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## FRANKIE TOP



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## ABOUT THE PATTERN

The Frankie Top is worked from the bottom up on circular needles.

Start your work with a tubular cast-on, then work on the body, the neckline, and finally the straps.

## SIZES

XS (S) M (L) XL

Sizes above correspond to the following chest circumference:

81-86 (87-92) 93-98 (99-104) 105-110 cm

Measure your own chest circumference to determine which size will fit you the best.

## MEASUREMENTS

The Frankie Top is designed to have approx. 30 cm of negative ease, meaning it is designed to be 30 cm smaller in circumference than your actual bust measurement.

Measurements are indicated on the diagrams, page 6.

Photos above: Size S / 168 cm tall / Chest: 90 cm

## YARN & MATERIALS

Hobbii Friends Coton 8/4

Colors: Rust n° 101

Dusty Blue Green n° 079

Navy Blue n°030

If you plan to knit your top in one color, you will need:

Approx. 100 (100) 150 (150) 200 g of Friends Cotton 8/4 from Hobbii.

If you plan to knit it with stripes as the Frankie Top on the photos above:

Approx. 100 (150) 150 (150) 200 g of Friends Cotton 8/4 from Hobbii.

Yarn per size:

XS: 1 ball of each color (S: 2 balls n°101 + 1 ball of n° 079 + 1 of n° 030) M: 2 balls n°101 + 1 ball of n° 079 + 1 of n° 030

(L: 2 balls n°101 + 1 ball of n° 079 + 1 of n° 030) XL: 3 balls n°101 + 1 ball of n° 079 + 1 of n° 030.

Yarn alternative: Soft Merino from KAOS YARN, Catania from SCHACHENMAYR, Coton 8/4 from SOSTRENE GRENE.

Circular needles 3 mm [ 80 cm ]

Double pointed needles 3 mm [ to work the straps and the i-cord edge along the back. ]

Tapestry needle

## GAUGE

The gauge is indicated without blocking.

28 stitches x 37 rows = 10 x 10 cm in 5x1 rib stitch, on needle size 3 mm.

Make a swatch to achieve the same gauge as indicated above. Needle size is only a guide. If you get too many stitches on 10 cm = 4", change to a larger needle size. If you get too few stitches on 10 cm = 4", change to a smaller needle size.

## STITCHES & TECHNIQUES

MAGIC LOOP TO KNIT IN THE ROUND ON CIRCULAR NEEDLES

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1mqlqRdJc68&t=3s>

5X1 RIB STITCH IN THE ROUND

\* knit 5, purl 1 \* rep \*\_\* all the way around.

5X1 RIB STITCH BACK AND FORTH

Row 1 (RS): \* knit 5, purl 1 \* rep \*\_\* to end of row

Row 2 (WS): \* knit 1, purl 5 \* rep \*\_\* to end of row

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bH6m0vRo0iM>

TUBULAR CAST-ON FOR 1x1 RIB

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RbEIPt1bCg8&t=191s>

DOUBLE KNITTING STRAPS

Row 1 (RS): \* slip 1 purlwise, knit 1 \* rep \*\_\* on every sts

Row 2 (WS): \* slip 1 purlwise, knit 1 \* rep \*\_\* on every sts

CHAIN EDGE STITCH

This method will be used along the neckline

Row 1 (RS): Slip 1 purlwise with yarn in front, place the yarn in back, knit to end of row.

Row 2 (WS): Slip 1 purlwise with yarn in front, purl to last st, k1.

<https://www.instagram.com/reel/C8WRFIBsCyg/>

## I-CORD EDGING FOR THE BACK

This method will be used to add an i-cord edge along the back

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1ZHN6lJNcy4>

## DECREASES

SSK: Slip 1 stitch knitwise, slip 1 more stitch knitwise, then insert your left needle through the front of the 2 slipped stitches. wrap your yarn around the right needle and pull the loop through both of the slipped stitches, knitting them together.

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=\\_zjV9QOGW-M&t=3s](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_zjV9QOGW-M&t=3s)

SSSK: Slip 1 stitch knitwise, slip 1 stitch knitwise, slip 1 more stitch knitwise, then insert your left needle through the front of the 3 slipped stitches, wrap your yarn around the right needle and pull the loop through all three of the slipped stitches.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=C9v0knH8nDU>

K2TOG: Insert the right needle through the 2 stitches on the left needle and knit them together

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Lx8BySRLIAE&t=45s>

K3TOG: Insert the right needle through the 3 stitches on the left needle and knit them together

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zVIU8wtC2QQ>

## JOGLESS STRIPES IN THE ROUND

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9vBgAuKxUco&t=143s>

## ABBREVIATIONS

cn: circular needle / ndls: needles / rs: right side / ws: wrong side / r: rows / k: knit / p: purl / w: work / inc: increase / dec: decrease  
ds: double stitch / st: stitch / sts: stitches / rep: repeat / yo: yarn over / slm: slip marker / plm: place marker / sl1p wyif: slip one purlwise with yarn in front / yib: yarn in back / k2tog: knit 2 together / p2tog: purl 2 together

## PATTERN

Read all of the instructions above before beginning your work.

*NOTE: It's unusual, but I didn't block my Frankie Top. When I wash it, I'll make sure not to pull on it so that it keeps the same measurements as before washing. The gauge is therefore indicated without blocking as is the measurements of the scheme also.*

## STRIPES:

Rust n° 101: 19 rows/rounds

Dusty Blue Green n° 079: 6 rows/rounds

Navy Blue n° 030: 3 rows/rounds

The left and right sides are shown as when the top is worn.

## BODY

With Navy Blue n° 030, cast-on 120 (138) 156 (174) 192 sts on 3 mm [ 80 cm ] circular needles, using the tubular cast-on method. Turn and work as follows:

Row 1 (WS): \* k1, p1 \* rep \*\_\* to end of row, turn.

Row 2 (RS): \* k5, p1 \* rep \*\_\* to end of row. Place a marker to indicate the beginning the round. The marker placement also indicates the right side of the top. Join your work, and from now on, work the body in the round using the magic loop method.

*NOTE: On the next round, switch to color Dusty Blue Green using the Jogless Stripes method. Don't break the Navy blue thread.*

Now work in the round in 5x1 rib stitch (k5, p1) until your work measures 28,5 (28,5) 28,5 (29,5) 29,5 cm from the cast-on edge (or to the desired length).

End the last round with K5 without working the purl stitch before the right side marker. This purl stitch will be bound off with the back stitches, making it the first stitch to be worked as indicated below.

Now, bind off the back sts as follows:

P1, k1, pass the p1 over the k1.

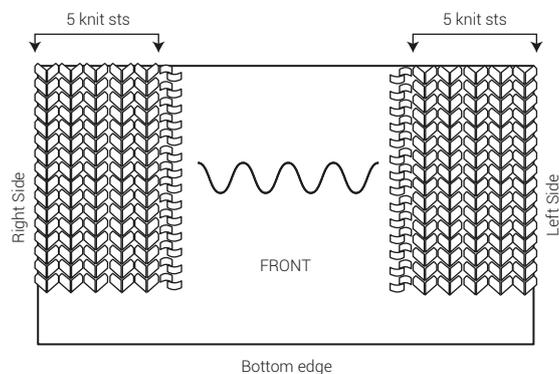
Now bind off the rest of 61 (73) 79 (85) 97 sts for the back according to the 5x1 rib stitch.

Bind off very LOOSELY, otherwise the top will be too tight.

*TIPS: Consider using a bigger needle size - 5 or 6 mm - to make sure it's loose enough.*

Now that the back stitches have been bound off, 60 (65) 77 (89) 95 sts remains on your 3 mm [ 80 cm ] circular needles.

The front should now start and end with 5 knit stitches (see scheme below).



## FRONT

Now, work the front in 5x1 rib stitch back and forth.

*NOTE: From now 2, a chain stitch is worked at either end of the RS and WS rows and it is included in the instructions below (see chain stitch on page 2).*

*NOTE: These edge stitches must be worked very loosely.*

*NOTE: When you decrease a purl st on the RS row, you will have to purl it on the following WS row.*

*The 5x1 rib stitch is therefore not continued over the decreased purl sts, although the rest of the sts in the row still are.*

Row 1 (RS): K3, ssk, work to last 6, k2tog, K4.

Row 2 (WS): sl1p, work in pattern up to last st, K1.

Row 3 (RS): sl1p wyif, K3, ssk, work in pattern to last 6 sts, k2tog, K4.

Row 4 (WS): sl1p wyif, work in pattern up to last st, K1.

Repeat rows 3 and 4 for a total of 8 (9) 9 (8) 8 times in total.

There are now 42 (45) 57 (71) 77 sts on circular needles.

Front measures 5 (5,5) 5,5 (5) 5 cm from row 1.

On the next row, work decreases as follows:

Row 1 (RS): sl1p wyif, K3, sssk, work to last 7 sts, k3tog, K4.

Row 2 (WS): sl1p wif, work in pattern up to last st, K1.

Repeat rows 1 and 2 for a total of 7 (8) 11 (14) 16 times in total.

There are now 14 (13) 13 (15) 13 sts on circular needles.

Front measures 9 (11) 12 (13) 14 cm from row 1.

*NOTE: From here, you can switch to 3 mm double-pointed needles if you have them; otherwise, continue with the 3 mm circular needles.*

Continue to work decreases as follows:

Row 1 (RS): sl1p wif, K3, ssk, work to last 6, k2tog, K4.

Row 2 (WS): sl1 p wif, purl to last st, K1.

## SIZE XS

Row 3 (RS): sl1p wif, K3, ssk, k2tog, K4.

Row 4 (WS): sl1p wyif, purl to last st, K1.

Row 5 (RS): sl1p wif, K3, sssk, K3.

There are now 8 sts on your 3 mm needles. Don't break the yarn. Work the straps from the next row onward.

Front measures 10,5 cm from row 1.

## SIZE (S) M (XL)

Row 3 (RS): sl1p wif, K3, sssk, K4.

Row 4 (WS): sl1p wyif, purl to last st, K1.

Row 5 (RS): sl1p wif, K3, ssk, K3.

There are now 8 sts on needles. Don't break the yarn. Work the straps from the next row onward.  
Front measures (12,5) 13,5 (15,5) cm from row 1.

## SIZE L

Row 3 (RS): sl1p wif, K3, ssk, K1, k2tog, K4.

Row 4 (WS): sl1p wyif, purl to last st, K.1

Row 5 (RS): sl1p wif, K3, sssk, K4.

Row 6 (WS): sl1p wyif, purl to last st, K1.

Row 7 (RS): sl1p wyif, K3, ssk, K3.

There are now 8 sts on needles. Don't break the yarn. Work the straps from the next row onward.  
Front measures 15 cm from row 1.

## STRAPS

### RIGHT STRAP

Row 1 (WS): \* sl1p wif, K1 \* repeat \*\_\* a total of 2 times. Let the other 4 sts rest on a cable, a safety pin or a piece of yarn while the right strap is being worked.

Row 2 (RS): \* sl1p wif, K1 \* repeat \*\_\* a total of 2 times.

Row 3 (WS): \* sl1p wif, K1 \* repeat \*\_\* a total of 2 times.

Repeat row 2 and 3 until strap measures 45 cm - or to the desired length.

Now distribute the 4 sts on 2 needles and bind off the sts using the double knitting invisible bind off as shown in the video link below:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8hAHV1O1aj0&t=280s>

### LEFT STRAP

On the WS, place the 4 resting sts back on your 3 mm double pointed needle. Attach the yarn and work as follows:

Row 1 (WS): \* sl1p wif, K1 \* repeat \*\_\* a total of 2 times.

Row 2 (RS): \* sl1p wif, K1 \* repeat \*\_\* a total of 2 times.

Rep row 1 and 2 until strap measures 45 cm - or to the desired length.

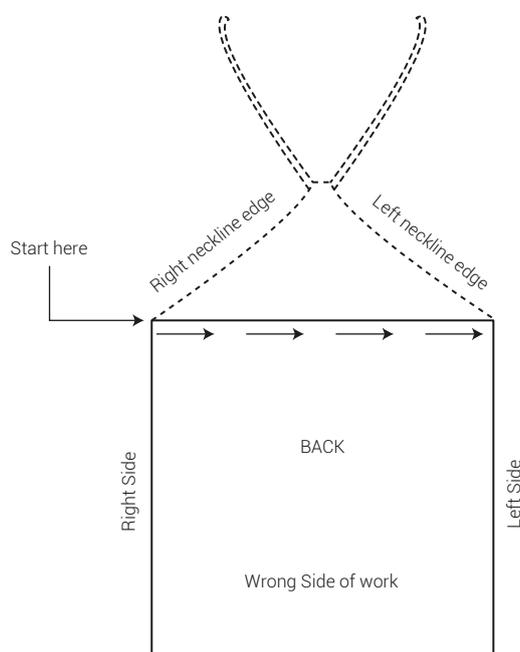
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## BACK I-CORD EDGE

Before starting to work on the i-cord edge, watch the video on page 3 " I-Cord edging for the back ".

WS facing, start working the i-cord edge along the back from the right side towards the left side (see scheme below).



Work the i-cord edge as follows:

Cast on 3 sts on your 3 mm double pointed needle, then pick up 1 st into the first edge st of the right neckline edge.

There are 4 sts on needle.

Now, slide the stitches over to the right side of the needle and work as follows:

K2, k2tog tbl, pick up 1 into the first bound off st along the back edge, then, slide the sts over to the right side of the needle,

\* K2, k2tog tbl, pick up 1 st into the next st along the edge \* repeat \*\_\* until you reach left side of work.

Finish the i-cord edge as follows:

Pick up 1 st into the first stitch of the left neckline edge, slide the sts over the right side of the needle, k2togtbl, k2togtbl, bring the second last st over the last st, pull the thread into the last stitch on the needle and break the yarn, leaving about 15 cm long tail to weave in the ends.

## FINISHING

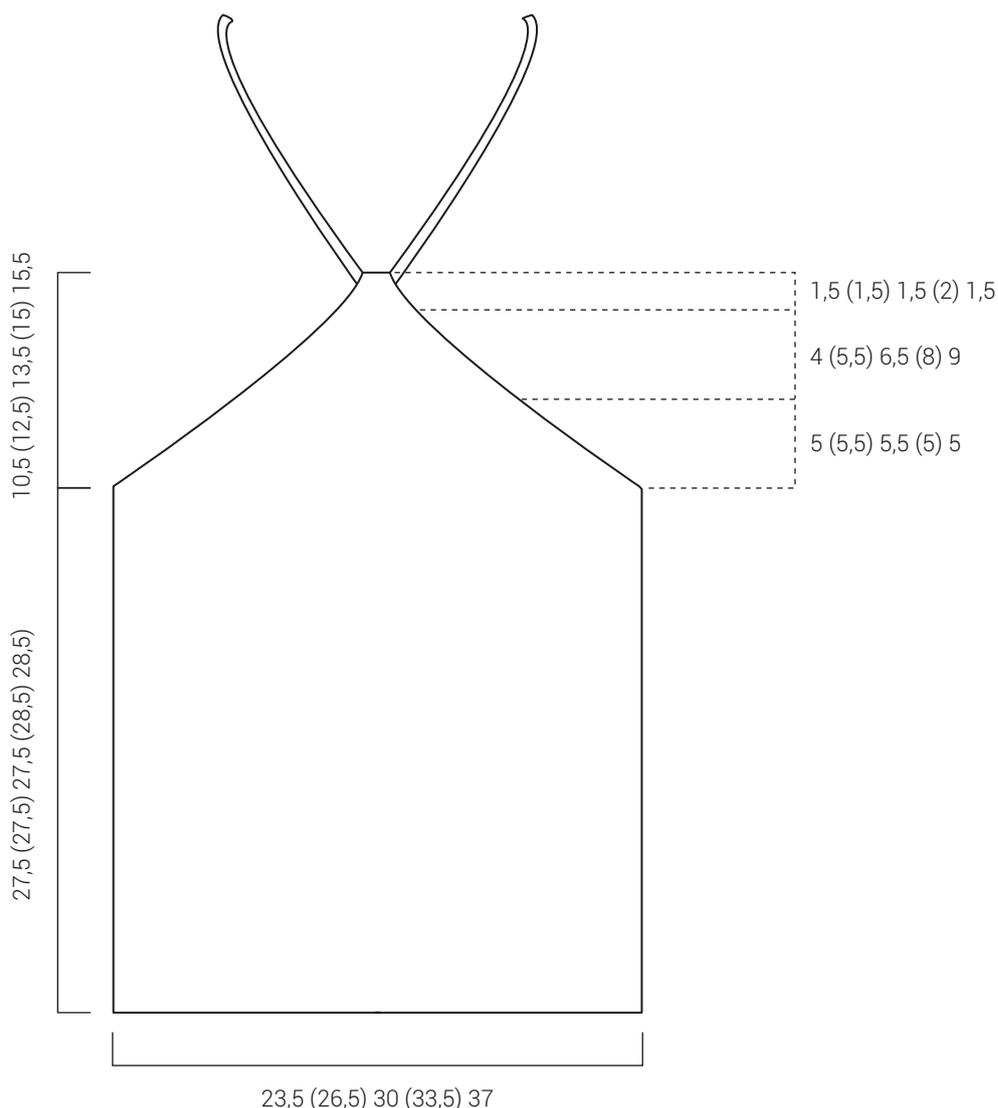
Weave in all ends, wash and block.

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## MEASUREMENTS

Measurements in cm without blocking. These measures are given as an indication, they can vary depending on which yarn you knit your Frankie Top with.





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