

HOPE Top English



Preparation

HOPE Top is a loose-fitting V-neck Top. The top is worked in stockinette stitch, the delicate hem is made in a rib and the neckline and armholes feature an integrated cable. To create an optimal fit, the shoulders are slightly sloped. The garment is worked from the top down in rows and rounds. First, the upper front is made, then the upper back is worked from the front shoulder stitches. The back and front are joined beneath the armholes and the body is continued in the round. The total length can be adjusted as required.

DIFFICULTY ★ ★ ★ ☆ ☆ (3 out of 5, intermediate)

TECHNIQUES

- Classic long-tail cast-on method, Italian or Classic bind-off
- Knit/purl
- Right/left leaning increases/decreases on right side and wrong side
- cables on right side and wrong side
- German Short Rows

The pattern, the increases and the decreases are described on page 3 and 4, the technique "Italian bind-off" is explained on page 9.

SIZES XS (S) M (L) XL (2XL) 3XL

Chest circumference: approx. 80-85 (85-90) 90-95 (95-100) 100-110 (110-120) 120-130 cm
Positive Ease: approx. 0-10 cm

MEASUREMENTS

Circumference:	86 (92) 98 (104) 110 (120) 130 cm
TOP	
Upper back width:	29 (31) 33 (35) 37 (40) 43 cm
Strap width:	6 (6.5) 7 (7) 8 (9) 9.5 cm
Armhole length:	21 (22) 22 (23) 23 (24) 25 cm (vertically measured)
V-neck depth:	19 (20) 20 (21) 21 (22) 22 cm (vertically measured)
Top length:	50 (52) 53 (54) 56 (58) 60 cm

YARN **Yellow Top** (shown in Size S, colour 116), worked using a single strand of yarn:

Pascuali Pinta (60 % Merino, 20 % Silk, 20 % Ramie, 212 m/50 g)
150 (150) 150 (200) 200 (200) 250 g [500 (560) 610 (660) 730 (820) 910 m]

Grey Top (shown in Size S, colour 32), worked using a single strand of yarn:

Pascuali Puno/Puno Winikunka (70 % Cotton, 30 % Alpaca, 200 m/50 g)
150 (150) 150-200 (200) 200 (200-250) 250 g [500 (560) 610 (660) 730 (820) 910 m]

NEEDLES

- Top in Pinta: **3.5 mm** and **3 mm**, 80 cm circular needle
- Top in Puno: **3 mm** and **2.5 mm**, 80 cm circular needle
- cable needle

EQUIPMENT

- Stitch holder, left over yarn or an additional circular needle to place the stitches on hold
- 6 stitch markers
- Sewing needle for weaving in the ends

GAUGE In stockinette stitch on a **3.5 mm** needle (Pinta), on a **3 mm** needle (Puno), washed with cold water and dried:

10 x 10 cm = 26 sts x 36 rows

Since the number of rows in the upper part of the top is fixed, the number of rows in the gauge should also be maintained.

NOTES

- The terms "right/left front" etc. refer to the position from your perspective while wearing the garment.
- Please work a swatch in the given pattern in advance to make sure that the suggested needles result in the correct gauge and adjust the needle size if necessary. The finished measurements can only be achieved when the specified gauge is met. Please take your measurements before knitting to select your required size.

ABBREVIATIONS AND TECHNIQUES

st(s)	stitch(es)	k / p	knit / purl
Rnd(s)	Round(s)	k1 / p1	knit 1 stitch / purl 1 stitch
RS	Right Side	* ... * to ...	repeat instructions from * to * to specified position
WS	Wrong Side	...	repeat instructions from to as many times as specified
M	Marker		
MBoRnd	Marker Beginning of Round		
sM	slip Marker		
sMBoRnd	slip Marker Beginning of Round		
knitwise	insert needle from left to right as if to knit		
purlwise	insert needle from right to left as if to purl		
sl1wyif	slip 1 stitch purlwise with yarn in front		
sl1wyib	slip 1 stitch purlwise with yarn in back		

Increases and decreases

m1r	make 1 right = right leaning increase on right side: Pick up the strand between the stitches with the left needle from back to front and knit it.
m1l	make 1 left = left leaning increase on right side: Pick up the strand between the stitches with the left needle from front to back and knit it tbl.
m1rp	make 1 right purlwise = right leaning increase on wrong side: Pick up the strand between the stitches with the left needle from back to front and purl it.
m1lp	make 1 left purlwise = left leaning increase on wrong side: Pick up the strand between the stitches with the left needle from front to back and purl it tbl.
k2tog	knit 2 stitches together = right leaning decrease on right side
ssk	slip slip knit = left leaning decrease on right side: Slip 2 stitches knitwise one at a time (!), place the 2 stitches back onto the left needle without removing the right needle (the stitches are now twisted) and knit the 2 stitches together tbl from this position.
p2tog	purl 2 stitches together = right leaning decrease on wrong side
ssp	slip slip purl = left leaning decrease on wrong side: Slip 2 stitches knitwise one at a time (!), place the 2 stitches back onto the left needle (the stitches are now twisted) and purl the 2 stitches together tbl.

Basic techniques

German Short Rows:	Work to turning point and turn. Slip the first stitch (turning stitch) purlwise with yarn in front, bring the yarn up and over the stitch and the needle, and pull it to the back so that the slipped stitch on the right needle looks like a double stitch. In the following row, work both strands of the double stitch as one stitch (knit on RS, purl on WS).
Stockinette stitch	in rows: knit on RS, purl on WS in the round: knit all sts
1x1 rib:	* k1, p1 * repeat

Pattern

The top is worked in stockinette stitch in rows and rounds. A 4-stitch cable plus 1 purl stitch is worked over 4 rows along all edges (Chart Pattern). At the end of Row 3, a left leaning cable (Cable 1) is made, and at the end of Row 4, a right leaning cable (Cable 2) is worked. The cable is offset by one row to ensure that the knitting tension and appearance of the cable pattern are identical on both edges.

Stitch markers are placed between the cable pattern and the stockinette stitch section. The stitch markers are not numbered. The term "M" refers to the next stitch marker. [The cable pattern along the edges is written in blue for better clarity.](#)

Cable 1 **left leaning cable** worked with 2 + 2 **knit stitches**: Slip 2 stitches onto the cable needle and hold **in front of** the work, **knit** 2 stitches, then **knit** the 2 stitches from the cable needle.

Cable 2 **right leaning cable** worked with 2 + 2 **purl stitches**: Slip 2 stitches onto the cable needle and hold **behind** the work, **purl** 2 stitches, then **purl** the 2 stitches from the cable needle.

Work the **pattern in rows** as follows:

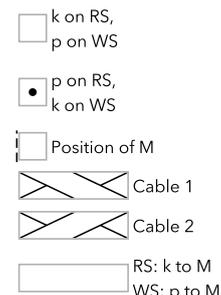
- Row 1 (RS): **k4, p1**, s1M, k to M, s1M, **p1, k4**
- Row 2 (WS): **p4, k1**, s1M, p to M, s1M, **k1, p4**
- Row 3 (RS): **k4, p1**, s1M, k to M, s1M, **p1, Cable 1**
- Row 4 (WS): **p4, k1**, s1M, p to M, s1M, **k1, Cable 2**

Repeat Row 1 to 4.



Chart Pattern

Read the chart from bottom to top.
Read Row 1 and 3 from right to left,
Row 2 and 4 from left to right.



Instructions

LEFT FRONT

The left front is worked in rows. First, the shoulder slope is worked using German Short Rows before the strap is made. Increases are then made for the V-neck and subsequently additional increases for the armhole.

Please maintain the specified number of rows so that the front and back fit together.

Cast-on, German Short Rows and Strap

Using a 3.5 mm, 80 cm needle (Pinta) or 3 mm, 80 cm needle (Puno), work 8 rows for the shoulder slope as follows:

- Row 1 (RS): Cast on **20 (22) 24 (24) 26 (28) 30 sts** using the classic long-tail cast-on method
- Row 2 (WS): **p4, k1**, place M, p 10 (12) 14 (14) 16 (18) 20, place M, **k1, p4**
- Row 3 (RS): short row: **k4, p1**, s1M, k 2 (2) 3 (3) 4 (4) 5, turn
- Row 4 (WS): work turning st, p 1 (1) 2 (2) 3 (3) 4, s1M, **k1, Cable 2**
- Row 5 (RS): short row: **k4, p1**, s1M, k 1 (1) 2 (2) 3 (3) 4, k double st, k 7 (9) 9 (9) 9 (11) 11, turn
- Row 6 (WS): work turning st, p 8 (10) 11 (11) 12 (14) 15, s1M, **k1, p4**
- Row 7 (RS): **k4, p1**, s1M, k 8 (10) 11 (11) 12 (14) 15, k double st, k 1 (1) 2 (2) 3 (3) 4, s1M, **p1, Cable 1**
- Row 8 (WS): **p4, k1**, s1M, p 10 (12) 14 (14) 16 (18) 20, s1M, **k1, Cable 2**

Continue working the strap in pattern (Chart see above) as follows:

Work Row 1 to 4 of the pattern a total of **4 (4) 4 (4) 4 (4) 3 times** = 16 (16) 16 (16) 16 (16) 12 rows

V-neck increases

Work 4 rows in pattern with increases as follows (**increase 2 sts** in 4 rows):

- Row 1 (RS): **k4, p1**, s1M, **m1l**, k to M, s1M, **p1, k4**
- Row 2 (WS): **p4, k1**, s1M, p to M, s1M, **k1, p4**
- Row 3 (RS): **k4, p1**, s1M, **m1l**, k to M, s1M, **p1, Cable 1**
- Row 4 (WS): **p4, k1**, s1M, p to M, s1M, **k1, Cable 2**

Work Row 1 to 4 a total of **7 (8) 8 (8) 7 (7) 9 times**. There are now **34 (38) 40 (40) 40 (42) 48 sts** on the needle. The left front is **14 (15) 15 (15) 14 (14) 15 cm** long along the armhole.

V-neck increases and armhole increases

Work 4 rows in pattern with increases as follows (**increase 4 sts** in 4 rows):

- Row 1 (RS): **k4, p1**, s1M, **m1l**, k to M, **m1r**, s1M, **p1, k4**
- Row 2 (WS): **p4, k1**, s1M, p to M, s1M, **k1, p4**
- Row 3 (RS): **k4, p1**, s1M, **m1l**, k to M, **m1r**, s1M, **p1, Cable 1**
- Row 4 (WS): **p4, k1**, s1M, p to M, s1M, **k1, Cable 2**

Work Row 1 to 4 a total of **4 (4) 4 (5) 6 (7) 6 times**. There are now **50 (54) 56 (60) 64 (70) 72 sts** on the needle. The left front is **17 (19) 20 (21) 23 (25) 26 cm** wide and **18 (19) 19 (20) 20 (21) 21 cm** long, vertically measured along the armhole.

You have now finished the V-neck. Break the yarn and place the stitches including the stitch markers on hold.

RIGHT FRONT

The right front is worked as a mirror image of the left front.

Cast-on, German Short Rows and Strap

Using a 3.5 mm, 80 cm needle (Pinta) or 3 mm, 80 cm needle (Puno), work 8 rows for the shoulder slope as follows:

- Row 1 (RS): Cast on **20 (22) 24 (24) 26 (28) 30 sts** using the classic long-tail cast-on method
- Row 2 (WS): short row: **p4, k1**, place M, p 2 (2) 3 (3) 4 (4) 5, turn
- Row 3 (RS): work turning st, k 1 (1) 2 (2) 3 (3) 4, **p1, Cable 1**
- Row 4 (WS): short row: **p4, k1**, sLM, p 1 (1) 2 (2) 3 (3) 4, p double st, p 7 (9) 9 (9) 9 (11) 11, turn
- Row 5 (RS): work turning st, k 8 (10) 11 (11) 12 (14) 15, sLM, **p1, k4**
- Row 6 (WS): **p4, k1**, sLM, p 8 (10) 11 (11) 12 (14) 15, p double st, p 1 (1) 2 (2) 3 (3) 4, place M, **k1, p4**
- Row 7 (RS): **k4, p1**, sLM, k 10 (12) 14 (14) 16 (18) 20, sLM, **p1, Cable 1**
- Row 8 (WS): **p4, k1**, sLM, p 10 (12) 14 (14) 16 (18) 20, sLM, **k1, Cable 2**

Continue working the strap in pattern as follows:

Work Row 1 to 4 of the pattern a total of **4 (4) 4 (4) 4 (4) 3 times** = 16 (16) 16 (16) 16 (16) 12 rows

V-neck increases

Work 4 rows in pattern with increases as follows (**increase 2 sts** in 4 rows):

- Row 1 (RS): **k4, p1**, sLM, k to M, **m1r**, sLM, **p1, k4**
- Row 2 (WS): **p4, k1**, sLM, p to M, sLM, **k1, p4**
- Row 3 (RS): **k4, p1**, sLM, k to M, **m1r**, sLM, **p1, Cable 1**
- Row 4 (WS): **p4, k1**, sLM, p to M, sLM, **k1, Cable 2**

Work Row 1 to 4 a total of **7 (8) 8 (8) 7 (7) 9 times**. There are now **34 (38) 40 (40) 40 (42) 48 sts** on the needle.

V-neck increases and armhole increases

Work 4 rows in pattern with increases as follows (**increase 4 sts** in 4 rows):

- Row 1 (RS): **k4, p1**, sLM, **m1l**, k to M, **m1r**, sLM, **p1, k4**
- Row 2 (WS): **p4, k1**, sLM, p to M, sLM, **k1, p4**
- Row 3 (RS): **k4, p1**, sLM, **m1l**, k to M, **m1r**, sLM, **p1, Cable 1**
- Row 4 (WS): **p4, k1**, sLM, p to M, sLM, **k1, Cable 2**

Work Row 1 to 4 a total of **4 (4) 4 (5) 6 (7) 6 times**. There are now **50 (54) 56 (60) 64 (70) 72 sts** on the needle, matching the left front. The width and length correspond to the left front.

You have now finished the V-neck. Do **not** break the yarn, continue with the working yarn.

RIGHT AND LEFT FRONT

In the following row, the fronts are joined and continued in rows. At the same time, in the following 4 rows, increases and decreases are combined to shape the end of the cable pattern at the V-neck. The increases at the armholes continue.

Tip: Reinforce the joins between the pieces when weaving in the yarn ends on the wrong side.

Join the right and left front

Place the left front stitches including the stitch markers onto the needle so that they can be worked directly after the right front or place them onto an additional needle (a total of **100 (108) 112 (120) 128 (140) 144 sts** and 4 stitch markers).

Work 4 rows in pattern with increases and decreases as follows (**increase 8 sts** and **decrease 6 sts** in 4 rows):

- Row 1 (RS): work the right front: **k4, p1**, sLM, **m1l**, k to M, **m1r**, sLM, p1, k2, **ssk**,
continue with the left front: **k2tog** (tighten the yarn), k2, p1, sLM, **m1l**, k to M, **m1r**, sLM, **p1, k4**
- Row 2 (WS): **p4, k1**, sLM, p to M, **m1lp**, sLM, k1, **p2tog**, p1, p1 (tighten the yarn), **ssp**, k1, sLM, **m1rp**, p to M, sLM, **k1, p4**
- Row 3 (RS): **k4, p1**, sLM, **m1l**, k to M, sLM, p1, **ssk, k2tog** (tighten the yarn), p1, sLM, k to M, **m1r**, sLM, **p1, Cable 1**
- Row 4 (WS): **p4, k1**, sLM, p to M, remove M, p4 (!), remove M, p to M, sLM, **k1, Cable 2**

There are now **102 (110) 114 (122) 130 (142) 146 sts** and 2 stitch markers on the needle.

Armhole increases

Sizes XS (S) - (-) - (-) : Work 4 rows in pattern with increases as follows (**increase 4 sts** in 4 rows):

- Row 1 (RS): k4, p1, slM, **m1l**, k to M, **m1r**, slM, p1, k4
- Row 2 (WS): p4, k1, slM, p to M, slM, k1, p4
- Row 3 (RS): k4, p1, slM, **m1l**, k to M, **m1r**, slM, p1, Cable 1
- Row 4 (WS): p4, k1, slM, p to M, slM, k1, Cable 2

There are now **106 (114) - (-) - (-) - sts** on the needle.

All Sizes: Work 4 rows in pattern with increases as follows (**increase 8 sts** in 4 rows):

- Row 1 (RS): k4, p1, slM, **m1l**, k to M, **m1r**, slM, p1, k4
- Row 2 (WS): p4, k1, slM, **m1rp**, p to M, **m1lp**, slM, k1, p4
- Row 3 (RS): k4, p1, slM, **m1l**, k to M, **m1r**, slM, p1, Cable 1
- Row 4 (WS): p4, k1, slM, **m1rp**, p to M, **m1lp**, slM, k1, Cable 2

Work Row 1 to 4 a total of **1 (1) 2 (2) 2 (2) 3 times**. There are now **114 (122) 130 (138) 146 (158) 170 sts** on the needle. The front is **42 (45) 48 (51) 54 (59) 64 cm** wide and **21 (22) 22 (23) 23 (24) 25 cm** long, vertically measured along the armhole.

You have now finished the armholes. Break the yarn and place the stitches including the stitch markers on hold.

RIGHT BACK

The right back is worked in rows from the cast-on edge of the right front (the last worked front). First, the shoulder slope is made with German Short Rows, followed by increases for the neckline.

Tip: When picking up stitches from the front, I insert the needle into the stitches (not between the stitches) so that the stitches, especially in the cable, are not offset. The shoulder line is slightly visible with this method.

Pick up stitches and work German Short Rows

Using a 3.5 mm, 80 cm needle (Pinta) or 3 mm, 80 cm needle (Puno), work 8 rows for the shoulder slope as follows:

- Row 1 (RS): Starting at the neckline, pick up and knit **20 (22) 24 (24) 26 (28) 30 sts** from the cast-on edge of the right front with the right side of the front visible.
[Make sure to pick up one stitch from each stitch and that the cable pattern is not twisted.]
- Rows 2 - 8: work as rows 2 - 8 of the German Short Rows from the **left front** (page 4)

Neckline increases

Sizes XS (-) - (L) XL (-) 3XL: Work 4 rows in pattern with increases as follows (**increase 2 sts** in 4 rows):

- Row 1 (RS): k4, p1, slM, **m1l**, k to M, slM, p1, k4
- Row 2 (WS): p4, k1, slM, p to M, slM, k1, p4
- Row 3 (RS): k4, p1, slM, **m1l**, k to M, slM, p1, Cable 1
- Row 4 (WS): p4, k1, slM, p to M, slM, k1, Cable 2

There are now **22 (-) - (26) 28 (-) 32 sts** on the needle.

All Sizes: Work 4 rows in pattern with increases as follows (**increase 4 sts** in 4 rows):

- Row 1 (RS): k4, p1, slM, **m1l**, k to M, slM, p1, k4
- Row 2 (WS): p4, k1, slM, p to M, **m1lp**, slM, k1, p4
- Row 3 (RS): k4, p1, slM, **m1l**, k to M, slM, p1, Cable 1
- Row 4 (WS): p4, k1, slM, p to M, **m1lp**, slM, k1, Cable 2

Work Row 1 to 4 a total of **5 (6) 6 (6) 6 (7) 7 times**. There are now **42 (46) 48 (50) 52 (56) 60 sts** on the needle. The right back is **15 (16) 17 (18) 19 (20.5) 22 cm** wide and **8 (8) 8 (9) 9 (9) 10 cm** long along the armhole.

You have now finished the neckline. Break the yarn and place the stitches including the stitch markers on hold.

LEFT BACK

The left back is worked from the cast-on edge of the left front (the first worked front) and is worked as a mirror image of the right back.

Pick up stitches and work German Short Rows

Using a 3.5 mm, 80 cm needle (Pinta) or 3 mm, 80 cm needle (Puno), work 8 rows for the shoulder slope as follows:

- Row 1 (RS): Starting at the armhole, work **20 (22) 24 (24) 26 (28) 30 sts** from the cast-on edge of the left front with the right side of the front visible.
[Make sure to pick up one stitch from each stitch and that the cable pattern is not twisted.]
- Rows 2 - 8: work as rows 2 - 8 of the German Short Rows from the **right front** (page 5)

Neckline increases

Sizes XS (-) - (L) XL (-) 3XL: Work 4 rows in pattern with increases as follows (**increase 2 sts** in 4 rows):

- Row 1 (RS): **k4, p1**, sLM, k to M, **m1r**, sLM, **p1, k4**
- Row 2 (WS): **p4, k1**, sLM, p to M, sLM, **k1, p4**
- Row 3 (RS): **k4, p1**, sLM, k to M, **m1r**, sLM, **p1, Cable 1**
- Row 4 (WS): **p4, k1**, sLM, p to M, sLM, **k1, Cable 2**

There are now **22 (-) - (26) 28 (-) 32 sts** on the needle.

All Sizes: Work 4 rows in pattern with increases as follows (**increase 4 sts** in 4 rows):

- Row 1 (RS): **k4, p1**, sLM, k to M, **m1r**, sLM, **p1, k4**
- Row 2 (WS): **p4, k1**, sLM, **m1rp**, p to M, sLM, **k1, p4**
- Row 3 (RS): **k4, p1**, sLM, k to M, **m1r**, sLM, **p1, Cable 1**
- Row 4 (WS): **p4, k1**, sLM, **m1rp**, p to M, sLM, **k1, Cable 2**

Work Row 1 to 4 a total of **5 (6) 6 (6) 6 (7) 7 times**. There are now **42 (46) 48 (50) 52 (56) 60 sts** on the needle, matching the right back. The width and length correspond to the right back.

You have now finished the neckline. Do **not** break the yarn, continue with the working yarn.

LEFT AND RIGHT BACK

In the following row, the backs are joined in the same way as the fronts and continued in rows. No increases are worked at the armholes.

Join the left and right back

Place the right back stitches including the stitch markers onto the needle so that they can be worked directly after the left back or place them onto an additional needle (a total of **84 (92) 96 (100) 104 (112) 120 sts** and 4 stitch markers).

Work 4 rows in pattern with increases and decreases as follows (**increase 4 sts** and **decrease 6 sts** in 4 rows):

- Row 1 (RS): work the left back: **k4, p1**, sLM, k to M, **m1r**, sLM, **p1, k2, ssk**, continue with the right back: **k2tog** (tighten the yarn), **k2, p1**, sLM, **m1l**, k to M, sLM, **p1, k4**
[When joining, make sure the pieces are not twisted and that the right sides are visible.]
- Row 2 (WS): **p4, k1**, sLM, p to M, **m1lp**, sLM, **k1, p2tog**, **p1, p1** (tighten the yarn), **ssp**, **k1**, sLM, **m1rp**, p to M, sLM, **k1, p4**
- Row 3 (RS): **k4, p1**, sLM, k to M, sLM, **p1, ssk, k2tog** (tighten the yarn), **p1**, sLM, k to M, sLM, **p1, Cable 1**
- Row 4 (WS): **p4, k1**, sLM, p to M, remove M, **p4 (!)**, remove M, p to M, sLM, **k1, Cable 2**

There are now **82 (90) 94 (98) 102 (110) 118 sts** and 2 stitch markers on the needle.

Continue working the back in pattern as follows:

Work Row 1 to 4 of the pattern a total of **4 (5) 5 (4) 3 (3) 3 times** = 16 (20) 20 (16) 12 (12) 12 rows

The back is now **14 (15) 15 (15) 14 (14) 15 cm** long along the armhole, matching the length of the fronts before starting the armhole increases.

Armhole increases

Work 4 rows in pattern with increases as follows (**increase 4 sts** in 4 rows):

- Row 1 (RS): **k4, p1**, sLM, **m1l**, k to M, **m1r**, sLM, **p1, k4**
- Row 2 (WS): **p4, k1**, sLM, p to M, sLM, **k1, p4**
- Row 3 (RS): **k4, p1**, sLM, **m1l**, k to M, **m1r**, sLM, **p1, Cable 1**
- Row 4 (WS): **p4, k1**, sLM, p to M, sLM, **k1, Cable 2**



Work Row 1 to 4 a total of **6 (6) 5 (6) 7 (8) 7 times**. There are now **106 (114) 114 (122) 130 (142) 146 sts** on the needle.

Work 4 rows in pattern with increases as follows (**increase 8 sts** in 4 rows):

- Row 1 (RS): **k4, p1**, slM, **m1l**, k to M, **m1r**, slM, **p1, k4**
- Row 2 (WS): **p4, k1**, slM, **m1rp**, p to M, **m1lp**, slM, **k1, p4**
- Row 3 (RS): **k4, p1**, slM, **m1l**, k to M, **m1r**, slM, **p1, Cable 1**
- Row 4 (WS): **p4, k1**, slM, **m1rp**, p to M, **m1lp**, slM, **k1, Cable 2**

Work Row 1 to 4 a total of **1 (1) 2 (2) 2 (2) 3 times**. There are now **114 (122) 130 (138) 146 (158) 170 sts** on the needle, matching the front. The width and length correspond to the front.

You have now finished the armholes. Do **not** break the yarn, continue with the working yarn.

BODY

In the following row, the back and front are joined in the round. The beginning of the round is situated in the middle under the left armhole.

Join the back and front

Lay the front and back wrong sides together and place the front stitches including the stitch markers onto the needle so that they can be worked directly after the back or place them onto an additional needle (a total of **228 (244) 260 (276) 292 (316) 340 sts** and 4 stitch markers).

Work 4 rounds with increases and decreases as follows (**increase 8 sts** and **decrease 12 sts** in 4 Rnds):

- Row/Rnd 1: work the back: **k2tog**, k2, p1, slM, **m1l**, k to M, **m1r**, slM, p1, k2, **ssk**, continue with the front: **k2tog** (tighten the yarn), k2, p1, slM, **m1l**, k to M, **m1r**, slM, p1, k2, **ssk**, place MBoRnd and join in the round [*Tip: Use a different colour stitch marker for MBoRnd.*]
- Rnd 2: | k1 (tighten the yarn), **k2tog**, p1, slM, **m1l**, k to M, **m1r**, slM, p1, **ssk**, k1 | a total of 2 times, slMBoRnd
- Rnd 3: | **k2tog** (tighten the yarn), p1, slM, k to M, slM, p1, **ssk** | a total of 2 times, slMBoRnd
- Rnd 4: k all sts (!) while at the same time removing all markers except MBoRnd

There are now **224 (240) 256 (272) 288 (312) 336 sts** on the needle.

Tip: There is no yarn tail at the beginning of the round under the left armhole. Consider using a short extra piece of yarn here to reinforce the joins.

Work the body

Work the body in stockinette stitch in the round until the top measures **49 (51) 52 (53) 55 (57) 59 cm** from the lowest point of the shoulder slope, or work to the desired length. To adjust the length, calculate **1 cm** for the ribbing.

Ribbing

Change to a 3 mm, 80 cm needle (Pinta) or 2.5 mm, 80 cm needle (Puno) and work 2 Rnds in 1x1 rib (page 3).

To bind off use either the Italian or classic method as described below.

I recommend the Italian bind-off, as the rounded edge harmonizes best with the cable edges.

Either Italian bind-off:

Before binding off, work 2 setup rounds as follows:

- Rnd 1: * k1, sl1wyif * to end of round
- Rnd 2: * sl1wyib, p1 * to end of round

In the following round, bind off using the Italian method (the first st is a knit st, the last st is a purl st, technique page 9).

Or Classic bind-off:

Work another 2 Rnds in 1x1 rib while binding off in the second round.

FINISHING

Weave in all ends. Wash the top with cold water, reshape while damp if necessary, and dry flat.

Technique

Italian Bind-off in 1 x 1 rib pattern in the round (starting with a knit stitch, ending with a purl stitch)

When using the Italian Bind-off technique, knit and purl stitches are joined using a sewing needle and a long tail of yarn as if working the Kitchener stitch. This creates a rounded edge. In this process, each stitch is threaded twice. It stays on the needle the first time and is slipped off after the second threading. 5 steps are required to bind off 2 stitches.

Thread a sewing needle onto the end of the yarn (length of yarn = 4 times the length of the edge to be bound off).

Start:

Pull the yarn purlwise through the first stitch (knit stitch) leaving the stitch on the needle (Picture 1).

5 steps:

- 1) Pull the yarn between the first stitch (knit stitch) and the second stitch (purl stitch) from back to front (Picture 2).
- 2) Pick up purl stitch: Pull the yarn knitwise through the second stitch (purl stitch) to the back of the work (Picture 3).
- 3) Bind off knit stitch: Pull the yarn knitwise through the first stitch (knit stitch), slip the stitch from the needle (Picture 4).
- 4) Pick up knit stitch: Pull the yarn purlwise through the second stitch (knit stitch) (Picture 5).
- 5) Bind off purl stitch: Pull the yarn purlwise through the first stitch (purl stitch), slip the stitch from the needle (Picture 6).

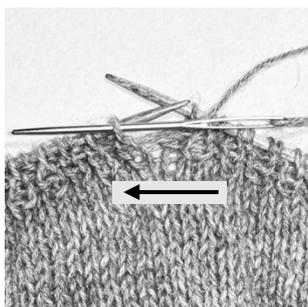
Tip: Work loosely and stretch the edge after binding off each stitch so that the bind-off remains stretchy.

Repeat step 1 to 5 until there are 2 stitches left on the needle, then repeat step 1 to 3 once more until there is 1 stitch left.

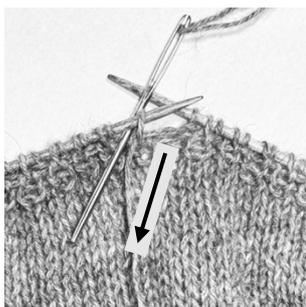
To finish:

Pull the yarn purlwise through the first bound off knit stitch of the round (Picture 7), then pull the yarn purlwise through the last stitch on the needle and slip the stitch from the needle (Picture 8).

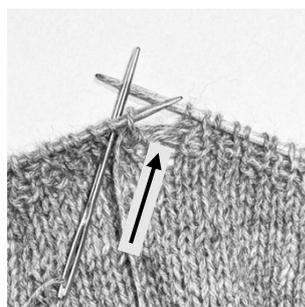
Weave in the end of the yarn.



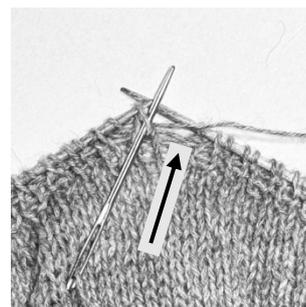
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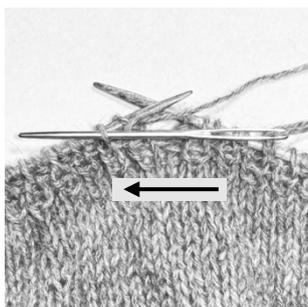
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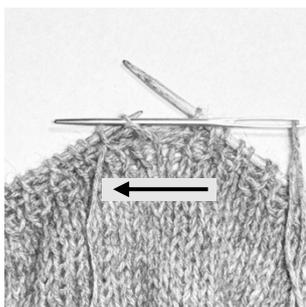
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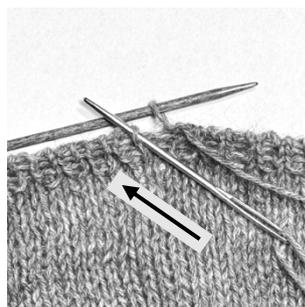
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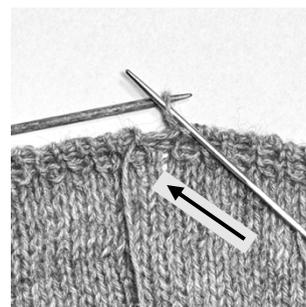
Picture 5



Picture 6



Picture 7



Picture 8



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