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We wanted to design a top that could be worn for any occasion, everyday, parties, and work! That's why we created the Knitlet, which can be worn both ways, either with a low neckline or a boat neck. The perfect basic knitted singlet!

The top is knitted from the top down. First, the back piece is worked, then the right and left shoulders are knitted separately. When the shoulders are finished, the work is joined and continued back and forth before being joined in the round on circular needles. Stitches are decreased towards the waist for a fitted shape. The top is knitted to the desired length, and the stitches are casted off loosely. The I-cord edges are worked last. Remember to read through the entire pattern before starting to get a good overview of the different steps.

**Sizes:** XS (S) M (L) XL (XXL)

**Bust circumference (garment measurement):** 61 (69) 80 (92) 105 (113)cm

**Total length from shoulder:** 54 (56) 58 (60) 62 (63) cm

**Note:** The top is designed with a negative ease of approx. -12 cm for a tight fit. That means if for example you measure 73 cm around the fullest part of your bust, size XS will fit as shown in the photos. Knitted garments are stretchy and will shape to your body when worn. If you are between two sizes, choose the smaller size for a tighter look. You can adjust the length of the top according to your own preference, keep in mind that the amount of yarn required may then change.

**Yarn suggestion:** 1 strand Line + 1 strand Tynn Line from Sandnes Garn

**Yarn amount:**

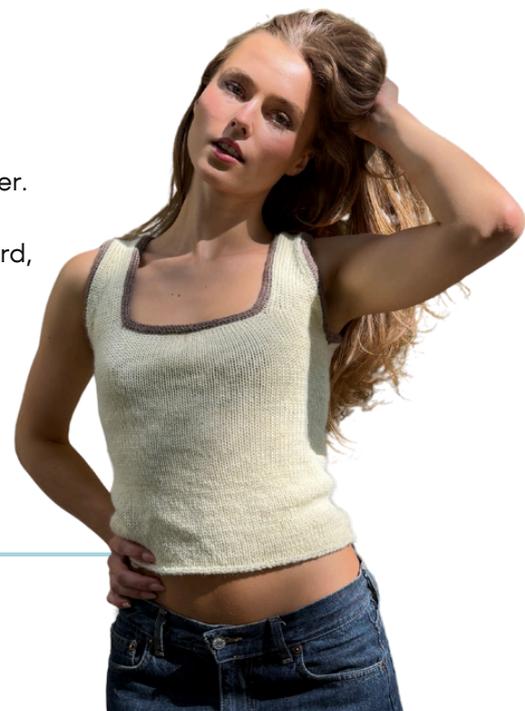
Line: approx. 150 (200) 250 (250) 300 (300) grams

Tynn Line: approx. 100 (100) 150 (150) 150 (150) grams

**Note:** In this pattern you knit with two strands held together.

**Needles:** 4 mm, 60–80 cm circular needle + 3 mm for i-cord, 60 cm + 20–40 cm circular needles or DPNs.

**Gauge:** 19 stitches in stockinette stitch per 10 cm on 4 mm needles



## ABBREVIATIONS AND TECHNIQUES

**st(s)** = stitch(es)

**rnd** = round

**k** = knit

**p** = purl

**Make 1 right (M1R)**= Pick up the strand between stitches from the back with the left needle, knit this stitch. This creates a new stitch leaning to the right.

**Make 1 left (M1L)**= Pick up the strand between stitches from the front with the left needle, knit this stitch through the back loop. This creates a new stitch leaning to the left.

**Make 1 left purl (M1Lp)**= Pick up the strand between stitches from the front with the left needle, purl through the back loop. This creates a new stitch leaning to the left.

**Make 1 right purl (M1Rp)**= Pick up the strand between stitches from the back with the left needle, purl. This creates a new stitch leaning to the right.

**Slip, slip, knit (SSK)**= Slip the first stitch knitwise, slip the next stitch knitwise, insert the left needle through the back of both stitches and knit them together.

# PATTERN

## BACK PIECE

Note: A few rows are knitted without increases first, then the increases are repeated as explained in the pattern.

Cast on 50 (54) 60 (66) 72 (78) sts with one strand of Line and one strand of Tynn Line held together on 4 mm needles. Work in stockinette stitch back and forth, starting with a purl row.

Work 27 (27) 27 (29) 31 (31) rows. The last row is worked on the wrong side, so that the next row begins from the right side.

### **Increases for armholes:**

Increase 1 st at each side, inside the 4 edge stitches (2 sts increased in total per row).

*Work increases like this from the right side (RS):* Knit 4, M1L, knit to 4 sts before end, M1R, knit 4.

*Work increases like this from the wrong side (WS):* Purl 4, M1Lp, purl to 4 sts before end, M1Rp, purl 4.

Continue increasing this way every 4th (4th) 4th (4th) 3rd (3rd) row, a total of 3 (5) 7 (10) 12 (13) times.

You now have 56 (64) 74 (86) 96 (104) sts on the needle.

Work without further increases until the piece measures 22 (23) 24 (25) 26 (27) cm. Place the stitches on a cable/stitch holder.

## LEFT FRONT

With 4 mm needles and RS facing you, pick up 8 (9) 11 (13) 15 (17) sts along the left shoulder towards the armhole. Work 27 (27) 27 (29) 31 (31) rows in stockinette stitch. End with a WS row, so the next row begins from the RS.

You will now begin the armhole increases, but note that when the front measures 16 (17) 17 (18) 19 (20) cm, you will also increase 1 st for the neckline.

### **Armhole increases:**

Increase 1 st inside the 4 edge stitches by the armhole.

*Work increases like this from the right side:* Knit until 4 sts remain, M1R, knit 4.

*Work increases like this from the wrong side:* Purl 4, M1Lp, purl to end.

Continue increasing in this way every 4th (4th) 4th (4th) 3rd (3rd) row, a total of 3 (5) 7 (10) 12 (13) times.

**Note:** At the same time as you increase for the armhole, when the work measures 16 (17) 17 (18) 19 (20) cm, increase 1 st for the neckline. From the RS, work as follows: Knit 4, M1L, knit to end of row.

Continue the armhole increases for your size as needed. Work back and forth in stockinette stitch until the shoulder measures 17 (18) 18 (19) 20 (21) cm from where you picked up sts on the back piece. End with a WS row.

Break yarn, place the left front on a cable/stitch holder, and continue with the right front (if your size has additional armhole increases, continue working these after joining the fronts).

## RIGHT FRONT

With RS facing you, pick up 8 (9) 11 (13) 15 (17) sts along the right shoulder using 4 mm needles. Work 27 (27) 27 (29) 31 (31) rows in stockinette stitch. End with a WS row, so the next row begins from the RS.

You will now begin the armhole increases, but note that when the front measures 16 (17) 17 (18) 19 (20) cm, you will also increase 1 st for the neckline.

### **Armhole increases:**

Increase 1 st inside the 4 edge stitches by the armhole.

*Work increases like this from the right side:* Knit 4 sts, M1L, knit remaining 4 sts.

*Work increases like this from the wrong side:* Purl until 4 sts remain, M1Rp, purl 4.

Continue increasing in this way every 4th (4th) 4th (4th) 3rd (3rd) row, a total of 3 (5) 7 (10) 12 (13) times.

**Note:** At the same time as you increase for the armhole, when the work measures 16 (17) 17 (18) 19 (20) cm, increase 1 st for the neckline. From the RS, work as follows: Knit until 4 sts remain, M1R, knit 4.

Continue the armhole increases for your size as needed. Work back and forth in stockinette stitch until the shoulder measures 17 (18) 18 (19) 20 (21) cm from where you picked up sts on the back piece. End with a WS row.

## JOINING THE FRONT PIECES:

The two front pieces are now going to be joined, while continuing the armhole increases if your size requires it.

Begin with the right front. Knit across the sts, then cast on 32 (34) 36 (38) 40 (42) sts for the neckline. Knit across the sts of the left front. You now have 56 (64) 74 (86) 96 (104) sts on the needle.

The fronts are now joined and worked as one piece. Continue in stockinette stitch, with or without further armhole increases depending on your size, until the piece measures 22 (23) 24 (25) 26 (27) cm. End with a WS row.

## JOINING THE BODY:

With RS facing you, work across all sts of the front. Cast on 2 (2) 2 (2) 4 (4) sts, place the sts of the back onto the same needle and knit across them, then cast on 2 (2) 2 (2) 4 (4) sts for the second armhole.

You now have 116 (132) 152 (176) 200 (216) sts on the needle. Place 2 stitch markers under each armhole, on either side of the 2 central sts (4 markers in total). The round now begins at the center under the right armhole.

## BODY

Continue working in the round in stockinette stitch until the work measures 3 cm from the armholes.

Next, decreases will be made on the outside of each marker:

**Round 1:** K1, slip marker to right needle, k2tog, k to 2 sts before next marker, ssk, slip marker, k2, slip marker, k2tog, k to 2 sts before next marker, ssk, slip marker, k1 (4 sts decreased).

**Rounds 2–4:** Knit without decreases.

Repeat rounds **1–4** a total of 4 (5) 5 (7) 7 (7) times. You now have 100 (112) 132 (148) 172 (188) sts on the needle.

Continue in stockinette stitch until the work measures 17 (18) 19 (20) 21 (21) cm from where you cast on sts under the armholes.

Next, increases will be made to shape the waist, with increases on each side of the markers as follows:

**Round 1:** K1, slip marker, M1L, knit to next marker, M1R, slip marker, K2, slip marker, M1L, knit to next marker, M1R, slip marker, K1 (4 sts increased in total).

**Rounds 2–6:** Knit without increases.

Repeat rounds **1–6** a total of 2 (2) 2 (3) 3 (3) times. You now have 108 (120) 140 (160) 184 (200) sts on the needle.

Continue knitting in the round until the work measures 32 (33) 34 (35) 36 (36) cm from the armholes, or until the desired length. Try on the top to determine the final length, and cast off loosely.

## EDGES

### I-cord neckline:

Starting at the left shoulder, pick up 1 stitch in each stitch along the neckline with a long 3 mm circular needle. Break the yarn.

Cast on 4 sts provisionally using scrap yarn. Then continue with the main yarn (1 strand of each quality) on 3 mm needles (20–40 cm circular or DPNs).

Work the i-cord attached to the edge as follows:

1. Slide the sts to the right end of the needle, with yarn at the back of work.
2. Knit 3 sts.
3. Knit the last st together through the back loop with the picked-up st from the neckline (= insert the right needle through the back loop of the last i-cord stitch and into the designated neckline stitch, pull yarn through both).

**Note:** When working the i-cord across the back neckline, make sure not to knit too tight. If needed, switch to 4 mm needles just for this section. This is important because the top is reversible, and the edge should not become too tight around the neck.

Repeat steps **1–3** until the i-cord is worked all around back to the starting point. Cut the yarn and graft the sts from the needle together with the provisional sts using kitchener stitch. Remove the scrap yarn carefully.

### I-cord armhole edges:

Work in almost the same way as for the neckline, but here pick up sts at a rate of 3 sts for every 4 sts on the work (instead of every stitch as for the neckline). Then repeat the same steps as for the neckline for both armholes.

## FINISHING

Weave in all loose ends and soak the garment. Block it to the given measurements by gently stretching it out and laying it flat to dry.



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