

KNIT PATTERN

Lola Top



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The Lola Top has an elegant square neckline and wide shoulder straps which gives the top that certain effortlessly chic movie-star-on-holiday vibe. The alternating coloured stripes combined with the 1 x 2 broken rib stitch create a classical yet interesting texture which is both fun and easy to work.

The top is worked in 100% cotton yarn top down, first the upper front and back are worked separately back and forth. Then the two pieces are joined together on a circular needle and worked in the round and finished with a wide 1 x 1 rib hem. Lastly, stitches are picked up along the armholes and new stitches will be cast on for the shoulder straps.

FULL VIDEO TUTORIAL FOR THIS PATTERN CAN BE FOUND AT
www.youtube.com/c/kutovakika

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SIZES:

XS (S) M (L) XL (2XL) 3XL (4XL)

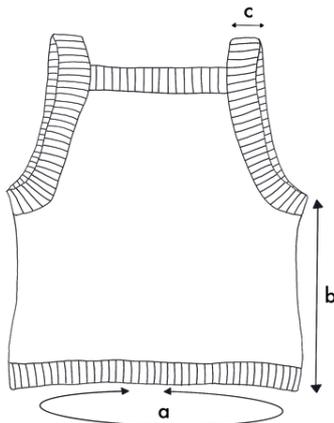
FINISHED GARMENT MEASUREMENTS:

a. Bust circumference: 63.5 (73.5) 80 (96.5) 103.5 (110) 123.5 (130) cm / 25.25 (29.25) 32 (37.75) 41.25 (44) 49.25 (52)".

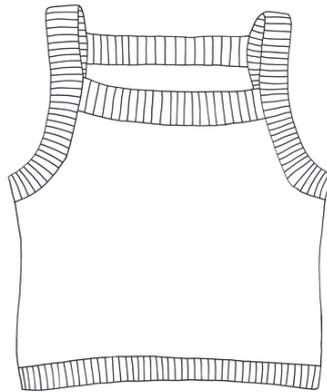
b. Length from underarm to hem: 31.5 (31.5) 31.5 (31.5) 34 (34) 36 (36) cm / 12.5 (12.5) 12.5 (12.5) 13.5 (13.5) 14.5 (14.5)".

c. Shoulder strap width: 3.5 cm / 1.5" all sizes.

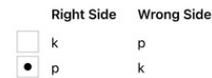
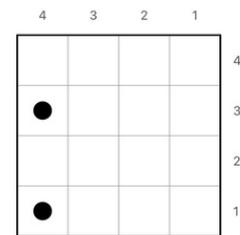
FRONT



BACK



1 X 2 BROKEN RIB STITCH



The design is intended to have quite a bit of negative ease because the 1 x 2 broken rib stitch fabric is very stretchy and will adapt over your body. Choose the size that is 8-14 cm / 3-5.5" smaller than your bust circumference for a good fit.

Sample in size S, Kika has a bust circumference of 87 cm / 34".

GAUGE:

18 sts x 26 rows/rnds = 10 x 10 cm / 4 x 4" in 1 x 2 broken rib stitch using 4 mm (US 6) needle and holding two strands of cotton together, after blocking.

NEEDLES:

3 mm (US 2.5) circular needle 40 - 60 cm / 16 - 24" for shoulder straps and rib hems.

4 mm (US 6) circular needle 60 - 100 cm / 24 - 40" for body.

NOTIONS:

Stitch marker, 4 mm (US 6) crochet hook for shoulder strap cast-on, tapestry needle.

SUGGESTED YARN:

MC: 125 (150) 175 (200) 225 (275) 300 (325) g of Sandnes Garn Mandarin Petit (100% cotton - 180 m/ 197 yds per 50 g) in color Natur 1012 or Almond 3011.

CC: 50 (50) 75 (75) 100 (100) 125 (125) g of Sandnes Garn Mandarin Petit (100% cotton - 180 m/ 197 yds per 50 g) in color Chili 3528 or Warm Yellow 3524.

The top is worked by holding two strands of cotton together.

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UPPER FRONT

First, the upper front is worked back and forth. Then the yarn is cut and the front sts are put on hold while the upper back is worked back and forth. Then the two pieces are joined together on a circular needle to work the body in the round.

CO 29 (35) 41 (47) 53 (59) 71 (77) sts on 3 mm (US 2.5) needle in MC and work 10 rows in 1 x1 rib (or until the ribbing measures 3.5 cm / 1.5"), as follows:

Row 1 (RS):

K1, *p1, k1* to end.

Row 2 (WS):

P1, *k1, p1* to end.

Repeat rows 1-2, 4 more times.

Change to 4 mm (US 6) needles and continue as follows in MC.

Row 1 (RS):

K2, M1L, k to last 2 sts, M1R, k2.

2 sts increased, you have 31 (37) 43 (49) 55 (61) 73 (79) sts in total.

Row 2 (WS):

P3, *k1, p2* to last 4 sts, k1, p3.

Row 3 (RS):

K2, M1L, k to last 2 sts, M1R, k2.

2 sts increased, you have 33 (39) 45 (51) 57 (63) 75 (81) sts in total.

Row 4 (WS):

P4, *k1, p2* to last 5 sts, k1, p4.

Change to CC.

Row 5 (RS):

K2, M1L, k to last 2 sts, M1R, k2.

2 sts increased, you have 35 (41) 47 (53) 59 (65) 77 (83) sts in total.

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Row 6 (WS):

P2, *k1, p2* to end.

Change to MC.

Repeat rows 1-6 (always working rows 1-4 in MC, and rows 5-6 in CC), 2 (2) 2 (3) 3 (3) 3 (3) more times.

You have 47 (53) 59 (71) 77 (83) 95 (101) sts in total for the front yoke.

Continue as follows in MC:

Row 1 (RS):

K all sts.

Row 2 (WS):

P2, *k1, p2* to end.

Row 3 (RS):

K all sts.

Row 4 (WS):

P2, *k1, p2* to end.

Change to CC.

Row 5 (RS):

K all sts.

Row 6 (WS):

P2, *k1, p2* to end.

Repeat rows 1-6 (always working rows 1-4 in MC, and rows 5-6 in CC), 3 (3) 3 (3) 3 (4) 4 (4) more times (or until front yoke measures 20, 20, 20, 22.5, 22.5, 24.5, 24.5, 24.5 cm / 8, 8, 8, 9, 9, 9.75, 9.75, 9.75" in total from CO edge).

End so that the next will be a row 1.

Cut the yarn and let the sts for the front yoke rest (you can for example put them on hold on a stitch wire or piece of thread) while working the back yoke next.

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UPPER BACK

CO 47 (53) 59 (71) 77 (83) 95 (101) sts on 3 mm (US 2.5) needles in MC and work 10 rows of 1 x1 rib (or until the ribbing measures 3.5 cm / 1.5").

Work as follows:

Row 1 (RS):

K1, *p1, k1* to end.

Row 2 (WS):

P1, *k1, p1* to end.

Repeat rows 1-2, 4 more times.

Change to 4 mm (US 6) needles and continue as follows in MC.

Row 1 (RS):

K all sts.

Row 2 (WS):

P2, *k1, p2* to end of row.

Row 3 (RS):

K all sts.

Row 4 (WS):

P2, *k1, p2* to end of row.

Change to CC.

Row 5 (RS):

K all sts.

Row 6 (WS):

P2, *k1, p2* to end of row.

Repeat rows 1-6 (always working rows 1-4 in MC, and rows 5-6 in CC), 3 (3) 3 (3) 3 (4) 4 (4) more times (or until upper back measures 13 (13) 13 (13) 13 (13) 15 (15) cm / 5 (5) 5 (5) 5 (6) 6 (6)" in total from CO edge).

End so that the next will be a row 1, don't cut the yarn yet!

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JOINING UPPER FRONT AND BACK FOR BODY

Next, the body is started by joining the upper front and back sts on 4 mm (US 6) circular needles and additional sts are cast on under the arms.

Work as follows in MC:

Rnd 1:

K all upper back sts, CO 10 (13) 13 (16) 16 (16) 16 (16) sts with the backward loop technique for underarm, k all upper front sts, CO 10 (13) 13 (16) 16 (16) 16 (16) sts with the backward loop technique for underarm, place marker to indicate the beginning of round.

You have 114 (132) 144 (174) 186 (198) 222 (234) sts in total for the body.

Rnd 2:

K2, p1 to end of rnd.

Rnd 3:

K all sts.

Rnd 4:

K2, p1 to end of rnd.

Change to CC.

Rnd 5:

K all sts.

Rnd 6:

K2, p1 to end of rnd.

Change to MC.

Rnd 7:

K all sts.

Rnd 8:

K2, p1 to end of rnd.

Rnd 9:

K all sts.

Rnd 10:

K2, p1 to end of rnd.

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Change to CC.

Rnd 11:

K all sts.

Rnd 12:

K2, p1 to end of rnd.

Repeat rnds *7-12* (always working rows 7-10 in MC, and rows 11-12 in CC), 8 (8) 8 (8) 9 (9) 10 (10) more times, or until body measures 23 (23) 23 (23) 25.5 (25.5) 27.5 (27.5) cm / 10.5 (10.5) 10.5 (10.5) 11.5 (11.5) 12.5 (12.5)" from underarm.

Work one more stripe in MC as follows:

Rnd 1:

K all sts.

Rnd 2:

K2, p1 to end of rnd.

Rnd 3:

K all sts.

Rnd 4:

K2, p1 to end of rnd.

Change to 3 mm (US 2.5) needles and work 10 rnds of *k1, p1* -ribbing (or until the ribbing measures 3.5 cm / 1.5"). BO all sts with a stretchy bind off method.

SHOULDER STRAPS

Next, the shoulder straps are worked in the round using 3 mm (US 2.5) circular needles and by picking up sts along the armholes and by casting on new sts with the crochet hook cast-on method.

RIGHT SHOULDER STRAP

With MC, using 3 mm (US 2.5) needles, start from the middle of the underarm and pick up and knit 40 (40) 40 (46) 50 (50) 50 (50) sts from the upper front side which is approx equivalent of picking up 5 sts for every 7 rows. (In other words: pick up and knit 3 sts from every row, skip 1 row, pick up and knit 2 sts from every row, skip 1). CO 24 (26) 30 (34) 38 (38) 42 (42) sts with the crochet hook cast-on method (see tutorial at end of pattern or video tutorial on YouTube), pick up and knit 28 (30) 30 (34) 34 (34) 34 (34) sts from the upper back which is approx equivalent of picking up 5 sts for every 7 rows.

Place a marker to mark the beginning of rnd.

You have 92 (96) 100 (114) 122 (122) 126 (126) sts in total for the shoulder straps.

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Work 10 rnds of *k1, p1*-ribbing and BO all sts with the standard bind off method.

LEFT SHOULDER STRAP

With MC, using 3 mm (US 2.5) needles, start from the middle of the underarm and pick up and knit 28 (30) 30 (34) 34 (34) 34 (34) sts from the upper back which is approx equivalent of picking up 5 sts for every 7 rows. (In other words: pick up and knit 3 sts from every row, skip 1 row, pick up and knit 2 sts from every row, skip 1). CO 24 (26) 30 (34) 38 (38) 42 (42) sts with the crochet hook cast-on method (see tutorial at end of pattern or video tutorial on YouTube), knit 40 (40) 40 (46) 50 (50) 50 (50) sts from the upper front which is approx equivalent of picking up 5 sts for every 7 rows.

Place a marker to mark the beginning of rnd.

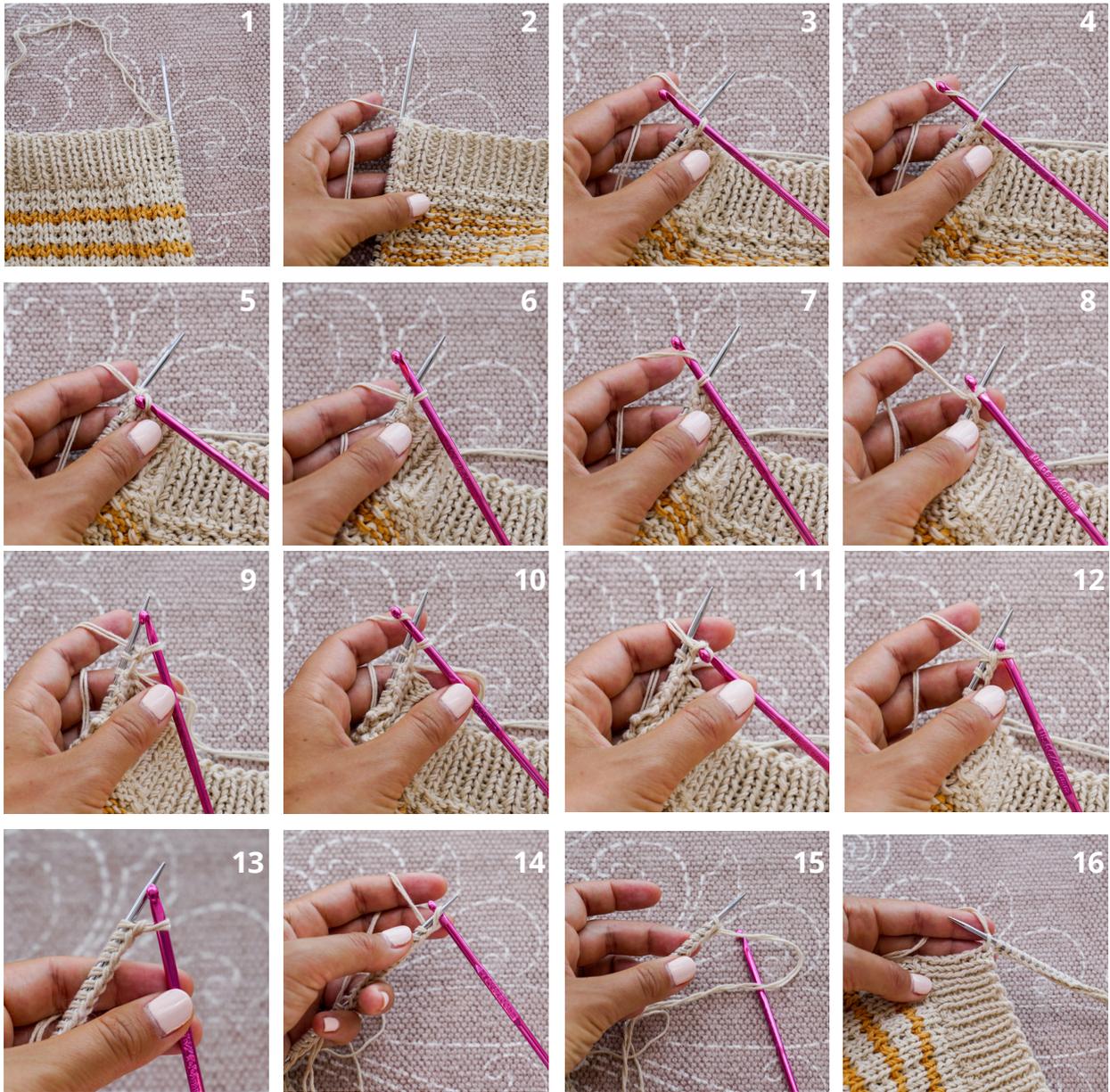
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Work 10 rnds of *k1, p1*-ribbing and BO all sts with the standard bind off method.

FINISHING

Weave in all ends. You can block the top by soaking it in lukewarm or warm water to get a more even fabric, or if you're happy with the finished look, enjoy your new top!

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CROCHET HOOK CAST-ON FOR SHOULDER STRAPS (video tutorial at [youtube.com/c/kutovakika](https://www.youtube.com/c/kutovakika))

1. Work up to the point where you want to cast-on sts for the shoulder strap.
2. Turn the work around so that the WS is facing up, move the working yarn to the back.
3. Place crochet hook in your right hand and insert it into from the back between the knitting needle and working yarn.
4. Wrap yarn on the crochet hook.
5. Pull the crochet hook through the loop.
6. *You've cast-on one stitch.*
7. Wrap yarn once more on crochet hook.
8. Pull the crochet hook through the loop.
9. Move the working yarn to the back between the knitting needle and crochet hook.
10. Wrap yarn on crochet hook.
11. Pull yarn through the loop.
12. *You've cast on one stitch.*
13. Repeat steps 9-12 until you've got one less sts than you need in total.
14. Move the last sts from the crochet hook onto the knitting needle.
15. Crochet hook cast-on for the shoulder strap is complete!
16. Continue to pick up sts from the other armhole edge.

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ABBREVIATIONS

BO = bind off

CC = contrasting colour

CO = cast on

K = knit

M1R = make 1 right (right-leaning increase), knit the strand between two stitches by inserting the left needle from back to front and knit the stitch (through the front loop)

M1L = make 1 left (left-leaning increase), knit the strand between two sts by inserting the left needle from front to back and knit the stitch twisted (through the back loop)

MC = main colour

P = purl

Rnd(s) = round(s)

RS = right side of work

St(s) = stitch(es)

WS = wrong side of work

- = repeat the steps between the *



Hope you enjoyed this pattern!

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If you have any questions, you can contact me at kika@kutovakika.com