

# OUTLINE TEE

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*Swaying dropped stitches frame the edges of this softly structured tee, worked in a plant fiber blend yarn that provides airiness and drape ideal for the long hot days of summer.*



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**SIZES:** XS (S, M, L, 1XL){2XL, 3XL, 4XL, 5XL} to fit chest measurement of:  
28-30 (32-34, 36-38, 40-42, 44-46){48-50, 52-54, 56-58, 60-62}"  
71-76 (81-86, 91.5-96.5, 101.5-106.5, 111.5-117){122-127, 132-137,  
142-147, 152-158}cm

**Actual measurement of finished garment at full chest:**

40 (44, 48, 52, 56){60, 64, 68, 72}"  
101.5 (112, 122, 132, 142){152.5, 162.5, 172.5, 183}cm

*Choose a size 6-12" [15-30.5cm] larger than your full chest.*

**Materials:** fingering weight yarn, circular needles, stitch markers, scrap yarn or stitch holders, extra needle for 3-needle bind off, darning needle

**Suggested Yarn:** **Ritual Dyes Undine** (sample knit in Summer Peach colorway)  
(70% Organic Cotton/30% Linen, 383yds [350m]/100g)

**Yardage:** 575-675 (625-725, 675-750, 750-875, 850-1000){950-1125,  
1050-1250, 1125-1375, 1225-1500} yds  
526-617 (571-663, 617-686, 686-800, 777-914){868-1028,  
960-1143, 1028-1257, 1120-1371} m  
2 (2, 2, 3, 3)(3, 4, 4, 4) skeins of Ritual Dyes Undine

**Gauge:** 22 sts & 32 rows per 4x4 square in stockinette, on larger needles, flat **and** in the round, blocked

**Suggested Needles:** US 5 – 3.75 mm circular needles (*main body*)  
US 4 – 3.50 mm circular needles (*ribbing*)

**Techniques:** knitting in the round, bottom up, decreasing, German short rows, holding stitches, 3-needle bind off, wet blocking

**Construction:** The piece is worked from the bottom up to the underarm and then separated at the front and back and worked flat. Each side of the front is worked separately through the shoulder, German short row shoulder shaping is worked, and stitches are held. The back is worked to the shoulders and shaped with German short rows. Shoulders are seamed together using a 3-needle bind off. Stitches are picked up for sleeves.

Abbreviations
BO – bind off
BOR – beginning of round
CO – cast on
Dec. - decreased
DS /make DS - double stitch / pull working yarn over top of right needle from front to back, rotating the stitch such that the two legs of the stitch stretch over the top of the needle and look like two stitches
Inc - increased
k– knit
k1tbl – knit one st through the back loop
k2tog - knit 2 stitches together (right leaning decrease)
LN – left needle
p – purl
sl1 – slip one st knitwise with yarn in back
Sm – slip marker
ssk - slip one st knitwise, slip one st purlwise, knit both slipped stitches together through the back loop
st – stitch
sts – stitches
RN – right needle
RS - right side
WS - wrong side
YO – yarn over (1 st increase)

## Pattern

### Before you get started, note the following:

- 1) The top is knit in stockinette except where otherwise specified. You will not be able to see the dropped stitch detailing of the top until the last step of each section. The detailing is formed by dropping stitches, so it is crucial that you pay close attention to the instructions, especially when decreasing, so the dropped stitches line up correctly at the end.
- 2) Save all weaving of ends until **after** you finish the garment and all dropped stitch detailing is complete, so you don't weave through an area that will eventually become a dropped stitch.

### Body

On smaller needles using preferred cast on method, loosely CO **208 (232, 252, 276, 296){320, 340, 364, 384}** sts. Join in the round, making sure not to twist stitches. Place marker for beginning of round. The BOR marks the left side of the garment.

**Round 1:** [k1tbl, p1] to BOR marker.

Repeat Round 1 until length from cast on edge is **1.5"/3.75cm**.

We will now place markers to mark the front center and right side seam, and back center of the top.

**Setup Round:** \*[k1tbl, p1] across next **52 (58, 63, 69, 74){80, 85, 91, 96}** sts\*. Place marker for center front. Repeat from \* to \*. Place marker for right side of garment. Repeat from \* to \*. Place marker for back center of garment. Repeat from \* to \*. You have reached the BOR.

**Drop Stitch Setup Round:** \*K4, yo, k2, pass 2nd stitch on right needle over first stitch (binding off one stitch), knit to 4 sts before next marker, pass 2nd stitch on right needle over first stitch (binding off one stitch), yo, k4, sm,\* repeat from \* to \* 3 more times. (*8 sts dec, 8 sts inc.*)

Switch to larger needles. Knit body in stockinette (this means that you will simply knit all rounds) until total body length from hem including ribbing measures **7.5 (7.75, 8, 8.25, 8.5){8.75, 9, 9.25, 9.5}"/[19 (19.5, 20.5, 21, 21.5){22, 23, 23.5, 24}cm]**. If you prefer a less cropped silhouette, knit this portion **3-5" [7.5-12.5cm]** longer, noting that you may need additional yarn if you add length here.

We will now separate for the front and back. From this point forward, the body will be worked flat.

Note here that many people have looser tension when knitting flat compared to in the round. The row gauge affects the depth of the neckline, so please make sure your flat gauge is accurate to ensure best fit for the garment. Some testers noted that they would size down in needles when switching to working flat.

## Front

For this section, you will only be working the **104 (116, 126, 138, 148){160, 170, 182, 192}** sts on your needles which will form the front of the top. I like to let the remaining stitches for the back of the top rest on the cord while I work the front. If you prefer, you can remove the back stitches to a stitch holder while you work the front of the garment.

**Row 1 (RS):** K **104 (116, 126, 138, 148){160, 170, 182, 192}** to right side marker. Turn.

**Row 2 (WS):** P **104 (116, 126, 138, 148){160, 170, 182, 192}** to BOR marker. Turn.

Repeat Rows 1 & 2 until the length from the underarm split is **2 (2.25, 2.5, 2.75, 3){3.25, 3.5, 3.75, 4}" / [5 (5.5, 6.5, 7, 7.5){8.5, 9, 9.5, 10}cm]**, approximately **16 (18, 20, 22, 24){26, 28, 30, 32}** rows total.

## Left Side Front

*Left side denotes left side when worn.*

We will now shape the left side of the top. The left side will be formed by the first **52 (58, 63, 69, 74){80, 85, 91, 96}** sts on your needles. I like to let the remaining stitches for the right side rest on the needles while I work the left. If you prefer, you can move the right side sts to a stitch holder while you work the left side of the garment.

**Row 1 (RS):** Knit to 7 sts before the marker (center marker,) k2tog, k4, sl1. Turn. (*1 st dec.*)

**Row 2 (WS):** Purl. Turn.

Repeat rows 1 & 2 until you have worked them **21 (22, 22, 23, 24){25, 25, 26, 27}** times total and **31 (36, 41, 46, 50){55, 60, 65, 69}** sts remain.

## Left Shoulder Shaping

**Row 1 (RS):** Knit to last st, sl1. Turn.

**Row 2 (WS):** Purl until **2** sts remain on LN. Turn.

**Row 3 (RS):** Bring yarn to front and slip the first stitch on the LN the RN purlwise, make DS by pulling working yarn over top of RN from front to back

such that the two legs of the stitch look like two stitches, knit next two stitches on LN tightly, continue knitting to last st, sl1. Turn.

**Row 4 (WS):** Purl to **2 (2, 2, 2, 2){2, 2, 3, 3}** sts before DS from previous row (for clarity, the double stitch, which counts as one stitch, should be the **3rd (3rd, 3rd, 3rd, 3rd){3rd, 3rd, 4th, 4th}** stitch on the left needle.) Turn.

**Row 5 (RS):** Bring yarn to front and slip the first stitch on the LN to the RN purlwise, make DS by pulling working yarn over top of RN from front to back such that the two legs of the stitch look like two stitches, knit next two stitches on LN tightly, continue knitting to last st, sl1. Turn.

Repeat Rows 4 & 5 **6 (7, 8, 9, 10){11, 12, 13, 14}** more times. You will have **8 (9, 10, 11, 12){13, 14, 15, 16}** double stitches on your needles.

In the next row, you should work the instructions for the row \*while also resolving all double sts as you approach them by purling the two legs of each DS together.\* When counting double stitches, each double stitch counts as one stitch.

**Next Row (WS):** P4, drop stitch, yo, p until 5 sts remain (make sure to count the two legs of the remaining DS as one stitch,) drop stitch, yo, p4.

Break yarn and place remaining **31 (36, 41, 46, 50){55, 60, 65, 69}** sts (including yarn overs) on holder.

Beginning at the dropped stitches, pull fabric apart from top to hem to create dropped stitch details.

## Right Side Front

We will now work the remaining **52 (58, 63, 69, 74){80, 85, 91, 96}** front sts. Join yarn with right side of fabric facing, at center of front neckline.

**Row 1 (RS):** Sl1, k4, ssk, k to end of row. Turn. (*1 st dec.*)

**Row 2 (WS):** Purl. Turn.

Repeat Rows 1 & 2 until you have worked them **21 (22, 22, 23, 24){25, 25, 26, 27}** times total and **31 (36, 41, 46, 50){55, 60, 65, 69}** sts remain.

## Right Shoulder Shaping

**Row 1 (RS):** Sl1, k until 2 sts remain on LN. Turn.

**Row 2 (WS):** Bring yarn to front and slip the first stitch on the LN to the RN purlwise, make DS, purl the next two stitches on LN tightly, continue purling to end of row. Turn.

**Row 3 (RS):** Sl1, k to 2 (2, 2, 2, 2){2, 2, 3, 3} sts before DS from previous row. Turn.

**Row 4 (WS):** Bring yarn to front and slip the first stitch on the LN to the RN purlwise, make DS, purl the next two stitches on LN tightly, continue purling to end of row. Turn.

Repeat Rows 3 & 4 6 (7, 8, 9, 10){11, 12, 13, 14} more times. You will have 8 (9, 10, 11, 12){13, 14, 15, 16} double stitches on your needles.

In the next row, you should work the instructions for the row \*while also resolving all double sts as you approach them by knitting the two legs of each DS together.\* When counting double stitches, each double stitch counts as one stitch.

**Next Row (RS):** Sl1, knit 3, drop stitch, yo, knit until 5 sts remain (make sure to count the two legs of the remaining DS as one stitch,) drop stitch, yo, knit remaining 4 sts.

Break yarn and place remaining 31 (36, 41, 46, 50){55, 60, 65, 69} sts (including yarn overs) on holder.

Beginning at the dropped stitches, pull fabric apart from top to hem to create dropped stitch details.

## Back

Join yarn on right side of fabric.

**Row 1 (RS):** Knit. Turn.

**Row 2 (WS):** Purl. Turn.

Repeat rows 1 & 2 until length of back panel from underarm split is 7.25 (7.75, 8, 8.5, 9){9.5, 9.75, 10.25, 10.75}"/[18.5 (19.5, 20.5, 21.5, 23){24, 25, 26, 27.5}cm].

## Back Shoulder Shaping

**Row 1 (RS):** Knit until 2 sts remain on LN. Turn.

**Row 2 (WS):** Bring yarn to front and sl first st on LN to RN purlwise, make DS, purl the next two stitches on LN tightly, continue purling until 2 sts remain on LN. Turn.

**Row 3 (RS):** Bring yarn to front and slip the first stitch on the LN to the RN purlwise, make DS, knit next two stitches on LN tightly, continue knitting until 2 (2, 2, 2, 2){2, 2, 3, 3} sts remain before DS from previous row. Turn.

**Row 4 (WS):** Bring yarn to front and sl first st on LN to RN purlwise, make DS, purl the next two stitches on LN tightly, continue purling until 2 (2, 2, 2, 2){2, 2, 3, 3} sts remain before DS from previous row. Turn.

Repeat Rows 3 & 4 6 (7, 8, 9, 10){11, 12, 13, 14} more times. You will have 15 (17, 19, 21, 23){25, 27, 29, 31} double stitches total.

**Next Row (RS):** Bring yarn to front and slip the first st on the LN to the RN purlwise, make DS, knit next two stitches on LN tightly, continue knitting to end of row, resolving all double stitches by knitting the two legs of each DS together as though they are one stitch. Turn.

**Next Row (WS):** Purl all sts, resolving all double stitches by purling the two legs of each DS together as though they are one stitch.

**Dropped St Row (RS):** K4, drop stitch, yo, k 42 (48, 53, 59, 64){70, 75, 81, 86} (you should be five sts from the center marker) drop st, yo, k4, remove marker, k4, drop st, yo, k 42 (48, 53, 59, 64){70, 75, 81, 86} until 5 sts remain, drop stitch, yo, k4. Do not break yarn. Beginning at the dropped stitches, pull fabric apart from top to hem to create dropped stitch details.

## Joining the shoulders

Turn the garment inside out and place the 31 (36, 41, 46, 50){55, 60, 65, 69} sts you held for each front shoulder onto a needle. Move yarn to back. Join front to back by working a three-needle bind-off as follows:

With the needles holding the back and front stitches held parallel, work a 3-needle bind-off to knit one stitch from the front needle together with one stitch from the back needle. \*Knit another stitch from the front needle together with a stitch from the back needle, then pass the 2<sup>nd</sup> stitch on the RN over the 1<sup>st</sup> stitch on the RN, binding off one stitch while joining front to back.\* Repeat from \* to \* until you have bound off and joined all 31 (36, 41, 46, 50){55, 60, 65, 69} sts for the first shoulder.

We will now bind off sts for the neck. Bind off the next **42 (44, 44, 46, 48){50, 50, 52, 54}** sts knitwise.

You should have one stitch on your RN, and **31 (36, 41, 46, 50){55, 60, 65, 69}** each on the front and back needles. \*Knit the first stitch from the front needle together with the first stitch on the back needle. Pass the 2<sup>nd</sup> st on the RN over the 1<sup>st</sup> st, binding off one stitch.\* Continue from \* to \* until you have bound off and joined all sts. Break yarn.

### Sleeves

Turn garment right side out and switch to smaller needles. Beginning at the underarm, pick up 2 of every 3 stitches along the armhole. Exact stitch count is not important, but make sure that your total stitch count is an even number. If you prefer a looser fitting arm, feel free to pick up additional stitches. For every additional 5.5 sts you pick up, your armhole will be 1"/2.5cm larger. Place marker for BOR.

Work [k1tbl, p1] ribbing for 1.5"/3.75cm or preferred sleeve length. Bind off loosely in pattern **or** with a stretchy bind off if you tend to bind off tightly.

### Neckline

The neckline of this garment is designed to be deep and does not require finishing. However, if you finish your garment and feel that the neckline is too low for your taste, you can pick up 2 of every 3 stitches and immediately bind off all the way around the neck.

### Finishing & Sharing

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## Schematic



"	XS	S	M	L	1XL	2XL	3XL	4XL	5XL
a	40	44	48	52	56	60	64	68	72
b	7.5	7.75	8	8.25	8.5	8.75	9	9.25	9.5
c	14.5	15.5	16	17	18	19	19.5	20.5	21.5
d	7.25	7.75	8	8.5	9	9.5	9.75	10.25	10.75
e	7.5	8	8	8.25	8.75	9	9	9.5	9.75
f	16.75	17.75	18.5	19.5	20.5	21.5	22.25	23.25	24.25

cm	XS	S	M	L	1XL	2XL	3XL	4XL	5XL
a	101.5	112	122	132	142	152.5	162.5	172.5	183
b	19	19.5	20.5	21	21.5	22	23	23.5	24
c	37	39.5	40.5	43	45.5	48.5	49.5	52	54.5
d	18.5	19.5	20.5	21.5	23	24	25	26	27.5
e	19	20.5	20.5	21	22	23	23	24	25
f	42.5	45	47	49.5	52	54.5	56.5	59	61.5