

# PetiteKnit

## IVY TOP



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<b>Sizes:</b>	XXS (XS) S (M) L (XL) 2XL (3XL) 4XL (5XL)
<b>Bust circumference:</b>	74 (79) 84 (89) 94 (104) 114 (124) 134 (144) cm [29¼ (31) 33 (35) 37 (41) 45 (48¾) 52¾ (56¾) inches]
<b>Armhole depth:</b>	19 (20) 21 (22) 23 (23) 24 (24) 24 (24) cm [7½ (7¾) 8¼ (8¾) 9 (9) 9½ (9½) 9½ (9½) inches]
<b>Length:</b>	47 (48) 49 (51) 54 (56) 58 (59) 61 (63) cm [18½ (19) 19¼ (20) 21¼ (22) 22¾ (23¼) 24 (24¾) inches] measured mid back
<b>Gauge:</b>	20 sts x 28 rows = 10 x 10 cm [4 x 4 inches] in stockinette stitch on a 4 mm [US6] needle after wash and blocking
<b>Needles:</b>	4 mm [US6] / 40, 60 and 80 and/or 100 cm [16, 24 and 32 and/or 40 inches] circular needles
<b>Materials:</b>	250 (250) 250 (250) 300 (300) 350 (350) 400 (450) g Trio 2 by Isager Yarn (50 g = 175 m [191 yds]) or 150 (150-200) 200 (200) 200 (250) 250 (250) 300 (300) g Pure Silk by Knitting for Olive (50 g = 250 m [274 yds]) or 200 (200) 200 (200) 250 (250) 300 (300) 350 (350) g Tynn Line by Sandnes Garn (50 g = 220 m [241 yds]). Note that two strands of yarn are held together throughout. The stated yardage amounts are the total yardage needed.

## PATTERN

The Ivy Top is worked from the top down. The top is constructed so the first section is worked with shoulder increases and short rows, then the front and back yoke are worked separately, back and forth on the circular needle. Front and back yoke are then joined again to form the body, which is worked in the round on the circular needle.

Knit a swatch to determine which needle size gives you the correct gauge. Wash the swatch before measuring the gauge as the recommended yarn grows with wash and wear.

### Size guide

The Ivy Top is designed to have approx. 6 cm [2¼ inches] of *negative* ease, meaning it is designed to be approx. 6 cm [2¼ inches] *smaller* in circumference than your bust measurement. The sizes XXS (XS) S (M) L (XL) 2XL (3XL) 4XL (5XL) are designed to fit a bust circumference of 75-80 (80-85) 85-90 (90-95) 95-100 (100-110) 110-120 (120-130) 130-140 (140-150) cm [29½-31½ (31½-33½) 33½-35½ (35½-37½) 37½-39½ (39½-43¼) 43¼-47¼ (47¼-51¼) 51¼-55 (55-59) inches]. The measurements for the finished top can be found on the front page of the pattern (note that these measurements only apply if the correct gauge is maintained throughout). Measure yourself before beginning your project, to determine which size will fit you the best. For example, if you measure 90 cm [35½ inches] around your bust (or around the widest part of your upper body) you should knit a size S. A size S tee has a bust circumference of 84 cm [33 inches] which in the given example would give you 6 cm [2½ inches] of *negative* ease.

### About increases

Increases are worked so they either slant to the right (M1R) or to the left (M1L) as seen from the RS (see video at [www.petiteknit.com](http://www.petiteknit.com)).

#### M1R:

From the RS: Insert the left needle under the strand that runs between two stitches from back to front, then knit this strand.

From the WS: Insert the left needle under the strand that runs between two stitches from back to front, then purl this strand.

#### M1L:

From the RS: Insert the left needle under the strand that runs between two stitches from front to back, then knit this strand through the back loop (twisted).

From the WS: Insert the left needle under the strand that runs between two stitches from front to back, then purl this strand through the back loop (twisted).

### Yoke

First the neck edge is worked in the round in stockinette stitch. Then shoulder increases are worked with short rows.

Cast on 90 (90) 92 (92) 94 (96) 96 (96) 98 (98) sts on a 4 mm [US6] / 40 cm [16 inches] circular needle, preferably slightly tightly.

Join in the round and place a marker for the beginning of the round (mid back). Change to a longer circular needle (60 or 80 cm [24 or 32 inches]) along the way when necessary to accommodate the increasing number of sts.

Knit 8 rounds of stockinette stitch.

Divide the sts by placing markers on both sides of the shoulder sts as follows:

19 (19) 20 (20) 20 (20) 20 (20) 20 (20) sts (right back), place marker, 6 (6) 6 (6) 6 (8) 8 (8) 8 (8) sts (right shoulder), place marker, 39 (39) 40 (40) 41 (40) 40 (40) 41 (41) sts (front), place marker, 6 (6) 6 (6) 6 (8) 8 (8) 8 (8) sts (left shoulder), place marker, 20 (20) 20 (20) 21 (20) 20 (20) 21 (21) sts (left back).

Now shape the neckline using short rows, so the back of the neck becomes taller than the front. Use the *German Short Row* technique when working the short row turns (see video at [www.petiteknit.com](http://www.petiteknit.com)). Work short rows as follows:

Row 1 (RS): Knit to marker, **M1R**, slip marker, knit across shoulder sts, slip marker, **M1L**, k3, turn.

Row 2 (WS): Purl to marker, **M1L**, slip marker, purl across shoulder sts, slip marker, **M1R**, purl to beginning of round marker, purl to marker, **M1L**, slip marker, purl across shoulder sts, slip marker, **M1R**, p3, turn.

Row 3 (RS): Knit to marker, **M1R**, slip marker, knit across shoulder sts, slip marker, **M1L**, knit to beginning of round marker, knit to marker, **M1R**, slip marker, knit across shoulder sts, slip marker, **M1L**, knit to 3 sts after the last RS turn, turn.

Row 4 (WS): Purl to marker, **M1L**, slip marker, purl across shoulder sts, slip marker, **M1R**, purl to beginning of round marker, purl to marker, **M1L**, slip marker, purl across shoulder sts, slip marker, **M1R**, purl to 3 sts after the last WS turn, turn.

Work Rows 1-4 once, then work Rows 3 and 4 another 2 (2) 2 (2) 2 (2) 2 (2) 2 (2) times (a total of 4 (4) 4 (4) 4 (4) 4 (4) 4 (4) short row turns have been worked on each side). There are now a total of 120 (120) 122 (122) 124 (126) 126 (126) 128 (128) sts on the needles.

Now work to beginning of round as follows:

Row 1 (RS): Knit to marker, **M1R**, slip marker, knit across shoulder sts, slip marker, **M1L**, knit to beginning of round marker. There are now a total of 122 (122) 124 (124) 126 (128) 128 (128) 130 (130) sts on the needles.

Now work in the round on the circular needle starting at the beginning of the round and with no more short rows, while continuing to work shoulder increases as follows:

Round 1: \* Knit to marker, **M1R**, slip marker, knit across shoulder sts, slip marker, **M1L** \*, work from \* to \* twice, knit to beginning of round marker. (4 increases have been worked)

Work Round 1 a total of 2 (3) 3 (4) 4 (5) 5 (5) 6 (6) times. There are now a total of 130 (134) 136 (140) 142 (148) 148 (148) 154 (154) sts on the needles. A total of 10 (11) 11 (12) 12 (13) 13 (13) 14 (14) shoulder increases have been worked.

Do not break the working yarn, as the next step follows from here.

*Distribution of stitches:*

29 (30) 31 (32) 32 (33) 33 (33) 34 (34) sts (right back), 6 (6) 6 (6) 6 (8) 8 (8) 8 (8) sts (right shoulder), 59 (61) 62 (64) 65 (66) 66 (66) 69 (69) sts (front), 6 (6) 6 (6) 6 (8) 8 (8) 8 (8) sts (left shoulder), 30 (31) 31 (32) 33 (33) 33 (33) 35 (35) sts (left back).

## **Back yoke**

Now work the back yoke separately while binding off the shoulder sts and placing the front yoke sts on a stitch holder to rest. Start at the beginning of the round and work as follows:

Round 1: Knit to marker, remove marker, bind off the 6 (6) 6 (6) 6 (8) 8 (8) 8 (8) shoulder sts, remove marker, knit across front yoke sts to marker, remove marker, place the 59 (61) 62 (64) 65 (66) 66 (66) 69 (69) front sts on a stitch holder, bind off the 6 (6) 6 (6) 6 (8) 8 (8) 8 (8) shoulder sts, remove marker, knit to end of round, remove beginning of round marker.

The 59 (61) 62 (64) 65 (66) 66 (66) 69 (69) sts for the front yoke are now resting on a stitch holder and the 59 (61) 62 (64) 65 (66) 66 (66) 69 (69) back yoke sts are sitting on the needle.

Purl across 1 row.

Now work the back yoke back and forth in stockinette stitch with increases for the bottom of armholes. First work as follows:

Row 1 (RS): Knit across.

Row 2 (WS): Purl across.

Work Rows 1 and 2 until the work measures 16 (16.5) 17 (17) 16 (15) 14 (13) 12 (11) cm [ $6\frac{1}{4}$  ( $6\frac{1}{2}$ )  $6\frac{3}{4}$  ( $6\frac{3}{4}$ )  $6\frac{1}{4}$  (6)  $5\frac{1}{2}$  (5)  $4\frac{3}{4}$  ( $4\frac{1}{4}$ ) inches] measured from the cast on edge at the back of the neck.

Count how many rows of stockinette stitch you have knitted since binding off the shoulder sts, so you can make sure to knit the exact same number of rows on the front yoke.

Now work back and forth in stockinette stitch with increases for the armholes on RS rows as follows:

Row 1 (RS): K2, **M1L**, knit to the last 2 sts on the needle, **M1R**, k2. (2 increases have been worked)

Row 2 (WS): Purl across.

Work Rows 1 and 2 a total of 7 (8) 9 (10) 12 (14) 13 (14) 16 (16) times. There are now a total of 73 (77) 80 (84) 89 (94) 92 (94) 101 (101) sts on the needles.

### **Sizes XL, 2XL, 3XL, 4XL and 5XL only:**

Now work back and forth in stockinette stitch with increases for the armholes **on every row** as follows:

Row 1 (RS): K2, **M1L**, knit to the last 2 sts on the needle, **M1R**, k2. (2 increases have been worked)

Row 2 (WS): P2, **M1R**, purl to the last 2 sts on the needle, **M1L**, p2. (2 increases have been worked)

Work Rows 1 and 2 a total of 0 (0) 0 (0) 0 (1) 3 (4) 4 (6) times. There are now a total of 73 (77) 80 (84) 89 (98) 104 (110) 117 (125) sts on the needles.

Break the working yarn.

### **Front yoke**

Place the resting front sts back on the needles. Join new yarn from the RS and work back and forth in stockinette stitch across the front yoke with increases for the bottom of armholes. First work as follows:

Row 1 (RS): Knit across.

Row 2 (WS): Purl across.

Work Rows 1 and 2 for the same number of rows as on the back yoke before the armhole increases. End on a WS row, so the next row is a RS row.

Now work back and forth in stockinette stitch with increases for the armholes on RS rows as follows:

Row 1 (RS): K2, **M1L**, knit to the last 2 sts on the needle, **M1R**, k2. (2 increases have been worked)

Row 2 (WS): Purl across.

Work Rows 1 and 2 a total of 7 (8) 9 (10) 12 (14) 13 (14) 16 (16) times. There are now a total of 73 (77) 80 (84) 89 (94) 92 (94) 101 (101) sts on the needles.

### **Sizes XL, 2XL, 3XL, 4XL and 5XL only:**

Now work back and forth in stockinette stitch with increases for the armholes on every row as follows:

Row 1 (RS): K2, **M1L**, knit to the last 2 sts on the needle, **M1R**, k2. (2 increases have been worked)

Row 2 (WS): P2, **M1R**, purl to the last 2 sts on the needle, **M1L**, p2. (2 increases have been worked)

Work Rows 1 and 2 a total of 0 (0) 0 (0) 0 (1) 3 (4) 4 (6) times. There are now a total of 73 (77) 80 (84) 89 (98) 104 (110) 117 (125) sts on the needles.

Do not break the working yarn, as the next step follows from here.

### **Body**

The body is worked in the round on a 4 mm [US6] / 60, 80 or 100 cm [24, 32 or 40 inches] circular needle.

Work as follows:

Knit across front yoke sts, tightly cast on 1 (2) 4 (5) 5 (6) 10 (14) 17 (19) sts in extension of the sts on the needle using the backward loop method, knit across back yoke sts, tightly cast on 1 (2) 4 (5) 5 (6) 10 (14) 17 (19) sts in extension of the sts on the needle using the backward loop method.

There are now a total of 148 (158) 168 (178) 188 (208) 228 (248) 268 (288) sts on the needles for the body. Join in the round and place a marker for the beginning of the round in the middle of the right underarm sts.

Work in the round in stockinette stitch until the top measures 47 (48) 49 (51) 54 (56) 58 (59) 61 (63) cm [18½ (19) 19¼ (20) 21¼ (22) 22¾ (23¼) 24 (24¾) inches] measured from the cast on edge at the back of the neck – or to desired length.

Bind off all sts knit-wise, tightly.

Weave in all ends.

## Abbreviations

k knit

M1L make one left; from the RS - insert the left needle under the strand that runs between two stitches from front to back, then knit this strand through the back loop (twisted)  
from the WS - insert the left needle under the strand that runs between two stitches from front to back, then purl this strand through the back loop (twisted)

M1R make one right; from the RS - insert the left needle under the strand that runs between two stitches from back to front, then knit this strand  
from the WS - insert the left needle under the strand that runs between two stitches from back to front, then purl this strand

p purl

RS right side of your work

st(s) stitch(es)

WS wrong side of your work



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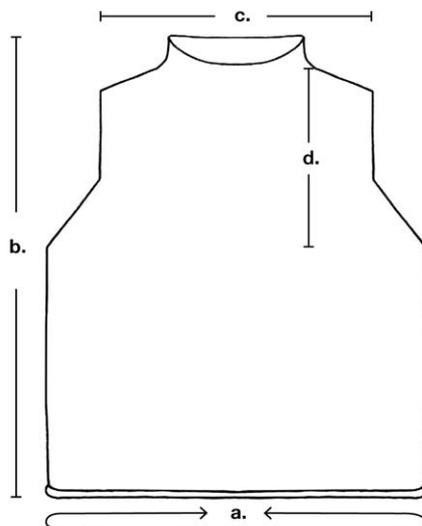
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Centimeter	XXS	XS	S	M	L	XL	2XL	3XL	4XL	5XL
a. Bust circumference	74	79	84	89	94	104	114	124	134	144
b. Length mid back	47	48	49	51	54	56	58	59	61	63
c. Shoulder width	29.5	30.5	31	32	32.5	33	33	33	34.5	34.5
d. Armhole depth	19	20	21	22	23	23	24	24	24	24

Inches	XXS	XS	S	M	L	XL	2XL	3XL	4XL	5XL
a. Bust circumference	29¼	31	33	35	37	41	45	48¾	52¾	56¾
b. Length mid back	18½	19	19¼	20	21¼	22	22¾	23¼	24	24¾
c. Shoulder width	11½	12	12¼	12½	12¾	13	13	13	13½	13½
d. Armhole depth	7½	7¾	8¼	8¾	9	9	9½	9½	9½	9½

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