

Sizes

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

Measurements

Circumference:

(71) 76 (81) 87 (92) 98 (108) 114 (124) cm
[(28) 29 $\frac{7}{8}$ (31 $\frac{7}{8}$) 34 $\frac{1}{4}$ (36 $\frac{1}{4}$) 38 $\frac{5}{8}$ (42 $\frac{1}{2}$)
44 $\frac{7}{8}$ (48 $\frac{7}{8}$) inches]

Full length measured from the center
front without the straps:

(31) 32 (33) 36 (37) 38 (41) 42 (43) cm
[(12 $\frac{1}{4}$) 12 $\frac{5}{8}$ (13) 14 $\frac{1}{8}$ (14 $\frac{5}{8}$) 15 (16 $\frac{1}{8}$)
16 $\frac{1}{2}$ (16 $\frac{7}{8}$) inches]

Width at top of front including double
knit edges:

25.5) 25.5 (25.5) 25.5 (25.5) 25.5 (31) 36
(36) cm [(10) 10 (10) 10 (10) 10 (12 $\frac{1}{4}$) 14 $\frac{1}{8}$
(14 $\frac{1}{8}$) inches]

Gauge

24 sts x 40 rows in lace structure
pattern using 3 mm [US2.5]
needles = 10 x 10 cm

Needles

Circular needles:

3 mm [US2.5] (60-80 cm [24-32
inches]), 2.5 mm [US1.5] (80 cm [32
inches]),

Double pointed needles: 2.5 mm
[US1.5]

Materials

Pure Silk by Knitting for Olive:

In total: (100) 100 (100) 100 (150) 150
(150) 150 (150) grams

Per wave/strip on the body:

(4) 4 (5) 6 (6) 6 (6) 8 (8) gram



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Louisa Top

About the design:

Louisa Top is a striped summer top with a lace structure pattern. The top is knitted from the bottom-up and has a lower back. The body is first knitted in the round on circular needles and then the front piece is knitted back and forth.

The top is finished with double knitted straps and a double knitted edge.

Size guide

The recommended negative ease is approximately 5-10 cm [2-4 inches] less than your bust measurement. Measure yourself around the chest or at the widest point of your torso and subtract 5-10 cm [2-4 inches] to determine which size to knit.

The garment's finished measurements when knitted at gauge is indicated on the first page of this pattern.

The various sizes are intended for a bust measurement of approximately (80) 85 (90) 95 (100) 108 (116) 124 (132) cm [(31½) 33½ (35¾) 37¾ (39¾) 42½ (45½) 48¾ (52) inches].

Abbreviations

BOR = beginning of round

BO = bind off

k = knit

k2tog = knit two stitches together

m = marker(s)

p = purl

pm = place marker

sl = slip stitch purlwise

sm = slip marker from the left to right needle

ssk = slip one stitch knitwise, slip one stitch purlwise, slip the two stitches back on the left needle and knit these two stitches through the backloop

st(s) = stitch(es)

tbl = through the back loop

WS = wrong side of work

wyif = with yarn held in front

yo = yarn over

Lace pattern Knitted in the round

Round 1: k13

Round 2: p13

Round 3: k13

Round 4: k13

Round 5: k4, *yo, k1*, repeat from * to * a total of 5 times, yo, k4

Round 6: k19

Round 7: k2tog x 3, k7, ssk x 3

Round 8: p13

Lace pattern Knitted back and forth

Row 1 (RS): k13

Row 2 (WS): k13

Row 3 (RS): k13

Row 4 (WS): p13

Row 5 (RS): k4, *yo, k1*, repeat from * to * a total of 5 times, yo, k4

Row 6 (WS): p19

Row 7 (RS): k2tog x 3, k7, ssk x 3

Row 8 (WS): k13

Pattern

Cast on (169) 182 (195) 208 (221) 234 (260) 273 (299) sts on 3 mm needles [US2.5] with one strand of Pure Silk. Pm to mark BOR.

Tip: To keep track of the lace pattern repeats, place a m every 13th st. The diagram should be repeated (13) 14 (15) 16 (17) 18 (20) 21 (23) times for every round.



Work in the round in the lace pattern according to the text description on page 2 or the diagram on page 5 of the pattern.

Start the work from the 2nd round of the diagram for the first time only. Remember to change the stripe color after knitting all 8 rounds of the diagram.

Work the lace pattern until the work measures (23) 24 (25) 26 (27) 28 (29) 30 (31) cm [(9) 9 ½ (9 ⅞) 10 ¼ (10 ⅝) 11 (11 ⅜) 11 ¾ (12 ¼) inches] or the desired length. The last round should be Round 8 of the diagram. Break yarn.

You will now BO sts for the back and underarms. Change stripe color. BO (91) 104 (117) 130 (129) 142 (155) 155 (181) sts and then knit (78) 78 (78) 78 (92) 92 (105) 118 (118) sts.

You will get the best result if you BO using the color you are planning to use for the double-knit edges, and then continue alternating the stripe colors as usual.

Front piece

You will now work back and forth over the (78) 78 (78) 78 (92) 92 (105) 118 (118) sts remaining on the needle. You will now work back and forth over the remaining (78) 78 (78) 78 (92) 92 (105) 118 (118) sts, which form the front piece.

Place 2 m to mark (13) 13 (13) 13 (20) 20 (20) 20 (20) sts at each outer edge of the front piece. These mark where decreases will be made.

For sizes XXS-M, 11 sts are decreased on both sides of the front piece. For sizes L-4XL, 18 sts are decreased on both sides of the front piece.

For sizes XXS-M:

Row 1 (WS): BO 3 sts purlwise, k to end of row

Row 2 (RS): BO 3 sts, k to end of row

Row 3 (WS): BO 2 sts purlwise, p to end of row

Row 4 (RS): BO 2 sts, k7 (there are now 8 sts on the right needle), sm, work row 5 of the diagram to m, sm, k to end of row

Row 5 (WS): BO 2 sts purlwise, p to end of row

Row 6 (RS): BO 2 sts, k5 (there are now 6 sts on the right needle), sm, work row 7 of the diagram to m, sm, k to end of row

Row 7 (WS): BO 2 sts purlwise, k to end of row, break yarn

Row 8 (RS): Change to next stripe color, BO 2 sts, k to end of row

Row 9 (WS): BO 2 sts purlwise, k to end of row

Row 10 (RS): BO 2 sts, k to end of row

For sizes L-4XL:

Row 1 (WS): BO 3 sts purlwise, k to end of row

Row 2 (RS): BO 3 sts, k to end of row

Row 3 (WS): BO 2 sts purlwise, p to end of row

Row 4 (RS): BO 2 sts, k1 (there are now 2 sts on right needle). Work row 5 of the diagram to end of row

Row 5 (WS): BO 1 st purlwise, p to end of row

Row 6 (RS): BO 1 st, work row 7 of the diagram until 1 st left on the needle, k1

Row 7 (WS): BO 3 sts purlwise, k to end of row, break yarn

Row 8 (RS): Change to next stripe color. BO 3 sts, k to end of row

Row 9 (WS): BO 2 sts purlwise, k to end of row

Row 10 (RS): BO 2 sts, k to end of row



Row 11 (WS): BO 3 sts purlwise, p to end of row
Row 12 (RS): BO 3 sts, k to 1st m, sm, work row 5 of the diagram until next m, sm, k to end of row

Row 13 (WS): BO 2 sts purlwise, p to end of row
Row 14 (RS): BO 2 sts, k until 1st m, sm, work row 7 of the diagram until next m, sm, k to end of row

Row 15 (WS): BO 2 sts, k to end of row, break yarn
Row 16 (RS): Change to next stripe color, BO 2 sts, k to end of row

All sizes:

There are now (56) 56 (56) 56 (56) 56 (69) 82 (82) sts on the needles and you have finished working decreases for the underarms.

Continue working back and forth in the lace pattern as shown in the diagram, where the next row is Row (4) 4 (4) 4 (2) 2 (2) 2 (2) from the WS of the work. There are 2 edge sts on both sides of the work and these are always worked in stockinette stitch (k on RS and p on WS of the work).

Complete the diagram you have started and work another (1) 1 (1) 2 (1) 1 (2) 3 (3) full diagram repeat(s). You have now worked a total of (3) 3 (3) 4 (4) 4 (5) 6 (6) diagram repeats since binding off the back piece.

You will now work a folded edge at the top of the front piece. Break the yarn, remove both m, and change to the next stripe color. The first row is from the RS of the work.

Change to 2.5 mm [US1.5] needles and work 7 rows of stockinette st back and forth. K 1 row on the WS of the work and the work another 6 rows in stockinette st back and forth. BO loosely and break the yarn with a long tail that will be used to sew the folded edge.

Fold the edge on the purl row and sew down the folded edge loosely to the WS of the work. Sew through every other st and be careful to not sew the edge crookedly.

How to sew a folded edge:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4ZLITWxOc0w>

Straps and edge

The straps and edge are worked in double knit in one whole piece. First, the right strap is worked, then the edge along the top is worked in double knit from picked up sts, and then the left strap is worked.

The gauge for the double knitted edge should be approximately 26 sts x 52 rows (counted as 26 stitches) = 10 x 10 cm [4 x 4 inches].

Begin by picking up sts along the edge at the top of the work with 2.5 mm [US1.5] needles. Picking up begins in the purl st from the folded edge on the RS of the front piece and sts are picked up all the way around the until you reach the purl st from the folded edge on the left side of the front piece.

Pick up 4 sts along the folded edge on each side of the front piece and then pick up 1 st in each st along the vertical edges of the front piece. Along the slanted sides of the front piece, pick up 2 sts in every 3 sts. For the underarms and along the back piece, pick up 1 st in each st.

This corresponds to approximately (114) 127 (140) 161 (158) 171 (192) 200 (226) sts.

Break the yarn and let the sts rest on the needle.

You will now work the right strap with two 2.5 mm [US1.5] double-pointed needles.



Cast on 10 sts and work as follows:

Row 1 (RS): *sl1 wyif, k1*, repeat from * to * to end of row

Row 2 (WS): *sl1 wyif, k1*, repeat from * to * to end of row

Repeat these 2 rows until the strap measures (32) 32 (32) 32.5 (32.5) 33 (33) 33.5 (33.5) cm [(12 5/8) 12 5/8 (12 5/8) 12 3/4 (12 3/4) 13 (13) 13 1/4 (13 1/4) inches] or desired length. Note the number of rows you have knitted so that you work two straps of the exact same length.

In extension of the strap, a double knitted edge is worked along the top of the work from the picked up sts as follows:

Row 1 (RS): *sl1 wyif, k1*, repeat from * to * a total of 4 times, sl1 wyif, k the last st and next st from the pick up sts together tbl, turn the work

Row 2 (WS): *sl1 wyif, k1*, repeat from * to * to end of row

Repeat these 2 rows until you have binded off all the picked up sts along the edge of the top.

Now you will go directly to working the left strap. Work the left strap the same way as the right strap and make sure the straps are the same length.

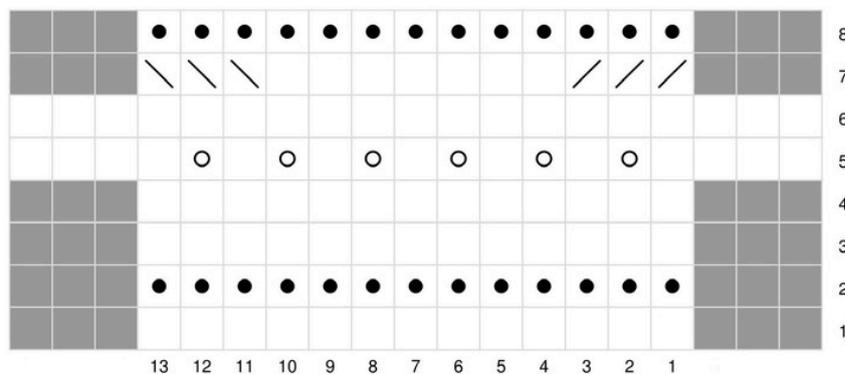
When the left strap is at the correct length, k2tog to end of row and BO sts. Break the yarn with a tail long enough to sew the strap to the work.

Finishing

Weave in all loose ends discreetly on the WS of the work and avoid weaving into the lace pattern.

Wash and block the top to the specified measurements. If necessary, use pins to flatten and shape the wavy edge at the bottom of the top.

Sew the 2 straps to the WS of the double knitted edge. You can try on the top to determine where you want the straps to be placed.



-  K from RS, P from WS
-  P from RS, K from WS
-  Ssk
-  K2tog
-  Yo: yarn over
-  No stitch

When the lace pattern is worked in the round, the diagram is read from right to left.

When the lace pattern is worked back and forth, the odd-numbered rows are read from right to left and the even-numbered rows from left to right.



Louisa Top

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