

Knitting for Olive



Yoko Top

Sizes: XS (S, M, L, XL, 2XL, 3XL, 4XL)

Finished Measurements: Length from underarm to bottom edge: approx. 25 (27, 29, 31, 33, 35, 37, 40) cm [9¾ (10¾, 11½, 12, 13, 14, 14½, 15¾)]"; bust circumference: approx. 74 (81, 86, 95, 103, 115, 127, 137) cm [29 (32, 33¾, 37, 40½, 45¼, 50, 54)]"

Negative ease: Approx. 5 - 10 cm [2 - 4]"

Yarn: Knitting for Olive Pure Silk *or* Cotton Merino *or* Merino, fingering-weight (250 m [273 yd] per 50 gr [1.8 oz]); 3 (3, 3, 4, 5, 5, 6, 6) balls

Sample is in size XS in Pure Silk, Putty colorway

Needles: 3 mm / US2.5 needles, and two 3 mm / US2.5 double-pointed needles, or size to obtain gauge

Gauge: 30 sts and 40 rows = 10 cm [4"] in (k2, p2) in rib pattern with 3 mm / US2.5 needles after blocking

Notions: Waste yarn for provisional cast on method, waste yarn or stitch holders, stitch markers, tapestry needle

Special techniques:

Our Knitting for Olive video tutorials clearly demonstrate the special techniques used in Yoko Top (in Danish):

- Provisional cast on with waste yarn: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MhPVrc9j2vc&t=29s>
- M1R and M1L increases: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=n4bAF8eMcvM&am;t=18s>
- M1Rp and M1Lp increases: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=muQPFlxpD84&am;t=2s>
- Italian bind off: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OzHgm6Gmhyc&am;t=10s>
- Provisional cast-on with waste yarn: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MhPVrc9j2vc&t=16s>

Construction notes

Yoko Top is a wrap top with a sideway construction in rib stitch pattern that creates a graphic element of design. It is worked flat, in two separate reversed pieces that begin at the front, and are then grafted together at mid back. The top has I-cord shoulder straps and waist ties, and is finished with I-cord edges. Cropped and with a deep front neckline silhouette, you can wear it as a layering piece or as a summer top.

Yoko Top is designed to have a negative ease, and is size inclusive.

Pattern notes

Per pattern-writing convention, we use “Right” and “Left” to mean the Right and Left sides of our garments as if you were wearing them.

Yoko Top rib pattern (multiple of 4 sts)

Row 1 (RS): *K2, p2; repeat from *

Row 2 (WS): *P2, k2; repeat from *

Repeat Rows 1 - 2 for pattern

Left front

With 3 mm / US2.5 needles, cast on 44 (48, 56, 56, 60, 64, 64, 72) left front sts using Provisional cast on with waste yarn method. Do not join

Row 1 (RS): K3 (edge sts), p2, (k2, p2) to last 3 sts, k3 (edge sts)

Row 2 (WS): P3 (edge sts), (k2, p2), k2, p3 (edge sts)

Row 3: Maintaining 3 edge sts at beginning and end of row in st st, work in pattern as established to last 6 sts, pm, work in pattern to end of row

Work 1 (3, 3, 3, 5, 11, 13, 13) more rows even, ending with a WS row

Shape lower and upper left front

Note: Shaping of lower and upper left front are worked at different increase rates. Maintaining 3 edge sts at beginning and end of each row in stockinette stitch, work in rib pattern, incorporating increases, and keep 1 stitch on each side of marker in stockinette stitch throughout

Inc Row 1 (RS): Work in pattern to 1 st before marker, M1R, k1, sm, k1, M1L, work in pattern to end of row [2 sts increased] = 46 (50, 58, 58, 62, 66, 66, 74) sts

Next row, work new sts from previous row as p

Inc Row 2 (WS): Work in pattern to 1 st before marker, M1Rp, p1, sm, p1, M1Lp, work in pattern to end of row [2 sts increased] = 48 (52, 60, 60, 64, 68, 68, 76) sts

Next row, work new sts from previous row as k

Inc Row 3: Work in pattern to 1 st before marker, M1Rp, k1, sm, k1, M1Lp, work in pattern to end of row [2 sts increased] = 50 (54, 62, 62, 66, 70, 70, 78) sts

Next row, work new sts from previous row as k

Inc Row 4: Work in pattern to 1 st before marker, M1R, p1, sm, p1, M1L, work in pattern to end of row [2 sts increased] = 52 (56, 64, 64, 68, 72, 72, 80) sts

Next row, work new sts from previous row as p

Work 4 rows even

*Inc Row 1 (RS): Work in pattern to 1 st before marker, M1R, k1, sm, work in pattern to end of row [1 st

increased] = 53 (57, 65, 65, 69, 73, 73, 81) sts

Next row, work new st from previous row as p

Inc Row 2 (WS): Work in pattern to marker, sm, p1, M1Lp, work in pattern to end of row [1 st increased] = 54 (58, 66, 66, 70, 74, 74, 82) sts

Next row, work new st from previous row as k

Inc Row 3: Work in pattern to 1 st before marker, M1Rp, k1, sm, work in pattern to end of row [1 st increased] = 55 (59, 67, 67, 71, 75, 75, 83) sts

Next row, work new st from previous row as k

Inc Row 4: Work in pattern to marker, sm, p1, M1L, work in pattern to end of row [1 st increased] = 56 (70, 68, 68, 72, 76, 76, 84) sts

Next row, work new st from previous row as p

Work 4 rows even;

Repeat from * 2 (2, 3, 4, 4, 5, 6, 7) more times [8 (8, 12, 16, 16, 20, 24, 28) sts increased] = 64 (68, 80, 84, 88, 96, 100, 112) sts

*Inc Row 1 (RS): Work in pattern to 1 st before marker, M1R, k1, sm, k1, M1L, work in pattern to end of row [2 sts increased] = 66 (70, 82, 86, 90, 98, 102, 114) sts

Next row, work new sts from previous row as p

Inc Row 2 (WS): Work in pattern to 1 st before marker, M1Rp, p1, sm, p1, M1Lp, work in pattern to end of row [2 sts increased] = 68 (72, 84, 88, 92, 100, 104, 116) sts

Next row, work new sts from previous row as k

Inc Row 3: Work in pattern to 1 st before marker, M1Rp, k1, sm, k1, M1Lp, work in pattern to end of row [2 sts increased] = 70 (74, 86, 90, 94, 102, 106, 118) sts

Next row, work new sts from previous row as k

Inc Row 4: Work in pattern to 1 st before marker, M1R, p1, sm, p1, M1L, work in pattern to end of row [2 sts increased] = 72 (76, 88, 92, 96, 104, 108, 120) sts

On next row work new sts from previous row as k

Work 4 rows even;

Repeat from * 2 (3, 3, 4, 5, 5, 6, 7) more times [16 (24, 24, 32, 40, 40, 48, 56) sts increased] = 88 (100, 112, 124, 136, 144, 156, 176) sts

*Inc Row 1 (RS): Work in pattern to 1 st before marker, M1R, k1, sm, work in pattern to end of row [1 st increased] = 89 (101, 113, 125, 137, 145, 157, 177) sts

Next row, work new st from previous row as p

Inc Row 2 (WS): Work in pattern to marker, sm, p1, M1Lp, work in pattern to end of row [1 st increased] = 90 (102, 114, 116, 126, 138,, 146, 158, 178) sts

Next row, work new st from previous row as k

Inc Row 3: Work in pattern to 1 st before marker, M1Rp, k1, sm, work in pattern to end of row [1 st increased] = 91 (103, 115, 117, 127, 139, 147, 159, 179) sts

Next row, work new st from previous row as k

Inc Row 4: Work in pattern to marker, sm, p1, M1L, work in pattern to end of row [1 st increased] = 92 (104, 116, 118, 128, 140, 148, 160, 180) sts

Next row, work new st from previous row as p

Row 5-8: Work even

Inc Row 9: Work in pattern to 1 st before marker, M1R, k1, sm, k1, M1L, work in pattern to end of row [2 sts increased] = 94 (106, 118, 130, 142, 150, 162, 182) sts

Next row, work new sts from previous row as p

Inc Row 10: Work in pattern to 1 st before marker, M1Rp, p1, sm, p1, M1Lp, work in pattern to end of row [2 sts increased] = 96 (108, 120, 132, 144, 152, 164, 184) sts

Next row, work new sts from previous row as k

Inc Row 11: Work in pattern to 1 st before marker, M1Rp, k1, sm, k1, M1Lp, work in pattern to end of row [2 sts increased] = 98 (110, 122, 134, 146, 154, 166, 186) sts

Next row, work new sts from previous row as k

Inc Row 12: Work in pattern to 1 st before marker, M1R, p1, sm, p1, M1L, work in pattern to end of row [2 sts increased] = 100 (112, 124, 136, 148, 156, 168, 188) sts

Next row, work new sts from previous row as p

Work 4 rows even;

Repeat from * one more time [12 sts increased] = 112 (124, 136, 148, 160, 168, 180, 200) sts

Repeat Rows 5–12 one more time [8 sts increased] = 120 (132, 144, 156, 168, 176, 188, 208) sts

Work 4 rows even

Repeat Rows 5–12 one more time [8 sts increased] = 128 (140, 152, 164, 176, 184, 196, 216) sts

Next row, work new sts from previous row as p

Work 4 rows even

Inc Row 1 (RS): Work in pattern to marker, sm, k1, M1L, work in pattern to end of row [1 st increased] = 129 (141, 153, 165, 177, 185, 197, 217) sts

Next row, work new st from previous row as p

Inc Row 2 (WS): Work in pattern to 1 st before marker, M1Rp, p1, sm, work in pattern to end of row [1 st increased] = 130 (142, 154, 166, 178, 186, 198, 218) sts

Next row, work new st from previous row as k

Inc Row 3: Work in pattern to marker, sm, k1, M1Lp, work in pattern to end of row [1 st increased] = 131 (143, 155, 167, 179, 187, 199, 219) sts

Next row, work new st from previous row as k

Inc Row 4: Work in pattern to 1 st before marker, M1R, p1, sm, work in pattern to end of row [1 st increased] = 132 (144, 156, 168, 180, 188, 200, 220) sts

Next row, work new st from previous row as p

Divide Row (RS): Work in pattern to 1 st before marker, place next 43 (47, 47, 51, 55, 55, 59, 63) upper left front sts on holder, and at the same time remove marker

Do not break yarn

Left side and back

With RS facing and working yarn, cast on 3 new sts (edge sts) on right needle using provisional cast on with waste yarn method – take following measurement from here = 92 (100, 112, 120, 128, 136, 144, 160) sts

Turn work

Next Row (WS): P3 (edge sts), work in rib pattern as established to last 3 sts, p3 (edge sts)

Maintaining 3 edge sts at beginning and end of each row in st st, work in pattern as established until work measures 18 (20, 22, 24, 26, 30, 34, 36) cm [7 (7¾, 8½, 9½, 10¼, 11¾, 13¼, 14)]"

Place sts on holder

Break yarn

Upper left front

Note: Work an I-cord bind off to finish left armhole

With RS facing and two 3 mm / US2.5 double-pointed needles, transfer 43 (47, 47, 51, 55, 55, 59, 63) upper left front sts from holder onto left needle, unzip 3 st from provisional cast on and place 3 edge sts on same needle = 46 (50, 50, 54, 58, 58, 62, 66) sts

Rejoin yarn, k3, pick up and knit 1 st from bar before next st = 4 sts on right needle

*Slip 4 sts onto left needle, k3, sl1k, k1, pssso [1 st decreased]; repeat from * to last 3 sts = 7 sts (3 sts on left needle, 4 sts on right needle)

Slip 4 sts onto left needle, k3, k2tog, k2 [1 st decreased] = 6 sts

Note: Work an I-cord shoulder strap

With WS facing, and two 3 mm / US2.5 double-pointed needles

Row 1 (WS): P to end of row

Row 2 (RS): K6, do not turn work, slide sts to the other end of needle, and work into the first st on left needle, pulling the working yarn across the back of sts

Repeat Row 2 until I-cord measures approx. 31 (32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38) cm [12 (12½, 13, 13¼, 13¾, 14, 14½, 14¾)]" or desired length

Place 6 sts on holder, and break yarn leaving approx. 80 cm [31½]" tail should you need to lengthen the strap before finishing

Left I-cord waist tie

With 3 mm / US2.5 double-pointed needles, cast on 4 sts

Row 1: K4, do not turn work, slide sts to the other end of needle, and work into the first st on left needle, pulling the working yarn across the back of sts

Row 2: K1, M1L, k1, M1L, k2 [2 sts increased] = 6 sts, do not turn work, slide sts to the other end of needle, and work into the first st on the left needle, pulling the working yarn across the back of sts

Row 3: K6, do not turn work, slide sts to the other end of needle, and work into the first st on left needle, pulling the working yarn across the back of sts

Repeat Row 3 until I-cord measures approx. 51 (55, 57, 62, 66, 72, 78, 83) cm [19 (20½, 21¼, 23¼, 24¾, 27, 29¾, 31)]" or desired length

Next Row: Slide sts to the other end of needle, and work into the first st on left needle, pulling the working yarn across the back sts, k2tog, k4 [1 st decreased] = 5 sts

Place sts on holder

Do not break yarn

Finish lower left front

Note: Incorporating waist tie, work an I-cord bind off

Unzip Provisional cast on, and with RS facing, place 44 (48, 56, 56, 60, 64, 64, 72) left front sts on 3 mm / US2.5 needle. Slide sts down, and place 5 waist tie sts on same needle = 49 (53, 56, 56, 65, 69, 69, 77) sts

Row 1 [dec row]: K3, sl1k, sl1k, k1, pssso [2 sts decreased];

I-cord bind off: *Slip 4 sts onto left needle, k3, sl1k, k1, pssso [1 st decreased]; repeat from * to last st = 5 sts (1 st on left needle, 4 sts on right needle)

Bind off: Slip the 4 sts back onto left needle, k2tog, k1, bind off 1 st on right needle, sl1k, k the last st on left needle, pssso, bindt off 1 st on right needle

Break yarn, and weave tail through last st

Right front

With 3 mm / US2.5 needles, cast on 44 (48, 56, 56, 60, 64, 64, 72) right front sts using Provisional cast on with waste yarn method. Do not join

Row 1 (RS): K3 (edge sts), p2, (k2, p2) to last 3 sts, k3 (edge sts)

Row 2 (WS): P3 (edge sts), (k2, p2) to last 3 sts, p3 (edge sts)

Row 3: Maintaining 3 edge sts at beginning and end of row in st st, work 6 sts in pattern as established, pm, work in pattern to end of row

Work 1 (3, 3, 3, 5, 11, 13, 13) more rows even, ending with a WS row

Shape lower and upper right front

Note: Shaping of lower and upper right front are worked at different increase rates. Maintaining 3 edge sts at beginning and end of each row, work in rib pattern, incorporating increases, and keep 1 stitch on each side of marker in stockinette stitch

Inc Row 1 (RS): Work in pattern to 1 st before marker, M1R, k1, sm, k1, M1L, work in rib pattern to end of row [2 sts increased] = 46 (50, 58, 58, 62, 66, 66, 74) sts

Next row, work new sts from previous row as p

Inc Row 2 (WS): Work in pattern to 1 st before marker, M1Rp, p1, sm, p1, M1Lp, work in pattern to end of row [2 sts increased] = 48 (52, 60, 60, 64, 68, 68, 76) sts

Next row, work new sts from previous row as k

Inc Row 3: Work in pattern to 1 st before marker, M1Rp, k1, sm, k1, M1Lp, work in pattern to end of row [2 sts increased] = 50 (54, 62, 62, 66, 70, 70, 78) sts

Next row, work new sts from previous row as k

Inc Row 4: Work in pattern to 1 st before marker, M1R, p1, sm, p1, M1L, work in pattern to end of row [2 sts increased] = 52 (56, 64, 64, 68, 72, 72, 80) sts

Next row, work new sts from previous row as p

Work 4 rows even

*Inc Row 1 (RS): Work in pattern to marker, sm, k1, M1L, work in pattern to end of row [1 st increased] = 53 (57, 65, 65, 69, 73, 73, 81) sts

Next row, work new st from previous row as p

Inc Row 2 (WS): Work in pattern to 1 st before marker, M1Rp, p1, sm, work in pattern to end of row [1 st increased] = 54 (58, 66, 66, 70, 74, 74, 82) sts

Next row, work new st from previous row as k

Inc Row 3: Work in pattern to marker, sm, k1, M1Lp, work in pattern to end of row [1 st increased] = 55 (59, 67, 67, 71, 75, 75, 83) sts

Next row, work new st from previous row as k

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Next row, work new st from previous row as p

Work 4 rows even;

Repeat from * 2 (2, 3, 4, 4, 5, 6, 7) more times [8 (8, 12, 16, 16, 20, 24, 28) sts increased] = 64 (68, 80, 84, 88, 96, 100, 112) sts

*Inc Row 1 (RS): Work in pattern to 1 st before marker, M1R, k1, sm, k1, M1L, work in pattern to end of row [2 sts increased] = 66 (70, 82, 86, 90, 98, 102, 114) sts

Next row, work new sts from previous row as p

Inc Row 2 (WS): Work in pattern to 1 st before marker, M1Rp, p1, sm, p1, M1Lp, work in pattern to end of row [2 sts increased] = 68 (72, 84, 88, 92, 100, 104, 116) sts

Next row, work new sts from previous row as k

Inc Row 3: Work in pattern to 1 st before marker, M1Rp, k1, sm, k1, M1Lp, work in pattern to end of row [2 sts increased] = 70 (74, 86, 90, 94, 102, 106, 118) sts

Next row, work new sts from previous row as k

Inc Row 4: Work in pattern to 1 st before marker, M1R, p1, sm, p1, M1L, work in pattern to end of row [2 sts increased] = 72 (76, 88, 92, 96, 104, 108, 120) sts

On next row work new sts from previous row as k

Work 4 rows even;

Repeat from * 2 (3, 3, 4, 5, 5, 6, 7) more times [16 (24, 24, 32, 40, 40, 48, 56) sts increased] = 88 (100, 112, 124, 136, 144, 156, 176) sts

*Inc Row 1 (RS): Work in pattern to marker, sm, k1, M1L, work in pattern to end of row [1 st increased] = 89 (101, 113, 125, 137, 145, 157, 177) sts

Next row, work new st from previous row as p

Inc Row 2 (WS): Work in pattern to 1 st before marker, M1Rp, p1, sm, work in pattern to end of row [1 st increased] = 90 (102, 114, 116, 126, 138,, 146, 158, 178) sts

Next row, work new st from previous row as k

Inc Row 3: Work in pattern to marker, sm, k1, M1Lp, work in pattern to end of row [1 st increased] = 91 (103, 115, 117, 127, 139, 147, 159, 179) sts

Next row, work new st from previous row as k

Inc Row 4: Work in pattern to 1 st before marker, M1R, p1, sm, work in pattern to end of row [1 st increased] = 92 (104, 116, 118, 128, 140, 148, 160, 180) sts

Next row, work new st from previous row as p

Row 5-8: Work even

Inc Row 9: Work in pattern to 1 st before marker, M1R, k1, sm, k1, M1L, work in pattern to end of row [2 sts increased] = 94 (106, 118, 130, 142, 150, 162, 182) sts

Next row, work new sts from previous row as p

Inc Row 10: Work in pattern to 1 st before marker, M1Rp, p1, sm, p1, M1Lp, work in pattern to end of row [2 sts increased] = 96 (108, 120, 132, 144, 152, 164, 184) sts

Next row, work new sts from previous row as k

Inc Row 11: Work in pattern to 1 st before marker, M1Rp, k1, sm, k1, M1Lp, work in pattern to end of row [2 sts increased] = 98 (110, 122, 134, 146, 154, 166, 186) sts

Next row, work new sts from previous row as k

Inc Row 12: Work in pattern to 1 st before marker, M1R, p1, sm, p1, M1L, work in pattern to end of row [2 sts increased] = 100 (112, 124, 136, 148, 156, 168, 188) sts

Next row, work new sts from previous row as p

Work 4 rows even;

Repeat from * one more time [12 sts increased] = 112 (124, 136, 148, 160, 168, 180, 200) sts

Repeat Rows 5–12 one more time [8 sts increased] = 120 (132, 144, 156, 168, 176, 188, 208) sts

Work 4 rows even

Repeat Rows 5–12 one more time [8 sts increased] = 128 (140, 152, 164, 176, 184, 196, 216) sts

Next row, work new sts from previous row as p

Work 4 rows even

Inc Row 1 (RS): Work in pattern to 1 st before marker, M1R, k1, sm, work in pattern to end of row [1 st increased] = 129 (141, 153, 165, 177, 185, 197, 217) sts

Next row, work new st from previous row as p

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Next row, work new st from previous row as k

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Next row, work new st from previous row as k

Inc Row 4: Work in pattern to marker, sm, p1, M1L, work in pattern to end of row [1 st increased] = 132 (144, 156, 168, 180, 188, 200, 220) sts

Next row, work new st from previous row as p

Next Row: Work even to end of row

Divide Row (WS): Work in pattern to 1 st before marker, place next 43 (47, 47, 51, 55, 55, 59, 63) upper front sts on waste yarn or stitch holder, and at the same time remove marker

Do not break yarn

Right side and back

With WS facing and working yarn, cast on 3 new sts (edge sts) on right needle using Provisional cast on with waste yarn method – take following measurement from here = 92 (100, 112, 120, 128, 136, 144, 160) sts
Turn work

Next Row (RS): K3 (edge sts), work in rib pattern as established to last 3 sts, k3 (edge sts)

Maintaining 3 edge sts at beginning and end of each row in st st, work 2 (4, 4, 4, 6, 12, 14, 14) rows even

Note: Create waist tie hole

Row 1 (WS): Work 40 (44, 52, 52, 56, 60, 60, 68) sts in pattern as established, bind off 4 sts in pattern, work in pattern as established to end of row

Row 2: Work in pattern to bound off sts, cast on 4 new sts, work in pattern to end of row

Row 3: Work even incorporating new sts in pattern

Maintaining 3 edge sts at beginning and end of each row in st st, work in pattern as established until work measures 18 (20, 22, 24, 26, 30, 34, 36) cm [7 (7¾, 8½, 9½, 10¼, 11¾, 13¼, 14)]"

Place sts on holder

Break yarn

Upper right front

Note: Work an I-cord bind off to finish right armhole

With RS facing, transfer 43 (47, 47, 51, 55, 55, 59, 63) upper right front sts from holder onto left needle

Place first 3 sts (shoulder strap sts) on holder = 40 (44, 44, 48, 52, 52, 56, 60) sts

Cast on 3 sts (edge sts) on left needle using Provisional cast on with waste yarn method = 43 (47, 47, 51, 55, 55, 59, 63)

Rejoin yarn, and with 3 mm / US2.5 double-pointed needle, k4

*Slip 4 sts onto left needle, k3, sl1k, k1, pss0 [1 st decreased]; repeat from * until all sts have been worked into the I-cord edge = 4 sts (on right needle)

Do not turn work

Slide sts to other end of needle, and work into the first st on left needle, pulling the working yarn across the back of sts, k2tog, k1, sl1k [1 st decreased], pick up 1 st from the space between I-cord bind off and upper back edge, pss0 = 3 sts

Break yarn

Note: Graft side and back edge stitches together with I-cord bind off stitches

Unzip Provisional cast on, and place 3 sts on a 3 mm / US2.5 double-pointed needle

With wrong sides together and using Kitchener st, graft sts together

Note: Work an I-cord shoulder strap

With 3 mm / US2.5 double-pointed needles, unzip Provisional cast on, and place upper right front 3 edge sts on needle

Transfer onto same needle 3 held edge sts = 6 sts

With WS facing, rejoin yarn

Row 1 (WS): P to end of row

Row 2: K6, do not turn work, slide sts to the other end of needle, and work into the first st on left needle, pulling the working yarn across the back of sts

Repeat Row 2 until I-cord measures approx. 31 (32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38) cm [12 (12½, 13, 13¼, 13¾, 14, 14½, 14¾)]" or desired length

Place 6 sts on holder, and break yarn leaving approx. 80 cm [31½]" tail should you need to lengthen the strap before finishing

Finish lower right front

Note: Work an I-cord bind off

Unzip Provisional cast on, and with RS facing, place 44 (48, 56, 56, 60, 64, 64, 72) right front sts on 3 mm / US2.5 needle. Rejoin yarn

Row 1 (inc row): K1, M1L, 1, M1L = 4 sts on right needle [2 st increased];

I-cord bind off: *Slip 4 sts onto left needle, k3, sl1k, k1, pssso [1 st decreased]; repeat from * to last 2 st = 6 sts (2 sts on left needle, 4 sts on right needle)

Slip 4 sts onto left needle, turn work = 6 sts

Next Row (WS): P to end of row

Do not break yarn

Note: Work an I-cord waist tie

Change to 3 mm / US2.5 double-pointed needles

Row 1: K to end of row, do not turn work

Next Row: *Slide sts to the other end of needle, and working into the first st on the left needle, pulling the working yarn across the back of sts, k6; repeat from * until I-cord measures approx. 51 (55, 57, 62, 66, 72, 78, 83) cm [19 (20½, 21¼, 23¼, 24¾, 27, 29¼, 31)]" or desired length

Next Row (dec row): Slide sts to the other end of needle, and work into the first st on left needle, pulling the working yarn across the back sts, k1, k2tog, k2tog, k1 [2 sts decreased] = 4 sts

Break yarn, and weave through the last st

Finish back

Transfer 92 (100, 112, 120, 128, 136, 144, 160) left and right side sts onto needles, and with RS together and using Kitchener sts, graft sts together in pattern

Finish shoulder straps

Adjust length of shoulder straps if necessary, and work a WS row

Next Row (WS): P to end of row

Bind off

Mark the point midway between the center back and the front underarm (at the edge of the upper front) on both sides, and sew the right shoulder strap on the right side, and the left shoulder strap on the left side, a little below the edge.

Finishing

Weave in all loose ends

Block

We hope you enjoy knitting the Yoko Top!

We would love to see your finished projects! If you would like to share your work with us on Instagram, please use the hashtag #knittingforolive or tag us @knittingforolive

Abbreviations

Approx. – approximately

BOR – beginning of round

K – knit

P – purl

Dec – decrease

Inc – increase

K2tog – knit 2 stitches together [1 stitch decreased]

M1L – make 1 new left twist knit stitch: insert right needle, from back to front, under the bar running between first stitch on left needle and last stitch on right needles, pick up bar and knit this stitch into the back loop [1 stitch increased]

M1R – make 1 new right twist knit stitch: insert right needle, from front to back, under the bar running between first stitch on left needle and last stitch on right needle, pick up bar in twisted position and knit this stitch [1 stitch increased]

M1Lp – make 1 new left twist purl stitch: insert right needle, from front to back, under the bar running between first st on left needle and last stitch on right needle, pick up bar in twisted position and purl this stitch [1 stitch increased]

M1Rp – make 1 new right twist purl stitch: insert right needle, from back to front, under the bar running between first stitch on left needle and last stitch on right needle, pick up bar and purl this stitch through the back loop [1 stitch increased]

Pm – place marker

PssO – pass slipped stitch(es) over

RS – right side

WS – wrong side

Sl1k – slip 1 stitch knitwise

St/sts – stitch/stitches

St st – stockinette stitch