



abydos top

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Inspired by the elegant necklaces of ancient Egypt, the Abydos top is a perfect knit for those days when you want to feel that little bit fancy.

YARN A / main yarn: DK weight yarn, approx. 369 (378; 421; 478; 507) [602; 658; 694; 761] metres / 402 (411; 458; 520; 551) [655; 716; 755; 828] yards.

Sample shown in Rowan Cotton Cashmere (85% cotton, 15% cashmere, 125m / 136 yards per 50g ball) in shade Paper. If using this yarn, you will need 3 (4; 4; 4; 5) [5; 6; 6; 7] balls.

Yarn B: laceweight yarn, approx. 64 (64; 64; 79; 79) [93; 93; 99; 99] metres / 69 (69; 69; 87; 87) [101; 101; 108; 108] yards.

Sample shown in Rowan Kidsilk Haze (70% mohair, 30% silk, 210m / 229 yards per 25g ball) in shade Cream. If using this yarn you will need 1 ball.

GAUGE: 21 sts and 28 rows to 4 inches / 10 cm in stocking stitch in Yarn A, blocked. Suggested size 4mm.

NEEDLES & NOTIONS:

3.5mm circulars, length 16" / 40 cm
3.5mm, 4mm and 8mm circulars, length 24" / 60 cm (& longer depending on size)

Tapestry needle
Stitch markers
Scrap yarn

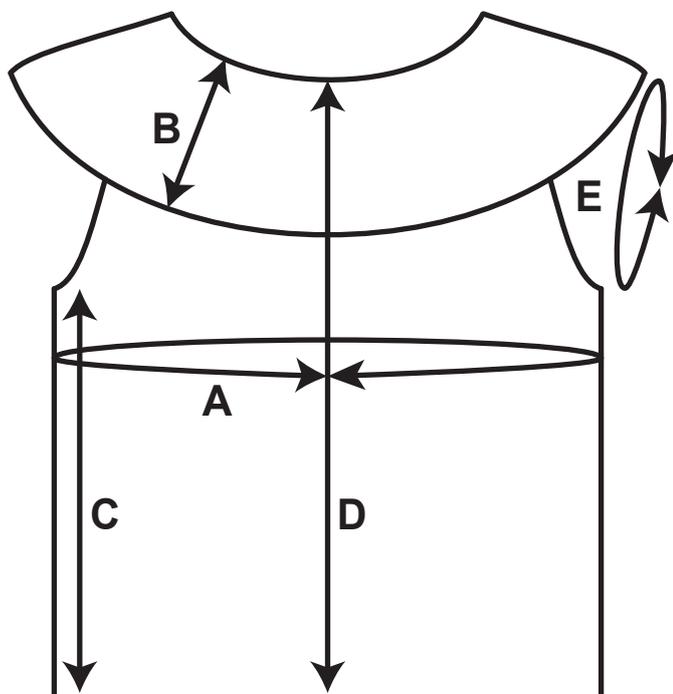
SIZING: 1 (2; 3; 4; 5) [6; 7; 8; 9] detailed below, designed to be worn with between 0-2" / 0.5 cm negative ease. Sample is a size 2 worn on a 33" upper bust with around 1" / 2.5 cm negative ease.

Choose a size based on your **UPPER bust** measurement, not full bust. To find this measurement, hold a tape under your armpits around the top of your bust. This may mean you choose a smaller size than usual, but the optional bust darts can be used to add extra room.

If you are between sizes, **SIZE DOWN**. If this top is loose, the armholes will be too wide and low and will not cover a bra at the sides.

Size	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
To fit upper bust (inches)	28-30	32-34	36-38	40-42	44-46	48-50	52-54	56-58	60-62
To fit upper bust (cm)	71-76	81-86	91-97	102-107	112-117	122-127	132-137	142-147	152-157
A: Bust	28" 71 cm	32" 81 cm	36" 91 cm	39.5" 101 cm	42.5" 107 cm	47" 119 cm	50.5" 128 cm	54" 137 cm	58.5" 148 cm
B: Yoke depth	5.5" 14 cm	5.5" 14 cm	5.5" 14 cm	6.5" 17 cm	6.5" 17 cm	6.5" 17 cm	6.5" 17 cm	6.5" 17 cm	6.5" 17 cm
C: Body length	9.5" 24 cm	9.5" 24 cm	9.5" 24 cm	9.5" 24 cm	9.5" 24 cm	9.5" 24 cm	9.5" 24 cm	9.5" 24 cm	9.5" 24 cm
D: Total length	15.5" 39 cm	16" 40 cm	16.5" 42 cm	17" 43 cm	17" 43 cm	17.5" 45 cm	18" 46 cm	18" 46 cm	18.5" 47 cm
E: Armhole	13.5" 34 cm	15.5" 39 cm	17" 43 cm	20" 51 cm	20" 51 cm	21.5" 55 cm	23" 58 cm	25.5" 65 cm	26.5" 67 cm

NOTES



Construction: the Abydos top is worked seamlessly from the top down, beginning with a circular yoke construction which transitions into a regular armhole by using short rows to change the angle of knitting. Panels of loose knit mohair are contrasted with tucks worked in DK weight throughout the yoke. Optional bust darts are included for those with larger cup sizes.

The main body is worked without shaping for a relaxed fit, and the armhole edgings are finished with subtle decreases to shape the cap 'sleeves' and a minimal cast off finish.

Yarn choice: I would recommend choosing a DK yarn that has some memory and isn't too slippery, as slinky yarns (such as bamboo) will be heavy and cause the garment to stretch and pull on the yoke.

Terminology: left and right means as worn, not as looking at the garment.

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ABBREVIATIONS & TECHNIQUES

K: knit
inc: increase
PM: place marker
BOR: beginning of round
Sl: slip 1 stitch purlwise
k2tog: knit 2 stitches together

P: purl
dec: decrease
SM: slip marker
St(s): stitch(es)

KFB: knit into the front and back of next stitch

m1R: make one right. (Insert left needle tip under bar between needles from back to front, place bar on left needle tip, knit this stitch through the front loop normally).

m1L: make one left. (Insert left needle tip under bar between needles from front to back, place bar on left needle tip, knit this stitch through the back loop).

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This pattern uses **German short rows**, which are worked as follows:

- 1)** Work the required number of stitches, then turn work (leaving the remaining stitches on the previous round unworked).
- 2)** With the yarn held in front, slip the first stitch on your left needle (the GSR stitch) purlwise.
- 3)** Pull your working yarn firmly up and over the right needle. This is referred to as 'pull yarn' in the pattern.
- 4)** The stitch below is stretched up and over the needle and now appears as a 'double stitch'. If next working a knit stitch, the yarn is now on the correct side of the work. If next working a purl stitch, bring the yarn to the front between the needles.
- 5)** Work in pattern as directed to the end of the row.

When you encounter a GSR stitch on the next row, work both legs of the 'double stitch' together as one stitch.

BEGIN NECKBAND

With 3.5mm short circular needle, **Yarn A**, and the tubular method, cast on 96 (96; 96; 96; 96) [112; 112; 120; 120] sts. PM and join to begin working in the round.

Work 5 rounds in [p1, k1] rib. Change to 4mm needle.

YOKE

Knit 5 rounds.

Change to **Yarn B**.

Next round / tuck round: *insert right needle tip through purl bump of the first round of stocking stitch (this should be the 5th purl 'smile' down, counting from the bump right next to your needle).

Place this st onto left needle tip.

K2tog (1 st on needle together with 1 st from below).

Repeat from * to end. Be sure to always catch the bump directly below the stitch on the needle to avoid twisting of the tuck.

Change to 8mm needle.

1st INC: *KFB, k 5 (5; 5; 5; 5) [6; 6; 4; 4], repeat from * to end. 112 (112; 112; 112; 112) [128; 128; 144; 144] sts.

Knit **1** round.

Change to 4mm needle.

2nd INC: k 3 (3; 3; 3; 3) [4; 4; 4; 4], *KFB, k 6 (6; 6; 6; 6) [7; 7; 8; 8], repeat from * to last 4 (4; 4; 4; 4) [4; 4; 5; 5] sts, KFB, k 3 (3; 3; 3; 3) [3; 3; 4; 4]. 128 (128; 128; 128; 128) [144; 144; 160; 160] sts.

Change to **Yarn A** and knit **5** rounds.

Change to **Yarn B** and repeat tuck round as before (this will mean placing the purl bump from the last round of **Yarn B** on the needle).

Note: *yarn B can be carried up the back of the work without breaking, but Yarn A needs to be broken each time as it will show behind the sheer stitches.*

Change to 8mm needle.

3rd INC: *KFB, k 7 (7; 7; 7; 7) [8; 8; 9; 9], repeat from * to end. 144 (144; 144; 144; 144) [160; 160; 176; 176] sts.

Knit **1** round.

Change to 4mm needle.

4th INC: k 4 (4; 4; 4; 4) [5; 5; 5; 5], *KFB, k 8 (8; 8; 8; 8) [9; 9; 10; 10], repeat from * to last 5 (5; 5; 5; 5) [5; 5; 6; 6] sts, KFB, k 4 (4; 4; 4; 4) [4; 4; 5; 5]. 160 (160; 160; 160; 160) [176; 176; 192; 192] sts.

Change to **Yarn A** and knit **5** rounds.

Change to **Yarn B** and repeat tuck round as before. On this and all subsequent tuck rounds, insert your needle through the first purl bump of Yarn A, not Yarn B.

Change to 8mm needle.

5th INC: *KFB, k 9 (9; 9; 9; 9) [10; 10; 11; 11], repeat from * to end. 176 (176; 176; 176; 176) [192; 192; 208; 208] sts.

Knit **1** round.

Change to 4mm needle.

6th INC: k 5 (5; 5; 5; 5) [6; 6; 6; 6], *KFB, k 10 (10; 10; 10; 10) [11; 11; 12; 12], repeat from * to last 6 (6; 6; 6; 6) [6; 6; 7; 7] sts, KFB, k 5 (5; 5; 5; 5) [5; 5; 6; 6]. 192 (192; 192; 192; 192) [208; 208; 224; 224] sts.

Change to **Yarn A** and knit **5** rounds.

Change to **Yarn B** and repeat tuck round as before.

Change to 8mm needle.

7th INC: *KFB, k 11 (11; 11; 11; 11) [12; 12; 13; 13], repeat from * to end. 208 (208; 208; 208; 208) [224; 224; 240; 240] sts.

Knit **1** round.

Change to 4mm needle.

8th INC: k 6 (6; 6; 6; 6) [7; 7; 7; 7], *KFB, k 12 (12; 12; 12; 12) [13; 13; 14; 14], repeat from * to last 7 (7; 7; 7; 7) [7; 7; 8; 8] sts, KFB, k 6 (6; 6; 6; 6) [6; 6; 7; 7]. 224 (224; 224; 224; 224) [240; 240; 256; 256] sts.

Change to **Yarn A** and knit **5** rounds.

Sizes 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 & 9 only:

Change to **Yarn B** and repeat tuck round as before.

Change to 8mm needle.

9th INC: *KFB, k - (-; -; 13; 13) [14; 14; 15; 15], repeat from * to end. - (-; -; 240; 240) [256; 256; 272; 272] sts.

Knit **1** round.

Change to 4mm needle.

10th INC: k - (-; -; 7; 7) [8; 8; 8; 8], *KFB, k - (-; -; 14; 14) [15; 15; 16; 16], repeat from * to last - (-; -; 8; 8) [8; 8; 9; 9] sts, KFB, k - (-; -; 7; 7) [7; 7; 8; 8]. - (-; -; 256; 256) [272; 272; 288; 288] sts.

Change to **Yarn A** and knit **5** rounds.

All sizes: continue using **Yarn A** to repeat tuck round as before.

*You have reached the end of the circular yoke section and will now divide to work the upper back and fronts separately. **Yarn B** will not be used again and can be broken.*

BACK SHAPING

Place next 48 (48; 44; 58; 52) [54; 52; 58; 54] sts (after BOR marker) onto scrap yarn for right 'sleeve'. Turn work so WS is facing.

You will now use short rows to shape the curve of the back yoke. For a full explanation of how to work German Short Rows, see Abbreviations & Techniques. When counting sts, remember the 2 legs of the GSR stitch count as one.

Next row (WS): p 6 (6; 6; 6; 5) [5; 5; 5; 6], turn.

S1, pull yarn, k to last 2 sts, m1L, k2.

P 13 (13; 13; 14; 11) [11; 11; 11; 13], turn.

S1, pull yarn, k to end.

P 19 (19; 20; 21; 16) [16; 17; 17; 19], turn.

S1, pull yarn k to last 2 sts, m1L, k2.

Sizes 5, 6, 7, 8 & 9 only:

P - (-; -; -; 22) [23; 24; 24; 26], turn.

S1, pull yarn, k to end.

P - (-; -; -; 27) [29; 30; 30; 32], turn.

S1, pull yarn k to last 2 sts, m1L, k2.

All sizes: p 66 (66; 70; 72; 79) [85; 87; 89; 93].

Place **next** 48 (48; 44; 58; 52) [54; 52; 58; 54] sts on scrap yarn for left 'sleeve' (**not the sts just worked**), then turn.

Place remaining 64 (64; 68; 70; 76) [82; 84; 86; 90] front sts on scrap yarn / a spare needle whilst you work back and forth across the back. You should now have 66 (66; 70; 72; 79) [85; 87; 89; 93] sts on the needle for the back.

Next row (RS): k 2, m1R, k 4 (4; 4; 4; 3) [3; 3; 3; 4], turn.

S1, pull yarn, p to end.

K 13 (13; 13; 14; 11) [11; 11; 11; 13], turn.

S1, pull yarn, p to end.

K2, m1R, k 17 (17; 18; 19; 14) [14; 15; 15; 17], turn.

S1, pull yarn, p to end.

Sizes 5, 6, 7, 8 & 9 only:

K - (-; -; -; 22) [23; 24; 24; 26], turn.

S1, pull yarn, p to end.

K2, m1R, k - (-; -; -; 25) [27; 28; 28; 30], turn.

S1, pull yarn, p to end.

All sizes:

You should now have 68 (68; 72; 74; 82) [88; 90; 92; 96] sts on the back.

Next row (RS): knit

Next row (WS): purl

You will now continue to work increases to shape the back underarm.

Sizes 1, 2, 3, & 4:

Next row / inc row: k2, m1R, k to last 2 sts, m1L, k2. 70 (70; 74; 76; -) [-; -; -] sts.

Work **3** rows stocking stitch, beginning with a purl row. **##**

Repeat from **#** to **##** a further 1 (2; 3; 2; -) [-; -; -; -] times. 72 (74; 80; 80; -) [-; -; -] sts.

Sizes 5, 6, 7, 8 & 9:

Next row / inc row: k2, m1R, k to last 2 sts, m1L, k2. - (-; -; -; 84) [90; 92; 94; 98] sts.

Purl **1** row. **##**

Repeat from **#** to **##** a further - (-; -; -; 6) [8; 10; 10; 12] times. - (-; -; -; 96) [106; 112; 114; 122] sts.

All sizes: break yarn and place back sts on holder / waste yarn.

FRONT SHAPING

Place held front sts on 4mm needle and re-join yarn with **WS** facing.

You will now use short rows to shape the curve of the front yoke.

Short rows (begin WS): p 3, turn.

S1, pull yarn, m1L, k 2.

P 7, turn.

S1, pull yarn, k to end.

P 10 (10; 10; 11; 10) [10; 10; 10; 11], turn.

S1, pull yarn, k to last 2 sts, m1L, k 2.

P 15 (15; 15; 16; 14) [15; 15; 15; 16], turn.

S1, pull yarn, k to end.

P 19 (19; 19; 20; 17) [19; 19; 19; 20], turn.

S1, pull yarn, k to last 2 sts, m1L, k 2.

P 24 (24; 25; 26; 22) [24; 24; 24; 25], turn.

S1, pull yarn, k to end.

Sizes 5, 6, 7, 8 & 9 only:

P - (-; -; -; 26) [28; 28; 29; 30], turn.

S1, pull yarn, k to last 2 sts, m1L, k 2.

P - (-; -; -; 31) [33; 34; 35; 36], turn.

S1, pull yarn, k to end.

All sizes: purl across whole row. You should now have 67 (67; 71; 73; 80) [86; 88; 90; 94] sts on the front.

Short rows (begin RS): k2, m1R, k1, turn.

S1, pull yarn, p to end.

K 7, turn.

S1, pull yarn, p to end.

k2, m1R, k 8 (8; 8; 9; 8) [8; 8; 8; 9], turn.

S1, pull yarn, p to end.

K 15 (15; 15; 16; 14) [15; 15; 15; 16], turn.

S1, pull yarn, p to end.

k2, m1R, k 17 (17; 17; 18; 15) [17; 17; 17; 18], turn.

S1, pull yarn, p to end.

K 24 (24; 25; 26; 22) [24; 24; 24; 25], turn.

S1, pull yarn, p to end.

Sizes 5, 6, 7, 8 & 9 only:

k2, m1R, k - (-; -; -; 24) [26; 26; 27; 28], turn.

S1, pull yarn, p to end.

K - (-; -; -; 31) [33; 34; 35; 36], turn.

S1, pull yarn, p to end.

All sizes: you should now have 70 (70; 74; 76; 84) [90; 92; 94; 98] sts on the front.

Size 1: skip to Joining Row.

You will now continue to work increases to shape the front underarm.

Sizes 2, 4 & 5 Next row / inc row (RS): k2, m1R, k to last 2 sts, m1L, k2. - (72; -; 78; 86) [-; -; -; -] sts.

Next row: purl

Size 3 Next row / inc row (RS): k2, m1R, k to last 2 sts, m1L, k2. - (-; 76; -; -) [-; -; -; -] sts.

Work 3 rows in stocking stitch, then repeat inc row, then purl 1 row. - (-; 78; -; -) [-; -; -; -] sts.

Sizes 6, 7, 8 & 9 Next row / inc row (RS): k2, m1R, k to last 2 sts, m1L, k2. - (-; -; -; -) [92; 94; 96; 100] sts.

Purl 1 row.

Repeat last 2 rows a further - (-; -; -; -) [2; 4; 4; 6] times. - (-; -; -; -) [96; 102; 104; 112] sts.

JOIN MAIN BODY

Joining row: k across front sts,

cast on 3 (12; 17; 25; 20) [22; 25; 33; 36] sts using backwards loop method,

place held back sts on needle and k across,

Cast on 3 (12; 17; 25; 20) [22; 25; 33; 36] sts using backwards loop method, placing BOR marker after 0 (5; 8; 12; 7) [8; 10; 14; 15] of these sts.

Join to begin working in the round. 150 (170; 192; 208; 222) [246; 264; 284; 306] sts.

Work in stocking stitch for 1.5 inches / 4cm.

Note: I would recommend trying the top on at this point to check the fit, keeping in mind that the edgings will tighten the armholes considerably.

OPTIONAL BUST DARTS

You may wish to add bust darts at this point if you have a particularly full bust. I would only recommend using the bust darts if you are above a D cup as this top is not especially tight. Using the bust darts unnecessarily will give awkward excess fabric that will disrupt the line of the yoke for this particular top.

These short row bust darts will not add any width to the top, but will add length so that a fuller bust doesn't cause the hem to ride up. Approximately 1 (1; 1; 1; 1) [1.25; 1.25; 1.25; 1.25] inches / 2.5 (2.5; 2.5; 2.5; 2.5) [3; 3; 3; 3] cm of length will be added.

Bust darts: k 58 (65; 73; 79; 84) [92; 99; 106; 114], turn,

s1, pull yarn, p 39 (43; 49; 53; 56) [60; 65; 69; 74], turn,

s1, pull yarn, k 44 (49; 55; 60; 63) [67; 72; 77; 82], turn,

s1, pull yarn, p 49 (55; 61; 67; 70) [74; 79; 85; 90], turn,

s1, pull yarn, k 54 (60; 67; 73; 77) [80; 86; 92; 98], turn,

s1, pull yarn, p 59 (65; 73; 79; 84) [86; 93; 99; 106], **turn,**

s1, pull yarn, k 63 (70; 79; 85; 91) [92; 100; 106; 114], turn,

s1, pull yarn, p 67 (75; 85; 91; 98) [98; 107; 113; 122], turn,

s1, pull yarn, k 71 (80; 90; 97; 104) [104; 113; 120; 130], turn,

s1, pull yarn, p 75 (85; 95; 103; 110) [110; 119; 127; 138], turn,

Sizes 6, 7, 8 & 9 only:

s1, pull yarn, k - (-; -; -; -) [116; 125; 134; 145], turn,

s1, pull yarn, p - (-; -; -; -) [122; 131; 141; 152], turn,

All sizes: s1, pull yarn, k to end.

CONTINUE MAIN BODY

Work in stocking stitch until work measures 9 inches / 23 cm from underarm, or until 0.75" / 2cm shorter than desired finished length.

HEM

Change to 3.5mm needle. Work 5 rounds in [k1, p1] rib. Cast off all sts using the tubular method.

RIGHT ARMHOLE EDGING

With **Yarn A**, 3.5mm needle, and beginning at the start of the armhole shaping, pick up and knit:

11 (12; 15; 12; 15) [18; 21; 21; 24] sts down to underarm (approx. 2 in every 3)

3 (12; 17; 27; 26) [26; 31; 39; 42] sts across underarm CO,

15 (15; 18; 15; 18) [21; 24; 24; 27] sts up to end of shaping (again approx. 2 in every 3).

29 (39; 50; 54; 59) [65; 76; 84; 93] sts picked up total.

Place 48 (48; 44; 58; 52) [54; 52; 58; 54] held sleeve sts on needle ready to work across.

You will now cast off these sleeve sts but will incorporate decreases into the cast off edge to prevent it from flaring out. The following section is written out like a regular row, but you must cast off as you go along so that by the end of the row, you have only 1 stitch remaining on the right needle tip.

This may seem like a strange method and you may be tempted to just work an extra round and cast off later, but doing so does not produce anywhere near as neat an edge and ruins the clean line of the tucks.

Sleeve edging (cast off as you go): k 13 (13; 11; 18; 15) [16; 11; 14; 12], k2tog,

[k2, k2tog] x 5 (5; 5; 5; 5) [5; 7; 7; 7],

k 13 (13; 11; 18; 15) [16; 11; 14; 12]. Continue to cast off remaining sts around armhole opening in a regular manner. Break yarn and fasten off. ##

LEFT ARMHOLE EDGING

With **Yarn A**, 3.5mm needle, and beginning at the start of the armhole shaping, pick up and knit:

15 (15; 18; 15; 18) [21; 24; 24; 27] sts down to underarm (approx. 2 in every 3)

3 (12; 17; 27; 26) [26; 31; 39; 42] sts across underarm CO,

11 (12; 15; 12; 15) [18; 21; 21; 24] sts up to end of shaping (again approx. 2 in every 3).

29 (39; 50; 54; 59) [65; 76; 84; 93] sts picked up total.

Work exactly as for right armhole edging from # to ##.

FINISHING

Weave in all ends and block.

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