast on the number of sts required, then replace the final loop on LN which returns the borrowed stitch.

**OPTIONAL BUST DARTS** To determine which bust darts to do, measure from your mid-shoulder down your back to your underbust line (where a bra would sit). Also measure from the same point on

your shoulder down your front, over your bust and down to your underbust line. If the front is longer than the back by 5 cm / 2 in or less, you will probably not benefit from adding bust darts. Choose **Smallish** (adds 3.5 cm / 1½ in) if the difference between front and back is 5–7.5 cm / 2–3 in, **Middling** (adds 5 cm / 2 in) if the difference is 7.5–10 cm / 3–4 in, **Busty** (adds 6 cm / 2¼ in) if the difference is 10–12.5 cm / 4–5 in, and **Wowza** (adds 8 cm / 3¼ in) if the difference is more than 12.5 cm / 4 in. The dart should start approximately at the level of the pointiest part of your bust—begin the darts sooner or later if necessary to accommodate your body shape as only approximate guidelines are given. (Sample size 38 has Middling Darts.)

**STEP 1: CAST ON & RIGHT FRONT SHOULDER**

*Right Front Shoulder is worked bottom up (see drawings).*

With **CC** and 3.5 mm needles, use the Provisional Winding Cast On to cast on 32 (33, 34, 36, 37) [39, 41, 44, 43, 46] sts.

**Row 1 (RS):** K1, sl1wyf, ssk, k to last 4 sts, k2tog, sl1wyf, k1.

30 (31, 32, 34, 35) [37, 39, 42, 41, 44] sts

*Sizes 32, 34, 36, 38, 40, 42, and 48 only:*

**Row 2:** Sl1wyf, k1, sl1wyf, p to last 3 sts, sl1wyf, k1, sl1wyf.

*Sizes 44, 46, 50 only:*

**Row 2b:** Sl1wyf, k1, sl1wyf, p2togtbl, p to last 3 sts, sl1wyf, k1, sl1wyf. 30 (31, 32, 34, 35) [37, 38, 41, 41, 43] sts

*All sizes*

Work **Rows 1 & 2b** 0 (0, 0, 0, 0) [0, 0, 1, 0, 1] time(s) more.  
30 (31, 32, 34, 35) [37, 38, 38, 41, 40] sts

Work **Rows 1 & 2** 0 (0, 0, 1, 1) [2, 2, 2, 3, 2] time(s) more.  
30 (31, 32, 32, 33) [33, 34, 34, 35, 36] sts

**Row 3:** K1, sl1wyf, ssk, k to last 3 sts, k1, sl1wyf, k1.  
29 (30, 31, 31, 32) [32, 33, 33, 34, 35] sts

**Row 4:** As Row 2.

Work **Rows 3 & 4** 2 (3, 2, 1, 2) [1, 3, 1, 0, 1] time(s) more.  
27 (27, 29, 30, 30) [31, 30, 32, 34, 34] sts

**Row 5:** K1, sl1wyf, k to last 3 sts, k1, sl1wyf, k1.

**Row 6:** As Row 2.

Work **Rows 3 – 6** 2 (2, 3, 3, 2) [3, 2, 3, 3, 3] times more.  
25 (25, 26, 27, 28) [28, 28, 29, 31, 31] sts

Work **Row 3** once more.

24 (24, 25, 26, 27) [27, 27, 28, 30, 30] sts

**Row 8:** With **CC**, sl1wyf, k1, sl1wyf, then with **MC**, p to last 3 sts, sl1wyf, k1, sl1wyf.

**Row 9:** With **MC**, k1, sl1wyf, k to last 3 sts, with **CC**, k1, sl1wyf, k1.

**Row 10:** As Row 8.

**Row 11:** With **MC**, k1, sl1wyf, ssk, k to last 3 sts, with **CC**, k1, sl1wyf, k1. 23 (23, 24, 25, 26) [26, 26, 27, 29, 29] sts

Do not cut **MC**.

With **CC** only work **Rows 8 – 11**, taking care to catch **MC** strand on Row 11.

With **CC** only work **Rows 8 & 9**.

22 (22, 23, 24, 25) [25, 25, 26, 28, 28] sts



With **MC** (and **CC** edging as set) work **Rows 10 & 11** once (= a 2-row **MC** stripe). Cut **MC**.

21 (21, 22, 23, 24) [24, 24, 25, 27, 27] sts

With **CC** work **Rows 8–11** 2 (2, 2, 2, 3) [2, 2, 2, 4, 3] times.

19 (19, 20, 21, 21) [22, 22, 23, 23, 24] sts

Work **Row 2** once.

Work **Rows 5 & 6** 3 (3, 3, 4, 3) [4, 4, 2, 1, 2] time(s).

**Tip:** For deeper/shorter armhole, add/omit repeats of **Rows 5 & 6** (see also blue outlines in Helpful Table). Make sure to match with Back (Step 4) and Left Front (Step 5) as indicated below.

*Short Rows for Shoulder*

**Row 1:** K1, sl1wyf, k4 (4, 4, 5, 5) [5, 5, 5, 5, 6], turn.

**Row 2:** Sl1^, pm, p to last 3 sts, sl1wyf, k1, sl1wyf.

**Row 3:** K1, sl1wyf, k to marker, rm, k1^, k6 (6, 6, 7, 7) [7, 7, 7, 7, 8], turn.

**Row 4:** As Row 2.

**Row 5:** K1, sl1wyf, k to marker, rm, k1^, k to last 2 sts, sl1wyf, k1.

Cut **CC**.

Continue to next step without turning.

## STEP 2: LEFT BACK SHOULDER

*Work proceeds top-down from here.*

*Extra sts are cast on across the back. In Step 3 the cast on is laid double with Right Shoulder and both are knitted together using a 3rd needle.*

*This creates a stabilizing shoulder seam without having to cut the yarn.*

**Note:** The first row after the 3-needle manoeuvre is indeed another RS row strange as that may seem.

Join **MC**, using the Crochet Cast On and as a continuation of the final row in the previous step, cast on 61 (63, 65, 67, 69) [71, 73, 75, 77, 79] sts. 80 (82, 85, 88, 90) [93, 95, 98, 100, 103] total sts

**Row 1 (RS):** K1, sl1wyf, k17 (17, 18, 19, 19) [20, 20, 21, 21, 22], turn.

**Row 2 (WS):** Sl1^, pm, p11 (11, 11, 13, 13) [13, 13, 13, 13, 15], turn.

**Row 3:** Sl1^, k to marker, rm, k1^, k1, turn.

20 (20, 21, 22, 22) [23, 23, 24, 24, 25] shldr sts

**Row 4:** Sl1^, pm, p7 (7, 7, 8, 8) [8, 8, 8, 8, 9], turn.

**Row 5:** Sl1^, k to marker, rm, k1^, k1, turn.

21 (21, 22, 23, 23) [24, 24, 25, 25, 26] shldr sts

**Row 6:** Sl1^, pm, p to last 3 sts, working any sl1^ as p1^, sl1wyf, k1, sl1wyf.

## STEP 3: RIGHT BACK SHOULDER

*A twisted rib triangle is worked at centre back.*

**Row 1 (RS):** K1, sl1wyf, k to marker, rm, k1^, k1 (0, 0, 0, 1) [1, 2, 2, 3, 3], pm, (k1tbl, p1) 8 (10, 10, 10, 10) [10, 10, 10, 10, 10] times, k1tbl, pm, k3 (2, 2, 2, 3) [3, 4, 4, 5, 5], slip next 19 (19, 20, 21, 21) [22, 22, 23, 23, 24] sts to dpn A, slip 19 (19, 20, 21, 21) [22, 22, 23, 23, 24] shoulder sts to dpn B, fold dpn B to lie in front of dpn A and with RS facing, with working circular and using 1 st from each dpn k2tog 19 (19, 20, 21, 21) [22, 22, 23, 23, 24] times.

61 (63, 65, 67, 69) [71, 73, 75, 77, 79] Back sts

**Row 2 (WS):** Sl1wyf, k1, sl1wyf, p16 (16, 17, 18, 18) [19, 19, 20, 20, 21], turn. 19 (19, 20, 21, 21) [22, 22, 23, 23, 24] shldr sts

**Row 3:** Sl1^, pm, k11 (11, 11, 13, 13) [13, 13, 13, 13, 15], turn.

**Row 4:** Sl1^, p to marker, rm, p1^, p1, turn.

20 (20, 21, 22, 22) [23, 23, 24, 24, 25] shldr sts

**Row 5:** Sl1^, pm, k7 (7, 7, 8, 8) [8, 8, 8, 8, 9], turn.

**Row 6:** As Row 4.

21 (21, 22, 23, 23) [24, 24, 25, 25, 26] shldr sts

**Row 7:** Sl1^, pm, k to last 2 sts, working any sl1^ as k1^, sl1wyf, k1.

## STEP 4: WORKING ACROSS ENTIRE BACK

**Next Row (WS):** Sl1wyf, k1, sl1wyf, p to marker, rm, p1^, p to marker, sm, (p1tbl, k1) to 1 st before marker, p1tbl, sm, p to last 3 sts, sl1wyf, k1, sl1wyf. 61 (63, 65, 67, 69) [71, 73, 75, 77, 79] sts

**Row 1 (RS):** K1, sl1wyf, k to m, sm, k1tbl, (p1, k1tbl) to marker, sm, k to last 3 sts, k1, sl1wyf, k1.

**Row 2:** Sl1wyf, k1, sl1wyf, p to marker, rm, p1tbl, k1, pm, p1tbl (k1, p1tbl) to marker, sm, p to last 3 sts, sl1wyf, k1, sl1wyf.

**Row 3:** K1, sl1wyf, k to m, rm, k2, pm, k1tbl, (p1, k1tbl) to marker, sm, k to last 3 sts, k1, sl1wyf, k1.

**Row 4:** Sl1wyf, k1, sl1wyf, p to marker, sm, p1tbl, (k1, p1tbl) to marker, sm, p to last 3 sts, sl1wyf, k1, sl1wyf.

Work **Rows 1–4** 2 (3, 3, 3, 3) [3, 3, 3, 3, 3] times more.

Work **Rows 1 & 2** once more.

Remove markers on next row.

**Row 5:** K1, sl1wyf, k to last 3 sts, k1, sl1wyf, k1.

**Row 6:** Sl1wyf, k1, sl1wyf, p to last 3 sts, sl1wyf, k1, sl1wyf.

Work **Rows 5 & 6** 11 (10, 11, 11, 11) [11, 11, 11, 11, 11] times more.

**Tip:** For deeper/shorter armhole, add/omit repeats of **Rows 5 & 6** (see also blue outlines in Helpful Table) to match to Left Front.

## Begin Body Increases

**bm1 = body incr**

**Row 1 (RS):** K1, sl1wyf, k1, **bm1R**, k to last 3 sts, **bm1**, k1, sl1wyf, k1. 63 (65, 67, 69, 71) [73, 75, 77, 79, 81] sts

**Row 2:** Sl1wyf, k1, sl1wyf, p to last 3 sts, sl1wyf, k1, sl1wyf.

Work **Rows 1 & 2** 1 (1, 1, 1, 1) [2, 1, 1, 3, 1] time(s) more.

65 (67, 69, 71, 73) [77, 77, 79, 85, 83] sts

**Row 3: As Row 1.**

67 (69, 71, 73, 75) [79, 79, 81, 87, 85] sts

**Row 4:** Sl1wyf, k1, sl1wyf, **bm1Lp**, p to last 3 sts, **bm1Rp**, sl1wyf, k1, sl1wyf. 69 (71, 73, 75, 77) [81, 81, 83, 89, 87] sts

Work **Rows 3 & 4** 0 (0, 1, 2, 2) [2, 3, 4, 3, 5] time(s) more.

69 (71, 77, 83, 85) [89, 93, 99, 101, 107] sts

Work **Rows 1 & 2** 1 (1, 0, 0, 0) [0, 0, 0, 0, 0] time(s) more.

71 (73, 77, 83, 85) [89, 93, 99, 101, 107] sts

Leave Back sts to the side for now.

## STEP 5: LEFT FRONT SHOULDER

At neck-side of Left Back Shoulder cast on and with RS facing, join **MC** to p&k19 (19, 20, 21, 21) [22, 22, 23, 23, 24].

**Setup Row (WS):** Sl1wyf, k1, sl1wyf, p to last 3 sts, sl1wyf, k1, sl1wyf.

**Row 1 (RS):** K1, sl1wyf, k10 (10, 10, 12, 12) [12, 12, 12, 12, 14], turn.

**Row 2:** Sl1^, p to last 3 sts, sl1wyf, k1, sl1wyf.

**Row 3:** K1, sl1wyf, k4 (4, 4, 5, 5) [5, 5, 5, 5, 6], turn.

**Row 4:** As Row 2.

**Row 5:** K1, sl1wyf, k to last 2 sts (working any sl1^ as k1^), sl1wyf, k1.

**Row 6:** Sl1wyf, k1, sl1wyf, p to last 3 sts, sl1wyf, k1, sl1wyf.



**Row 7:** K1, sl1wyf, k to last 2 sts, sl1wyf, k1.

**Row 8:** As Row 6.

Work **Rows 7 & 8** 2 (2, 2, 3, 2) [2, 3, 2, 0, 1] time(s) more.

**Tip:** For deeper/shorter armhole, add/omit repeats of **Rows 7 & 8** (see also blue outlines in Helpful Table) to match Left Front & Back.

### Neck Increases & Body Increases

**nM1 = neck increase**      **bM1 = body increase**

**Row 1 (RS):** K1, sl1wyf, k1, **nM1R**, k to last 2 sts, sl1wyf, k1.

20 (20, 21, 22, 22) [23, 23, 24, 24, 25] sts

**Row 2 (WS):** Sl1wyf, k1, sl1wyf, p to last 3 sts, sl1wyf, k1, sl1wyf.

**Row 3:** K1, sl1wyf, k to last 2 sts, sl1wyf, k1.

**Row 4 (WS):** As Row 2

Work **Rows 1 – 4** 6 (6, 7, 7, 7) [8, 6, 8, 9, 8] times more.

26 (26, 28, 29, 29) [31, 29, 32, 33, 33] sts

Work **Rows 1 & 2** 3 (4, 3, 2, 3) [1, 4, 1, 1, 2] times more.

29 (30, 31, 31, 32) [32, 33, 33, 34, 35] sts

**Row 5:** K1, sl1wyf, k1, **nM1R**, k to last 3 sts, **bM1L**, k1, sl1wyf, k1.

31 (32, 33, 33, 34) [34, 35, 35, 36, 37] sts

**Row 6:** As Row 2.

Work **Rows 5 & 6** 0 (0, 0, 1, 1) [2, 1, 1, 3, 1] time(s) more.

31 (32, 33, 35, 36) [38, 37, 37, 42, 39] sts

Sizes 44, 46, 50 only:

**Work Row 5** once.

– (–, –, –, –) [–, 39, 39, –, 41] sts

**Row 8:** Sl1wyf, k1, sl1wyf, **bM1Lp** to last 3 sts, sl1wyf, k1, sl1wyf.

– (–, –, –, –) [–, 40, 40, –, 42] sts.

Sizes 46 & 50 only:

**Work Rows 5 & 8** once more.

– (–, –, –, –) [–, –, 43, –, 45] sts

All sizes

**Work Row 5** once.

33 (34, 35, 37, 38) [40, 42, 45, 44, 47] sts

Continue to **Step 6**.

### STEP 6: JOINING FRONTS & BODY INCREASES

Sizes 32, 34, 36 only:

**Setup Row (WS):** Sl1wyf, k1, sl1wyf, p to last 3 sts, sl1wyf, k1, sl1wyf, join to Right Front provisional sts, sl1wyf, k1, sl1wyf, p to last 3 sts, sl1wyf, k1, sl1wyf, slip off and discard slip-knot.

65 (67, 69, –, –) [–, –, –, –, –] sts

Sizes 38, 40, 42, 44, 46, 48, 50 only:

**Setup Row (WS):** Sl1wyf, k1, sl1wyf, **bM1Lp**, p to last 3 sts, sl1wyf, k1, sl1wyf, join to Right Front provisional sts, sl1wyf, k1, sl1wyf, p to last 3 sts, **bM1Rp**, sl1wyf, k1, sl1wyf, slip off and discard slip-knot.

– (–, –, 75, 77) [81, 85, 91, 89, 95] sts

All sizes

**Row 1 (RS):** K1, sl1wyf, k1, **bM1L**, k to 1 st before centre front join, ssk, k last 3 sts, **bM1R**, k1, sl1wyf, k1.

66 (68, 70, 76, 78) [82, 86, 92, 90, 96] sts

**Row 2:** Sl1wyf, k1, sl1wyf, **bM1Lp**, p to last 3 sts, **bM1Rp**, sl1wyf, k1, sl1wyf.

68 (70, 72, 78, 80) [84, 88, 94, 92, 98] sts

Work **Rows 1 & 2** 0 (0, 1, 1, 1, 1) [1, 1, 1, 2, 2] time(s) more.

68 (70, 76, 82, 84) [88, 92, 98, 100, 106] sts

Sizes 32, 34 only:

Work **Row 1** once more.

70 (72, –, –, –) [–, –, –, –, –] sts

Sizes 32, 34 only:

**Row (WS):** Sl1wyf, k1, sl1wyf, p to last 3 sts, sl1wyf, k1, sl1wyf.

70 (72, 76, 82, 84) [88, 92, 98, 100, 106] sts

### STEP 7: JOINING TO WORK IN THE ROUND

A twisted rib triangle is centred at each underarm.

**Joining Row/Round 1 (RS):** \*K1, k2tog, k to last 3 sts, pm, ssk, k1, borrow last st to crochet cast on 7 (7, 9, 9, 9) [9, 9, 9, 11, 11] sts, pm, cast on 7 (7, 9, 9, 9) [9, 9, 9, 11, 11] additional sts, replace borrowed loop, join to body sts on other side of armhole to work in the round (and taking care not to twist your garment or sts),\* work from \* to \* once more. 165 (169, 185, 197, 201) [209, 217, 229, 241, 253] sts

**Joining Round 2:** \*K to m, sm, ssk, M1Rp, (k1tbl, p1) to marker, sm (= centre underarm marker), (k1tbl, p1) to end of cast on, with LN pick up from back to front in cast-on bar, k2tog (the twisted loop and the first st after cast on), pm\* work from \* to \* once more, k to m, sm, (k1tbl, p1) to marker, sm (Left Underarm centre marker = beg of round). 165 (169, 185, 197, 201) [209, 217, 229, 241, 253] sts

Continue in the round with ribbing at underarms, WAIST SHAPING and optional BUST DARTS. **Read Steps 8–10 before continuing.** They take place roughly at the same time and the particular order depends on your shape.

### STEP 8: WORKING IN THE ROUND & UNDERARM RIB

The underarm sts are worked in set rib. On every 4th round the rib narrows by 4 sts. Waist increases begin when rib has narrowed to a single k1tbl.

**Round 1:** \*K1tbl, (p1, k1tbl) to 2 sts before marker, pm, k2, rm, k to marker, rm, k2, pm, (k1tbl, p1) to marker, sm,\* work from \* to \* once more.

**Rounds 2–4:** \*K1tbl, (p1, k1tbl) to marker, sm, k to marker, sm, (k1tbl, p1), to marker, sm\* work from \* to \* once more.

Work **Rounds 1–4** 2 (2, 2, 3, 3) [3, 3, 3, 4, 4] times more.

Work **Round 1** once more without placing new markers (pm).

One marker and a single k1tbl remain at each underarm/side.

### STEP 9: HORIZONTAL BUST DARTS — OPTIONAL

If you wish to omit bust darts, skip to **Step 10**.

Sizes: SMALLISH (MIDDLING, BUSTY, WOWZA)

**Note:** Step 9 is most likely worked after a few rounds into Step 10.

At about 5 (6, 10, 10) cm or 2 (2½, 4, 4) in from underarm cast on:

**Row 1:** Work to 24 (28, 32, 34) sts before centre left underarm marker, turn.

**Row 2:** Sl1^, pm, p to 25 (29, 33, 35) sts before right underarm marker, turn.

**Row 3:** Sl1^, pm, k to marker, rm, k1^, k5 (4, 4, 3), turn.

**Row 4:** Sl1^, pm, p to marker, rm, p1^, p5 (4, 4, 3), turn.



Work **Rows 3 & 4** 3 (5, 6, 9) times more.

Resume working in the round.

**Note:** On first round, remove the final short row marker and work the remaining  $sl1^{\wedge}$  as  $k1^{\wedge}$ .

**STEP 10: WORKING IN THE ROUND & A-LINE SHAPING**

Waist increases eventually create purled panels with a  $k1tbl$  at centre and one  $k1tbl$  each at outside edges of these panels.

**Tip:** For sample size 38 the bust darts were worked on Round 1 below.

**Round 1:**  $K1tbl$ ,  $M1L$ ,  $k$  to marker,  $M1R$ ,  $sm$ , (marker at Right Underarm),  $k1tbl$ ,  $M1L$ ,  $k$  to marker (marker at Left Underarm),  $M1R$ ,  $sm$ . 169 (173, 189, 201, 205) [213, 221, 233, 245, 257] sts

**Round 2:**  $*(K1tbl)$  twice,  $k$  to 1 st before marker,  $k1tbl$ ,  $sm$ ,  $*$  work from  $*$  to  $*$  once more.

Work **Round 2** seven times more.

**Increase Round:**  $*(K1tbl, M1Lp, k1tbl, k$  to 1 st before marker,  $k1tbl, M1Rp, sm$ ,  $*$  work from  $*$  to  $*$  once more.

173 (177, 193, 205, 209) [217, 225, 237, 249, 261] sts

**Round 4:**  $*(K1tbl, p$  to next  $k1tbl, k1tbl, k$  to next  $k1tbl, k1tbl, p$  to marker,  $sm$ ,  $*$  work from  $*$  to  $*$  once more.

Work **Round 4** seven times more.

Work **Increase Round** once.

177 (181, 197, 209, 213) [221, 229, 241, 253, 265] sts

Keep working **Round 4**, alternating with **Increase Round** every 9th round until work measures 32.5 (32.5, 34, 34, 35) [36, 36, 36.5, 37, 37] cm or  $12\frac{3}{4}$  ( $12\frac{3}{4}$ ,  $13\frac{1}{2}$ ,  $13\frac{1}{2}$ ,  $13\frac{3}{4}$ ) [ $14\frac{1}{4}$ ,  $14\frac{1}{4}$ ,  $14\frac{1}{4}$ ,  $14\frac{1}{2}$ ,  $14\frac{1}{2}$ ] in from underarm (or at 8 cm /  $3\frac{1}{4}$  in before desired total length) and at the same time work the following striping sequence with **CC**.

At 22 (22, 22, 23, 24) [24, 24, 25, 26, 26] cm  $8\frac{3}{4}$  ( $8\frac{3}{4}$ ,  $8\frac{3}{4}$ , 9,  $9\frac{1}{2}$ ) [ $9\frac{1}{2}$ ,  $9\frac{1}{2}$ ,  $9\frac{3}{4}$ ,  $10\frac{1}{4}$ ,  $10\frac{1}{4}$ ] in from underarm work the following stripe sequence while also working increase rounds as set:

2 rounds with **CC**

3 rounds with **MC**

6 rounds with **CC**

4 rounds with **MC**.

Cut **MC**, continue with **CC** only and now work increase round once on every 14th, then on every 16th round.

**STEP 11: SPLIT & HEM**

When work measures 32 (31.5, 32, 32, 33.5) [34, 34, 34.5, 35, 35] cm or  $12\frac{1}{2}$  ( $12\frac{1}{2}$ ,  $12\frac{1}{2}$ ,  $12\frac{1}{2}$ ,  $13\frac{1}{4}$ ) [ $13\frac{1}{2}$ ,  $13\frac{1}{2}$ ,  $13\frac{1}{2}$ ,  $13\frac{3}{4}$ ,  $13\frac{3}{4}$ ] in from underarm work a split as follows.

**Next round:** Work as set to 5 sts before centre back,  $pm$ , ( $kfb$ ) 9 times (in the 9 centre back sts), place every other st (that is, every st knitted in the back loop = 9 sts) on a separate needle. Return the 9 sts that were knitted through the front loop to RN, work to end of round. Begin working back and forth in rows while working side panels as set.

**Row 1 (RS):** Work to marker at centre back,  $rm$ ,  $k1, sl1wyf, k2, p1, k2, sl1wyf, k1$ , turn.

**Row 2 (WS):**  $*Sl1wyf, k1, sl1wyf, k1, p1, k1, sl1wyf, k1, sl1wyf, *$  p to 9 sts before split, work from  $*$  to  $*$  once more, turn.

**Row 3:**  $*K1, sl1wyf, k2, p1, k2, sl1wyf, k1, *$  k to 9 sts before split, work from  $*$  to  $*$  once more, turn.

Work **Rows 2 & 3** 4 times more.

Work **Row 2** once more.

With smaller needle, work **8 rows** of twisted 1x1 rib as follows:

*Note:* To align rib with split and the  $k1tbl$  of side panels, *incr/decr 1–2 sts as necessary.*

**RS:** Work 9 split sts as set, ( $p1, k1tbl$ ) to 1 st before split,  $p1$ , work the 9 split sts as set.

**WS:** Work 9 split sts as set, ( $k1, p1tbl$ ) to 1 st before split,  $k1$ , work the 9 split sts as set.

*For a very neat rib:* At side panels, continue the  $k1tbl$  down through rib. If your size throws things off, work three  $k1tbl$  at each centre side  $k1tbl$  (in place of  $p1, k1tbl, p1$ ).

**Cast off from RS:**  $K2tog$ , cast off in pattern to last 2 sts,  $k2tog$  and finish cast off.

**STEP 12: FINISH**

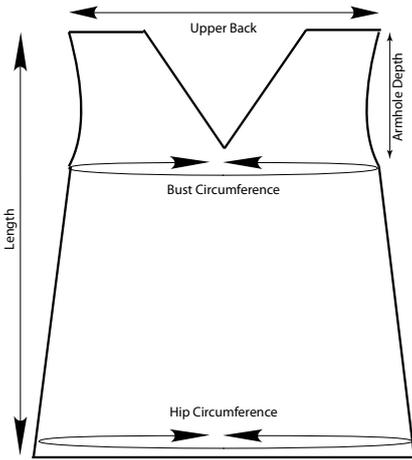
Weave in loose ends. Soak and block to measurements.



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	32	34	36	38	40	42	44	46	48	50
Upper Back (cm)	30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39
in	$11\frac{3}{4}$	$12\frac{1}{4}$	$12\frac{1}{2}$	13	$13\frac{1}{2}$	$13\frac{3}{4}$	$14\frac{1}{4}$	$14\frac{1}{2}$	15	$15\frac{1}{2}$
Bust circumf (cm)	84	86	94	100	102	106	110	116.5	122.5	128.5
in	33	$33\frac{3}{4}$	37	$39\frac{1}{2}$	$40\frac{1}{4}$	$41\frac{3}{4}$	44	$45\frac{3}{4}$	$48\frac{1}{4}$	$50\frac{1}{2}$
Armhole depth (cm)	18	19	19.5	20.5	20.5	21	21	22	22.5	22.5
in	$7\frac{1}{4}$	$7\frac{1}{2}$	$7\frac{3}{4}$	8	8	$8\frac{1}{4}$	$8\frac{1}{4}$	$8\frac{1}{2}$	$8\frac{3}{4}$	$8\frac{3}{4}$
Total Length (cm)	62.5	63.5	64.5	62.5	66.5	67.5	68.5	68.5	69.5	69.5
in	$24\frac{1}{2}$	25	$25\frac{1}{2}$	$25\frac{3}{4}$	$26\frac{1}{4}$	$26\frac{1}{2}$	27	27	$27\frac{1}{4}$	$27\frac{1}{4}$
Bottom hem (cm)	100.5	101.5	112	118	120.5	124.5	128.5	134.5	141	147.5
in	$39\frac{1}{2}$	40	44	$46\frac{1}{2}$	$47\frac{1}{2}$	49	$50\frac{1}{2}$	53	$55\frac{1}{2}$	58





	RF 32	32 LF	RF 34	34 LF	RF 36	36 LF	RF 38	38 LF	RF 40	40 LF	RF 42	42 LF	RF 44	44 LF	RF 46	46 LF	RF 48	48 LF	RF 50	50 LF
Neck Decreases	55	54	56	55	58	57	60	59	61	60	62	61	63	62	65	64	66	65	67	66
Rows from Cast On	53	52	53	52	55	54	57	56	58	57	60	59	61	60	63	62	64	63	65	64
Neck Decreases	53	52	53	52	55	54	57	56	58	57	60	59	61	60	63	62	64	63	65	64
Neck Increases	51	50	51	50	53	52	55	54	56	55	58	57	59	58	61	60	62	61	63	62
Joining Fronts	49	48	47	46	49	48	47	46	49	48	47	46	49	48	47	46	49	48	47	46
Back Cast On	47	46	45	44	47	46	45	44	47	46	45	44	47	46	45	44	47	46	45	44
Body Increase (# BACK sts)	63	62	63	62	65	64	67	66	68	67	70	69	71	70	73	72	74	73	75	74
Underarm Cast On	61	60	61	60	63	62	65	64	66	65	68	67	69	68	71	70	72	71	73	72
Short Row	59	58	59	58	61	60	63	62	64	63	66	65	67	66	69	68	70	69	71	70
Left Front	57	56	57	56	59	58	61	60	62	61	64	63	65	64	67	66	68	67	69	68
Right Front	55	54	55	54	57	56	59	58	60	59	62	61	63	62	65	64	66	65	67	66
CC	53	52	53	52	55	54	57	56	58	57	60	59	61	60	63	62	64	63	65	64
MC	51	50	51	50	53	52	55	54	56	55	58	57	59	58	61	60	62	61	63	62
Adjust here for deeper/shorter armhole	49	48	49	48	51	50	53	52	54	53	56	55	57	56	59	58	60	59	61	60
Winding Cast On	47	46	47	46	49	48	51	50	52	51	54	53	55	54	57	56	58	57	59	58
Neck Decrease	45	44	45	44	47	46	49	48	50	49	52	51	53	52	55	54	56	55	57	56
RF Body Decrease	43	42	43	42	45	44	47	46	48	47	50	49	51	50	53	52	54	53	55	54
Neck Increases (# FRONT sts)	41	40	41	40	43	42	45	44	46	45	48	47	49	48	51	50	52	51	53	52
Joining Fronts	39	38	39	38	41	40	43	42	44	43	46	45	47	46	49	48	50	49	51	50
Back Cast On	37	36	37	36	39	38	41	40	42	41	44	43	45	44	47	46	48	47	49	48
Body Increase (# BACK sts)	20	19	20	19	22	21	24	23	25	24	27	26	28	27	30	29	31	30	32	31
Underarm Cast On	33	32	33	32	35	34	37	36	38	37	40	39	41	40	43	42	44	43	45	44
Short Row	31	30	31	30	33	32	35	34	36	35	38	37	39	38	41	40	42	41	43	42
Left Front	29	28	29	28	31	30	33	32	34	33	36	35	37	36	39	38	40	39	41	40
Right Front	27	26	27	26	29	28	31	30	32	31	34	33	35	34	37	36	38	37	39	38
CC	25	24	25	24	27	26	29	28	30	29	32	31	33	32	35	34	36	35	37	36
MC	23	22	23	22	25	24	27	26	28	27	30	29	31	30	33	32	34	33	35	34
Adjust here for deeper/shorter armhole	21	20	21	20	23	22	25	24	26	25	28	27	29	28	31	30	32	31	33	32
Winding Cast On	19	18	19	18	21	20	23	22	24	23	26	25	27	26	29	28	30	29	31	30
Neck Decrease	17	16	17	16	19	18	21	20	22	21	24	23	25	24	27	26	28	27	29	28
RF Body Decrease	15	14	15	14	17	16	19	18	20	19	22	21	23	22	25	24	26	25	27	26
Neck Increases (# FRONT sts)	13	12	13	12	15	14	17	16	18	17	20	19	21	20	23	22	24	23	25	24
Joining Fronts	11	10	11	10	13	12	15	14	16	15	18	17	19	18	21	20	22	21	23	22
Back Cast On	9	8	9	8	11	10	13	12	14	13	16	15	17	16	19	18	20	19	21	20
Body Increase (# BACK sts)	7	6	7	6	9	8	11	10	12	11	14	13	15	14	17	16	18	17	19	18
Underarm Cast On	5	4	5	4	7	6	9	8	10	9	12	11	13	12	15	14	16	15	17	16
Short Row	3	2	3	2	5	4	7	6	8	7	10	9	11	10	13	12	14	13	15	14
Left Front	1	0	1	0	3	2	5	4	6	5	8	7	9	8	11	10	12	11	13	12
Right Front	0	0	0	0	1	0	3	2	4	3	6	5	7	6	9	8	10	9	11	10

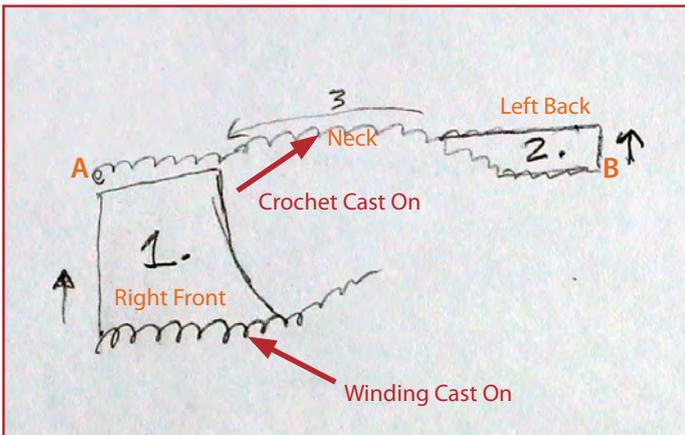


**Sleeveless Ziggurats** are worked on the same principle as other Ziggurats but with a twist or two.

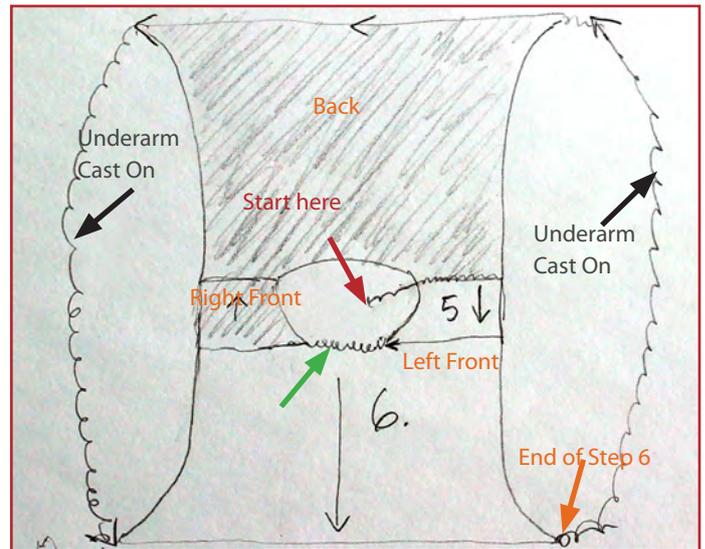
The major differences:

The first little bit (Right Upper Front) is worked first and bottom-up to the shoulder.

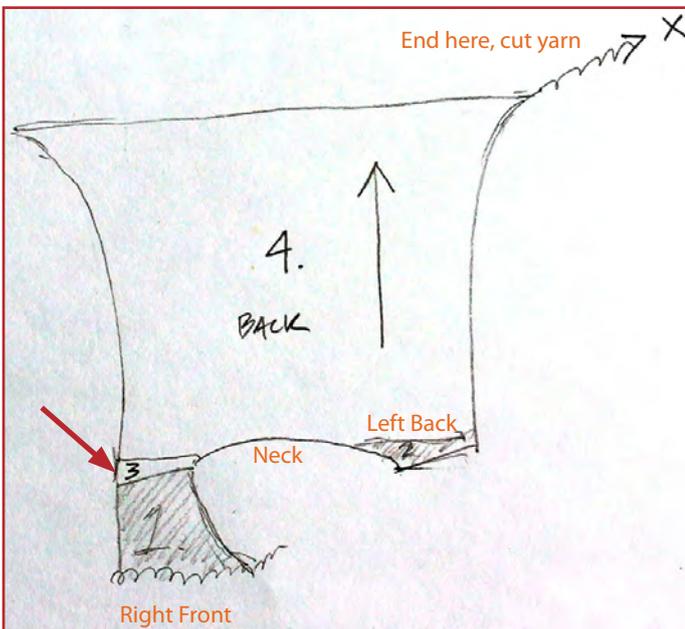
In **Step 4** (Back) you complete all body increases and work all the way down to the underarm before working Left Front. (**Step 5**).



1. Winding Cast On & Right Front worked up to Shoulder.
2. Crochet Cast On from A to B & work first little bit of Left Back Shoulder Top-Down.
3. Knit across entire Back to Right Shoulder & work a 3-needle closure (that becomes the Right Shoulder 'seam').



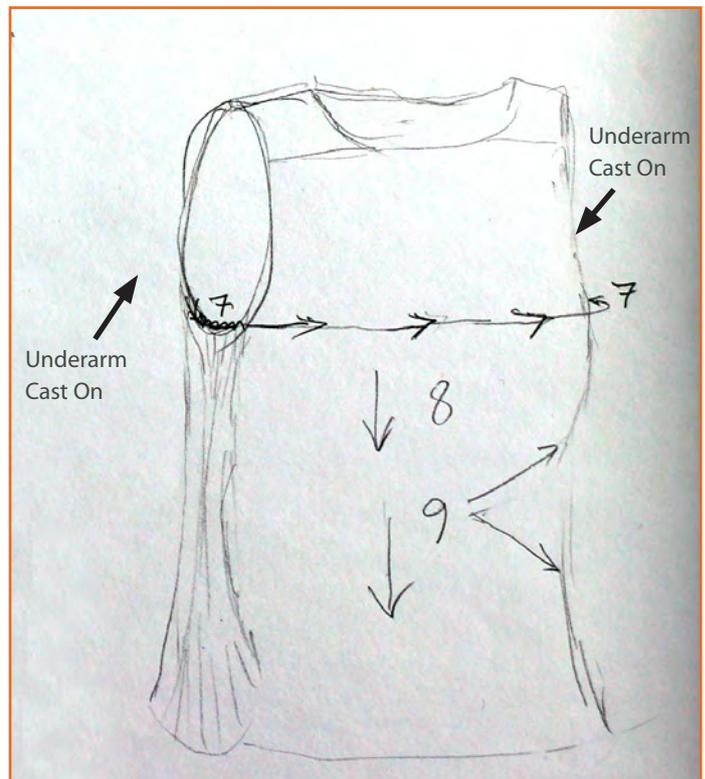
5. Attach new yarn (red arrow) and pick up sts in Shoulder Cast On to work Left Front top-down.
  6. **Crew neck:** Cast on sts at centre front (green arrow) to join fronts & work FRONT in one piece down to underarms, ending with a RS row and at Left Underarm (orange arrow).
- V-neck:** Join fronts in Step 6 without casting on any sts.



3. Work first little bit of Right Back Shoulder (red arrow).
4. Work entire Back down to underarm. Cut yarn (yes).

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7. Crochet Cast On Left Underarm sts, knit across Back to Right Underarm, Crochet Cast on Right Underarm sts.
- Work body in the round with (optional) bust darts (8 & 9) and A-line shaping (10).
11. Work hem.

