

M O R E C A K N I T

#COY_TOP

VERSION
1.1

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DESCRIPTION

The Coy Top is worked in stockinette stitch. A 1x1 rib is used along the edges for a neat, defined look. Starting with a Provisional Cast-On, the work begins from the mid-body. The deep neckline and shoulders are shaped using the Sloped Bind-Off technique. The sleeves are then worked in the round, with short rows utilized to ensure a perfect fit. Lastly, the stitches are unzipped to continue working the body top-down.

SIZES

1(S)/2(M)/3(L)

SIZE GUIDE

The Coy Top has a snug, crop fit and is designed to have approx. 10 cm [4 in] of negative ease. This means the garment's measurements will be approx. 10 cm [4 in] smaller than your actual bust circumference. The sizes 1 (S)/2 (M)/3 (L) are designed to fit a bust circumference of 85-90/90-95/95-100 cm [33½-35½/35½-37½/37½-39¼ in].

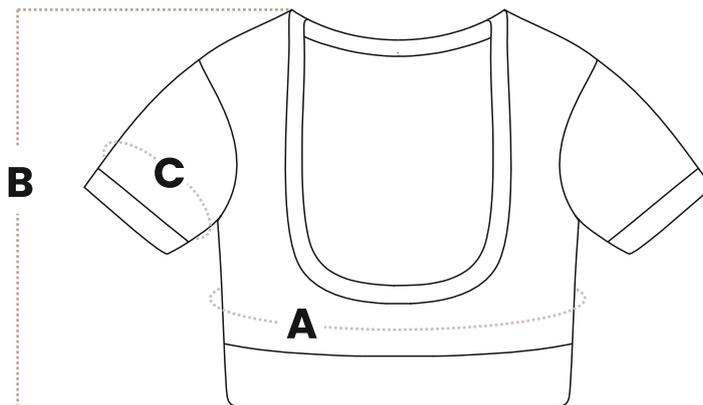
Before you begin, measure yourself to determine the correct size. For example, if your bust circumference is 90 cm [35½ in], you should knit a size 2 (M). If you are between sizes, choose the size based on how loose you prefer the garment to fit. Using the chart with the finished garment measurements can be a helpful reference when deciding which size to select.

FINISHED MEASUREMENTS

A 80/82/84 cm
[31½/32¼/33 in]

B 40/42/44 cm
[15¾/16½/17¼ in]

C 36/38/39 cm
[14¼/15/15¼ in]



GAUGE

After washing and blocking:

25 sts x 37 rows = 10 x 10cm [4 x 4 in] in stockinette stitch on 4 mm [US 6] needles.

Please make sure to knit a swatch. Ensure that your swatch gauge matches the given one. If you cannot achieve the required gauge using the suggested needles, adjust your needle size to reach the correct gauge.

NEEDLES

Circular needles

3,5 mm [US 4] 60 cm [24 in]

4 mm [US 6] 40, 60, and 80 or 100 cm [16, 24, and 32 or 40 in]

SUGGESTED YARN

150/200/200 g Per Fortuna by Lana Grossa 50 g = 190 m [207 yds]

NOTIONS

Stitch markers, extra yarn or stitch holders, tapestry needle.

VIDEO TUTORIALS



In the sections of this pattern, you will find links to videos demonstrating the techniques needed to execute the required elements. Additionally, for easier navigation through the videos, I provide a QR code for the YouTube playlist. You will find all the videos related to this pattern in this playlist.

ABBREVIATIONS

BOR - Beginning Of Round

RS/WS - Right Side/Wrong Side

st/sts - Stitch(es)

r - Row/Round

BO - Bind Off

SL1PW - Slip 1 stitch Purl-Wise

wyif - With Yarn In Front

wyib - With Yarn In Back

k - Knit

p - Purl

MIL - Make 1 Left (left-leaning increase)

MIR - Make 1 Right (right-leaning increase)

M1PL - Make 1 Purl Right (left-leaning purl increase)

About Sloped Bind-off:

When using the Sloped Bind-Off technique, control the tension you bind off the stitches. Be extremely cautious to avoid binding off too tightly. A too-tight bind-off could result in a constricted, distorted edge, throwing off the shape of your garment and significantly reducing its elasticity and comfort. Maintain a balanced bind-off tension. Your bind-off edge should be loose enough to maintain the intended shape and flexibility of the garment, yet secure enough to hold the stitches firmly in place.

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BODY

The body is worked in the round in stockinette stitch on **4 mm [US 6] 60 cm [24 in]** circular needles.

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CROCHET PROVISIONAL CAST-ON

Cast on 198/204/210 sts on **4 mm [US 6] 60 cm [24 in]** circular needles with your preferred **Provisional Cast-On method**, and work in the round in stockinette stitch until the body part measures approx. 10 cm [4 in] from the cast-on edge.

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SLOPED BIND-OFF

Now work back and forth in the **Sloped Bind-Off technique** to form the neckline as follows:
Row 1 (RSR): Remove the BOR marker, BO 13/14/15 sts, and knit across, then pick up and knit one extra stitch in the bind-off edge to make the **step invisible**. (There are now 186/191/196 sts on the needles).

Row 2 (WSR): BO 8 sts, purl to last st, SLIPW wyif.

Row 3 (RSR): BO 7 sts, knit to last st, SLIPW wyib.

Row 4 (WSR): BO 4 sts, purl to last st, SLIPW wyif.

Row 5 (RSR): BO 4 sts, knit to last st, SLIPW wyib.

Row 6 (WSR): BO 2 sts, purl to last st, SLIPW wyif.

Row 7 (RSR): BO 2 sts, knit to last st, SLIPW wyib.

Row 8 (WSR): BO 2 sts, purl to last st, SLIPW wyif.

Row 9 (RSR): BO 2 sts, knit to last st, SLIPW wyib.

Row 10 (WSR): BO 1 st, purl to last st, SLIPW wyif.

Row 11 (RSR): BO 1 st, knit to last st, SLIPW wyib.

Row 12 (WSR): BO 1 st, purl to last st, SLIPW wyif.

Row 13 (RSR): BO 1 st, knit to last st, SLIPW wyib.

Row 14 (WSR): purl to last st, SLIPW wyif.

Now you have 151/156/161 sts on the needles.

Beginning with the RS row divide the body into the left front, right front, and back by binding off the stitches for the armholes as follows:

RSR: Work K23/24/25 and place them on hold, BO the next 7 sts, then work K91/94/97 and place them on hold, BO the next 7 sts, and knit across.

Do not break the yarn to start working the left front from here.

Now you have 23/24/25 sts for the left front on the needles, 91/94/97 sts on hold for the back, and 23/24/25 sts on hold for the right front.

Now the left and right fronts are worked separately.

LEFT FRONT

Beginning with the WS row, work in the **Sloped Bind-Off technique** to shape the armhole as follows:

Row 1 (WSR): purl to last st, SLIPW wyif.

Row 2 (RSR): BO 3/3/3 sts, knit across.

Row 3 (WSR): purl to last st, SLIPW wyif.

Row 4 (RSR): BO 2/2/2 sts, knit across.

Row 5 (WSR): purl to last st, SLIPW wyif.

Row 6 (RSR): BO 1/1/2 sts, knit across.

For size 1:

Row 7 (WSR): purl across.

For sizes 2 and 3:

Row 7 (WSR): purl to last st, SLIPW wyif.

Row 8 (RSR): BO - /1/1 st, knit across.

Row 9 (WSR): purl across.

Now you have 17/17/17 sts on the needles and worked 7/9/9 rows.

Work the following 16/12/8 rows in stockinette stitch as follows:

RSR: knit across.

WSR: purl across.

Finish with the WRS row.

You have 17/17/17 sts on the needles and worked 23/21/17 rows.

Now work with **increases** for the armholes as follows:

Row 1 (RSR): K2, **MIL**, knit across. (1 stitch has been increased).

Row 2 (WSR): purl across.

Row 3 (RSR): knit across.

Row 4 (WSR): purl across.

Row 5 (RSR): knit across.

Row 6 (WSR): purl across.

Work rows 1–6 a total of 6/7/8 times.

Finish with the WS row.

Now you have 23/24/25 sts on the needles and worked 59/63/65 rows.

Beginning with the RS row, work in the **Sloped Bind-Off technique** to shape the shoulder as follows:

Row 1 (RSR): BO 4/4/5 sts, knit across.

Row 2 (WSR): purl to last st, SLIPW wyif.

Row 3 (RSR): BO 4/5/5 sts, knit across.

Row 4 (WSR): purl to last st, SLIPW wyif.

Row 5 (RSR): BO 5/5/5 sts, knit across.

Row 6 (WSR): purl to last st, SLIPW wyif.

Row 7 (RSR): BO 5/5/5 sts, knit across.

Row 8 (WSR): purl to last st, SLIPW wyif.

Row 9 (RSR): bind off the remaining 5/5/5 sts and break the yarn.

RIGHT FRONT

Transfer your right front sts on hold to the needles.

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Beginning with the RS row, join the yarn and work in the **Sloped Bind-Off technique** to shape the armhole as follows:

Row 1 (RSR): knit across, then pick up and knit one extra stitch in the bind-off edge to make the **step invisible**. (There are now 24/25/26 sts on the needles).

Row 2 (WSR): BO 4/4/4 sts, purl across.

Row 3 (RSR): knit to last st, SLIPW wyib.

Row 4 (WSR): BO 2/2/2 sts, purl across.

Row 5 (RSR): knit to last st, SLIPW wyib.

Row 6 (WSR): BO 1/1/2 sts, purl across.

For size 1:

Row 7 (RSR): knit across.

For sizes 2 and 3:

Row 7 (RSR): knit to last st, SLIPW wyib.

Row 8 (WSR): BO -/1/1 st, purl across.

Row 9 (RSR): knit across.

Now you have 17/17/17 sts on the needles and worked 7/9/9 rows.

Work the following 16/12/8 rows in stockinette stitch as follows:

RSR: knit across.

WSR: purl across.

Finish with the RS row.

Now you have 17/17/17 sts on the needles and worked 23/21/17 rows.

Now work with **increases** for the armholes as follows:

Row 1 (WSR): P2, MILP, purl across. (1 stitch has been increased).

Row 2 (RSR): knit across.

Row 3 (WSR): purl across.

Row 4 (RSR): knit across.

Row 5 (WSR): purl across.

Row 6 (RSR): knit across.

Work rows 1-6 a total of 6/7/8 times.

Finish with the RS row.

Now you have 23/24/25 sts on the needles and worked 59/63/65 rows.

Beginning with the WS row, work in the **Sloped Bind-Off technique** to shape the shoulder as follows:

Row 1 (WSR): BO 4/4/5 sts, purl across.

Row 2 (RSR): knit to last st, SLIPW wyib.

Row 3 (WSR): BO 4/5/5 sts, purl across.

Row 4 (RSR): knit to last st, SLIPW wyib.

Row 5 (WSR): BO 5/5/5 sts, purl across.

Row 6 (RSR): knit to last st, SLIPW wyib.

Row 7 (WSR): BO 5/5/5 sts, purl across.

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INCREASES ON A PURL ROW

Row 8 (RSR): knit to last st, SLIPW wyib.

Row 9 (WSR): bind off the remaining 5/5/5 sts and break the yarn.

BACK

The back is worked back and forth in stockinette stitch using **4 mm [US 6] 80 or 100 cm [32 or 40 in]** circular needles.

Transfer your back sts on hold to the needles.

Beginning with the RS row work in the **Sloped Bind-Off technique** to shape the armholes as follows:

Row 1 (RSR): slip the first 3 sts to the right-hand needle without knitting them, join the yarn, and knit across, then pick up and knit one extra stitch in the bind-off edge to make the **step invisible**. (There are now 92/95/98 sts on the needles).

Row 2 (WSR): BO 4/4/4 sts, purl to last st, SLIPW wyif.

Row 3 (RSR): BO 3/3/3 sts, knit to last st, SLIPW wyib.

Row 4 (WSR): BO 2/2/2 sts, purl to last st, SLIPW wyif.

Row 5 (RSR): BO 2/2/2 sts, knit to last st, SLIPW wyib.

Row 6 (WSR): BO 1/1/2 sts, purl to last st, SLIPW wyif.

Row 7 (RSR): BO 1/1/2 sts, knit to last st, SLIPW wyib.

For size 1:

Row 8 (WSR): purl across.

For sizes 2 and 3:

Row 8 (WSR): BO -/1/1 st, purl to last st, SLIPW wyif.

Row 9 (RSR): BO -/1/1 st, knit across.

Row 10 (WSR): purl across.

Now you have 79/80/81 sts on the needles and worked 8/10/10 rows.

Work the following 16/12/8 rows in stockinette stitch as follows:

RSR: knit across.

WSR: purl across.

Finish with the WS row.

Now you have 79/80/81 sts on the needles and worked 24/22/18 rows.

Now work with **increases** for the armholes as follows:

Row 1 (RSR): K2, **MIL**, knit to last 2 sts, **MIR**, K2. (2 sts has been increased).

Row 2 (WSR): purl across.

Row 3 (RSR): knit across.

Row 4 (WSR): purl across.

Row 5 (RSR): knit across.

Row 6 (WSR): purl across.

Work rows 1-6 a total of 5/6/7 times.

Finish with the RS row.

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Now you have 89/92/95 sts on the needles and worked 54/58/60 rows.

Now divide the back into two shoulders with binding off the stitches for the neckline, while at the same time working **increases** for the armholes as follows:

RSR: Work K2, **MIL**, K37/38/39, and place them on hold, then bind off the next 11/12/12 sts, and work K37/38/40, **MIR**, K2.

Do not break the yarn to start working the right shoulder from here.

Now you have 40/41/42 sts for the left shoulder on the needles and 40/41/42 sts on hold for the right shoulder.

Now the shoulders are worked separately.

LEFT SHOULDER OF BACK

Beginning with the WS row, work in the **Sloped Bind-Off technique** to shape the shoulder and neckline as follows:

Row 1 (WSR): purl to last st, SLIPW wyif.

Row 2 (RSR): BO 7/7/7 sts, knit across.

Row 3 (WSR): purl to last st, SLIPW wyif.

Row 4 (RSR): BO 4/4/4 sts, knit to last st, SLIPW wyib.

Row 5 (WSR): BO 4/4/5 sts, purl to last st, SLIPW wyif.

Row 6 (RSR): BO 2/2/2 sts, knit to last st, SLIPW wyib.

Row 7 (WSR): BO 4/5/5 sts, purl to last st, SLIPW wyif.

Row 8 (RSR): BO 2/2/2 sts, knit to last st, SLIPW wyib.

Row 9 (WSR): BO 5/5/5 sts, purl to last st, SLIPW wyif.

Row 10 (RSR): BO 1/1/1 sts, knit to last st, SLIPW wyib.

Row 11 (WSR): BO 5/5/5 sts, purl to last st, SLIPW wyif.

Row 12 (RSR): BO 1/1/1 sts, knit to last st, SLIPW wyib.

Row 13 (WSR): BO the remaining 5/5/5 sts, and break the yarn with a 40 cm [16 in] tail for shoulder sewing.

RIGHT SHOULDER OF BACK

Beginning with the RS row, work in the **Sloped Bind-Off technique** to shape the shoulder and neckline as follows:

Row 1 (RSR): knit across, then pick up and knit one extra stitch in the bind-off edge to make the **step invisible**. (There are now 41/42/43 sts on the needles).

Row 2 (WSR): BO 8/8/8 sts, purl across.

Row 3 (RSR): knit to last st, SLIPW wyib.

Row 4 (WSR): BO 4/4/4 sts, purl to last st, SLIPW wyif.

Row 5 (RSR): BO 4/4/5 sts, knit to last st, SLIPW wyib.

Row 6 (WSR): BO 2/2/2 sts, purl to last st, SLIPW wyif.

Row 7 (RSR): BO 4/5/5 sts, knit to last st, SLIPW wyib.

Row 8 (WSR): BO 2/2/2 sts, purl to last st, SLIPW wyif.

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SHOULDER SEAM

Row 9 (RSR): BO 5/5/5 sts, knit to last st, SLIPW wyib.

Row 10 (WSR): BO 1/1/1 sts, purl to last st, SLIPW wyif.

Row 11 (RSR): BO 5/5/5 sts, knit to last st, SLIPW wyib.

Row 12 (WSR): BO 1/1/1 sts, purl to last st, SLIPW wyif.

Row 13 (RSR): BO the remaining 5/5/5 sts, and break the yarn with a 40 cm [16 in] tail for shoulder sewing.

Now **sew the shoulders** with the RS facing. Start from the neckline and work towards the armhole, inserting the needle into the stitch under the bind-off edge.

SLEEVES

The sleeves are worked in the round in stockinette stitch using **4 mm [US 6] 40 cm [16 in]** circular needles. Cuffs are worked in rib (K1, P1) using **3.5 mm [US 4]** double-pointed needles or long circular needles for the Magic Loop technique.

Tip: Using **additional yarn for the cast-on** can help create a seamless connection between the sleeve and the body. Once the sleeve is knitted, the joining point can be made invisible by pulling on the ends of the cast-on yarn. For this technique, ensure you use an additional yarn that is smooth, exceptionally strong, thinner than your main yarn, and of a similar color.

Beginning at the center of the underarm, join the yarn with the RS facing and pick up and knit a total of 90/94/98 sts on **4 mm [US 6] 40 cm [16 in]** circular needles along the armhole. This is equivalent to picking up and knitting 2 sts for every 3 rows and 1 stitch in each stitch of the sloped bind-off edge.

Cut the yarn and place a stitch marker to indicate BOR. Place another marker to split the sleeve stitches in half at the center of the shoulder (Central marker).

You have 45/47/49 sts on each side of the armhole edge.

Work in the **German Short Rows** technique to shape the sleeve.

“Turn” means you turn your work and create a double stitch of turns.

“Work sts after the last turn” means you work the created double stitch from the previous row and then work the following number of sts.

Slip the first 45/47/49 sts PW to the right-hand needle without knitting them.

Now, work as follows:

Row 1 (RSR): Beginning at the Central marker, join the main yarn with the RS facing and knit 5 sts. Turn.

Row 2 (WSR): P5 after the Central marker. Turn.

Row 3 (RSR): K3 after the last turn. Turn.

Row 4 (WSR): P3 after the last turn. Turn.

Row 5 (RSR): K2 after the last turn. Turn.

Row 6 (WSR): P2 after the last turn. Turn.

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Repeat rows 5–6 an additional 16/17/18 times.

Finish with the WS row.

You have worked 38/40/42 short rows.

The short rows are now complete. Remove the central marker.

Now join knitting in the round as follows:

Knit all sts before the last turn, then knit the first double stitch as normal and knit the next double stitch through the back loop, then knit all sts to the BOR marker.

Work in the round in stockinette stitch until the sleeve measures approx. 3–5 cm [1¼–2 in] from the middle of the underarm.

Try on the garment and check the sleeve length before you begin working the rib.

Switch to **3.5 mm [US 4]** double-pointed needles or long circular needles for the Magic Loop technique and work 3 cm [1½ in] in rib (K1, P1).

Work double knitting before binding off using the Italian Bind-Off technique as follows:

Round 1: * K1, Sll purl-wise wyif *, repeat from * to * to end of round.

Round 2: * Sll purl-wise wyib, P1 *, repeat from * to * to end of round.

Bind off using the **Italian Bind-Off** technique. Not too tightly.

Work the second sleeve the same way.

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NECKLINE

The neckline is worked in the round using **3.5 mm [US 4] 60 cm [24 in]** circular needles.

Start at the right shoulder seam, join the yarn with the RS facing, and pick up and knit a total of 196/202/208 sts along the neckline using **3.5 mm [US 4] 60 cm [24 in]** circular needles.

This is approximately equivalent to picking up and knitting 1 st for each bound-off st, and 3 sts for every 4 rows on the vertical parts.

Place a stitch marker to indicate BOR.

Work in the round a total of 2.5 cm [1 in] in rib (K1, P1).

Work double knitting before binding off using the Italian bind-off technique as follows:

Round 1: * K1, Sll purl-wise wyif *, repeat from * to * to end of round.

Round 2: * Sll purl-wise wyib, P1 *, repeat from * to * to end of round.

Bind off using the **Italian bind-off technique**. Not too tightly.

BODY

Unzip the provisional cast-on stitches and transfer them on **4 mm [US 6] 60 cm [24 in]** circular needles. Place a stitch marker to indicate BOR.

You have 198/204/210 sts on the needles.

Join the yarn with the RS facing and work in the round in stockinette stitch until the top measures approx. 33/35/37 cm [13/13¾/14½ in] from the highest point of the shoulder – or to the length you prefer.

Try on and check the garment length before you begin working the rib.

Note: extending the length of the garment in your knitting may require additional yarn.

Switch to circular needles **3.5 mm [4 in] 60 cm [24 in]** and work 7 cm [2¾ in] in rib (K1, P1).

Work double knitting before binding off using the Italian bind-off technique as follows:

Round 1: * K1, S1 l purl-wise wyif *, repeat from * to * to end of round.

Round 2: * S1 l purl-wise wyib, P1 *, repeat from * to * to end of round.

Bind off using the **Italian bind-off technique**.

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FINISHING

Weave in all ends. Wash and block your garment.

That's it, congratulations on finishing this top!

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