



Lusk Tee - Fingering

- Sizes:** 1 (2, 3, 4, 5, 6) (7, 8, 9, 10, 11)
- Gauge:** 24 stitches and 32 rows per 10 cm/4 inches in stockinette
- Finished Chest Circumference:** **No bust shaping (B cup):** 70 (80, 90, 100, 110, 120) (130, 140, 150, 160, 170) cm/27.5 (31.5, 35.5, 39.25, 43.25, 47.25) (51.25, 55, 59, 63, 67) inches
D-cup: 75 (85, 95, 105, 115, 125) (135, 145, 155, 165, 175) cm/29.5 (33.5, 37.5, 41.25, 45.25, 49.25) (53.25, 57, 61, 65, 69) inches
F-cup: 80 (90, 100, 110, 120, 130) (140, 150, 160, 170, 180) cm/31.5 (35.5, 39.25, 43.25, 47.25, 51.25) (55, 59, 63, 67, 70.75) inches
- Needles and notions:** 3.25 mm [US 3] needle, or needle required to meet gauge
2.75 mm [US 2] needles for ribbing or one needle size smaller for ribbing



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About

Lusk is a cousin to the Tolsta tee, worked in the same gauge but with my very favourite drop-shoulder construction. It's worked from the top down with some shoulder detailing and shaped sleeves. The pattern comes with DK- and fingering-weight options and tips on including simple lace, stripes, and trimmings.

Sizing

0-8 cm/0-3.25 inches of positive ease is recommended, meaning you should pick a size that is 0-8 cm/0-3.25 inches larger than your chest measurement.

This tee has optional bust shaping. The three options correspond to a B, D, and F cup. To determine which size to knit, you will want to take your full bust measurement and your "high bust" measurement (this is the circumference of your body at the armhole). If you've never done these measurements before, this blog post may be helpful:

<https://blog.cashmerette.com/2020/08/high-bust-measurements.html>

If "full bust measurement - high bust measurement":

- is less than 5 cm/2 inches, follow the main pattern instructions. These correspond to a B cup.
- between 5 cm/2 inches and 10 cm/4 inches, follow the D cup instructions. They will add 8 cm/3.25 inches to the full chest measurement.
- between 10 cm/4 inches and 15 cm/6 inches, follow the F cup instructions. These will add 16 cm/6.25 inches to the full chest measurement.

Bust shaping instructions are found at the end of this pattern. If working bust shaping, read through all bust-shaping instructions before starting.

A - Finished Chest Measurement

No bust shaping (B cup): 70 (80, 90, 100, 110, 120) (130, 140, 150, 160, 170) cm/27.5 (31.5, 35.5, 39.25, 43.25, 47.25) (51.25, 55, 59, 63, 67) inches

D-cup: 75 (85, 95, 105, 115, 125) (135, 145, 155, 165, 175) cm/29.5 (33.5, 37.5, 41.25, 45.25, 49.25) (53.25, 57, 61, 65, 69) inches

F-cup: 80 (90, 100, 110, 120, 130) (140, 150, 160, 170, 180) cm/31.5 (35.5, 39.25, 43.25, 47.25, 51.25) (55, 59, 63, 67, 70.75) inches

B - Bicep Circumference

30 (30, 32.5, 35, 37.5, 40) (44, 47.5, 51.5, 54, 55) cm
11.75 (11.75, 12.75, 13.75, 14.75, 15.75)
(17.5, 18.75, 20.25, 21.25, 21.75) inches

C - Armhole Depth

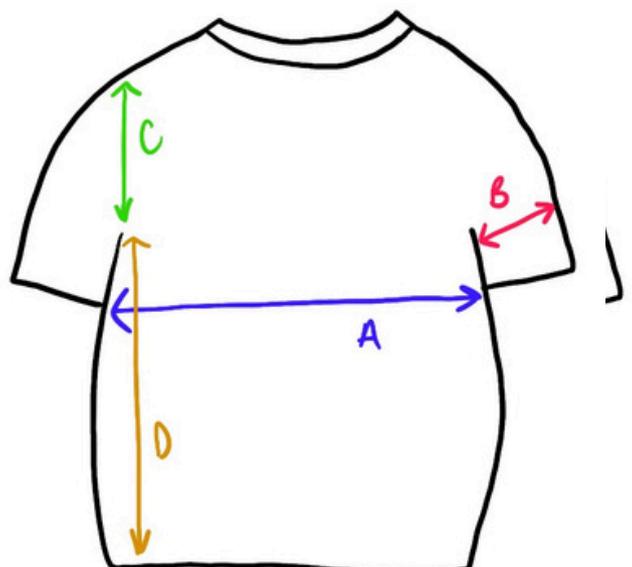
18 (18, 19, 19.5, 20.5, 22) (23, 24, 24.5, 25.5, 26.5) cm
7 (7, 7.5, 7.75, 8, 8.5)
(9, 9.5, 9.75, 10, 10.5) inches

D - Body length (from underarm, customisable):

28 cm/11.25 inches

Sleeve Length (customisable):

6 cm/2.25 inches



NOTES

Yarn

The sample was knit with Sandnes Garn Tynn Line (220m/50g) Any yarns that meet gauge can be used.

The samples are knit in Drops Belle, Sandnesgarn Line and Filcolana Merci. Testers also used Knitting For Olive Cotton Merino and Pure Silk, Malabrigo Sock, Novita Woolly Wood and Knit Picks fingering.

Yardage:

500 (588, 658, 742, 812, 882) (952, 1036, 1106, 1176, 1246) meters/ 641 (717, 809, 885, 961, 1037) (1041, 1133, 1210, 1286, 1362) yards

Note: If you work the optional bust shaping, you will require up to 25 m/27 yds of additional yarn.

Abbreviations

BOR - beginning of round

DS - double stitch (from German short rows)

k - knit

k2tog - knit two stitches together [1 stitch decreased]

M1L - make one left [1 stitch increased]

M1Lp - make one left purl [1 stitch increased]

M1R - make one right [1 stitch increased]

M1Rp - make one right purl [1 stitch increased]

p - purl

RS - right side

ssk - slip, slip, knit [1 stitch decreased]

WS - wrong side

Special skills

See the below videos for extra support. These are also linked in the pattern listing.

[M1R/M1L](#)

[M1Rp/M1Lp](#)

[Picking up stitches](#)

[German Short Rows](#)

INSTRUCTIONS

Start Here

Back

Using your larger needles and the backwards-loop cast-on, cast on 48 (48, 50, 52, 54, 54) (56, 58, 60, 60, 62) stitches.

Next row (WS): Purl all stitches.

If working a pattern repeat, this first WS row does not count towards the row count. Start working your pattern repeat from row 1 below.

Row 1 (RS): K2, M1L, knit until 2 stitches remain, M1R, k2. [2 stitches increased]

Row 2 (WS): P2, M1Rp, purl until 2 stitches remain, M1Lp, p2. [2 stitches increased]

Work rows 1 and 2 a total of 14 (14, 15, 15, 15, 16) (16, 16, 17, 18, 19) times.

Sizes 1, 2, 5, 7, and 8 only:

Row 3 (RS): K2, M1L, knit until 2 stitches remain, M1R, k2. [2 stitches increased]

Row 4 (WS): Purl across all stitches.

All sizes:

You have worked a total of 30 (30, 30, 30, 32, 32) (34, 34, 34, 36, 38) rows here, excluding your WS set-up row. You now have 106 (106, 110, 112, 116, 118) (122, 124, 128, 132, 138) stitches on your needles. Place a removable stitch marker somewhere on this last row - you'll use this to measure from.

Now work back and forth in stockinette (knitting the RS and purling the WS) until your work measures 4.5 (7, 10.5, 12.5, 10.5, 10.5) (11.5, 11.5, 10.5, 10, 10) cm/1.75 (2.75, 4.25, 5, 4.25, 4.25) (4.5, 4.5, 4.25, 4, 4) inches from the stitch marker you placed. If you have met the pattern row gauge, this is a total of 14 (22, 34, 40, 34, 34) (36, 36, 34, 32, 32) rows worked here.

You will now shape the underarms. This will vary depending on what size you are knitting.

Sizes 1, 2, and 3 only:

You'll now work decreases to shape the underarms:

Row 1 (RS): K2, ssk, knit until 4 stitches remain, k2tog, k2. [2 stitches decreased]

Row 2 (WS): Purl all stitches.

Work rows 1 and 2 a total of 11 (7, 3, -, -, -) (-, -, -, -, -) times for a total of 22 (14, 6, -, -, -) (-, -, -, -, -) rows. You now have 84 (92, 104, -, -, -) (-, -, -, -, -) stitches on your needle.

Break yarn and place stitches on hold. Proceed to **Front left**.

Sizes 4-7 only:

You'll now work increases every other row to shape the underarms:

Row 1 (RS): K2, M1L, knit until 2 stitches remain, M1R, k2. [2 stitches increased]

Row 2 (WS): Purl all stitches.

Work rows 1 and 2 a total of - (-, -, 1, 5, 4) (1, -, -, -, -) time(s), for a total of - (-, -, 2, 10, 8) (2, -, -, -, -) rows. You now have - (-, -, 114, 126, 126) (124, -, -, -, -) stitches on your needle.

Sizes 4-5 only: Break yarn and place stitches on hold. Proceed to **Front left**.

Sizes 6-7 only: You have remaining increases to make.

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Sizes 6-11 only:

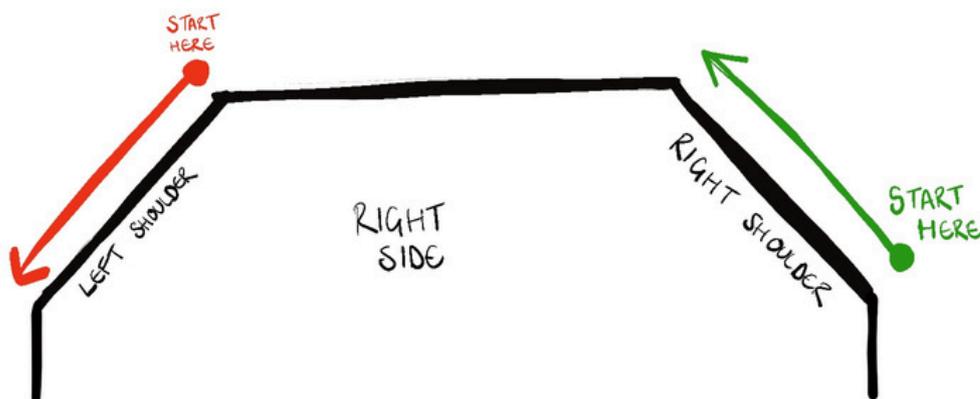
You'll now work increases every row to shape the underarms:

Row 1 (RS): K2, M1L, knit until 2 stitches remain, M1R, k2. [2 stitches increased]

Row 2 (WS): P2, M1RP, purl until 2 stitches remain, M1LP, p2. [2 stitches increased]

Work rows 1 and 2 - (-, -, -, -, 3) (6, 9, 11, 13, 14) times, for a total of - (-, -, -, -, 6) (12, 18, 22, 26, 28) rows. You now have - (-, -, -, -, 138) (148, 160, 172, 184, 194) stitches on your needles.

Break yarn and place stitches on hold. Proceed to **Front left**.



Front left (left side when worn)

Pick up and knit 31 (31, 32, 32, 33, 34) (35, 35, 36, 38, 40) stitches along the back left shoulder.

The first row is a WS row. Work in stockinette until your work measures 5 (5, 5.5, 5, 5, 5) (5, 5, 5.5, 5.5, 5.5) cm/2 (2, 2.25, 2, 2, 2) (2, 2, 2.25, 2.25, 2.25) inches, ending on a WS row. If you have met the pattern row gauge, this is a total of 15 (15, 17, 15, 15, 15) (15, 15, 17, 17, 17) rows here.

You will now work the neckline shaping:

Row 1 (RS): K1, M1L, knit to end of row. [1 stitch increased]

Row 2 (WS): Purl all stitches

Work rows 1 and 2 a total of 8 (8, 8, 9, 9, 9) (10, 10, 11, 10, 10) times, for a total of 16 (16, 16, 18, 18, 18) (20, 20, 22, 20, 20) rows. You now have 39 (39, 40, 41, 42, 43) (45, 45, 47, 48, 50) stitches on your needles. Break yarn and place stitches on hold.

Front Right (right side when worn)

Pick up and knit 31 (31, 32, 32, 33, 34) (35, 35, 36, 38, 40) stitches along the back right shoulder.

The first row is a WS row. Work in stockinette until your work measures 5 (5, 5.5, 5, 5, 5) (5, 5, 5.5, 5.5, 5.5) cm/2 (2, 2.25, 2, 2, 2) (2, 2, 2.25, 2.25, 2.25) inches, ending on a WS row. If you have met the pattern row gauge, this is a total of 15 (15, 17, 15, 15, 15) (15, 15, 17, 17, 17) rows here.

You will now work the neckline shaping:

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Row 1 (RS): Knit until 1 stitch remains, M1R, k1. [1 stitch increased]

Row 2 (WS): Purl all stitches.

Work rows 1 and 2 8 (8, 8, 9, 9, 9) (10, 10, 11, 10, 10) times, for a total of 16 (16, 16, 18, 18, 18) (20, 20, 22, 20, 20) rows. You now have 39 (39, 40, 41, 42, 43) (45, 45, 47, 48, 50) stitches on your needles. Do not break yarn.

Joining the fronts

On the next row you'll join the fronts and cast on stitches for the front neck.

Next row (RS): Knit across the 39 (39, 40, 41, 42, 43) (45, 45, 47, 48, 50) stitches of the front right. Using the backwards-loop cast-on, or your preferred cast-on method, cast on 28 (28, 30, 30, 32, 32) (32, 34, 34, 36, 38) stitches for the front neck. Lastly work across the 39 (39, 40, 41, 42, 43) (45, 45, 47, 48, 50) on-hold stitches for the front left.

You now have 106 (106, 110, 112, 116, 118) (122, 124, 128, 132, 138) stitches on your needles.

If you are working the optional bust shaping, switch to those instructions on page 8.

Work back and forth in stockinette until your work measures 7.5 (10, 13, 15, 14, 14) (14.5, 14.5, 12.5, 13, 14) cm/3 (4, 5.25, 6, 5.5, 5.5) (5.75, 5.75, 5, 5.25, 5.5) inches from the cast-on stitches. If you have met the pattern row gauge, this is a total of 24 (32, 42, 48, 44, 44) (46, 46, 40, 42, 44) rows, including the row where you cast-on the front neck stitches.

Sizes 1, 2, and 3 only:

You'll now work decreases to shape the underarms:

Row 1 (RS): K2, ssk, knit until 4 stitches remain, k2tog, k2. [2 stitches decreased]

Row 2 (WS): Purl all stitches.

Work rows 1 and 2 11 (7, 3, -, -, -) (-, -, -, -, -) times for a total of 22 (14, 6, -, -, -) (-, -, -, -, -) rows. You now have 84 (92, 104, -, -, -) (-, -, -, -, -) stitches on your needle.

Do not break yarn. Proceed to **Joining front and back.**

Sizes 4-7 only:

You'll now work increases every other row to shape the underarms:

Row 1 (RS): K2, M1L, knit until 2 stitches remain, M1R, k2. [2 stitches increased]

Row 2 (WS): Purl all stitches.

Work rows 1 and 2 - (-, -, 1, 5, 4) (1, -, -, -, -) time(s), for a total of - (-, 2, 10, 8) (2, -, -, -, -) rows. You now have - (-, 114, 126, 126) (124, -, -, -, -) stitches on your needle.

Sizes 4-5 only: Do not break yarn. Proceed to **Joining front and back.**

Sizes 6-7 only: You have remaining increases to make.

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Sizes 6-11 only:

You'll now work increases every row to shape the underarms:

Row 1 (RS): K2, M1L, knit until 2 stitches remain, M1R, k2. [2 stitches increased]

Row 2 (WS): P2, M1RP, purl until 2 stitches remain, M1LP, p2. [2 stitches increased]

Work rows 1 and 2 - (-, -, -, -, 3) (6, 9, 11, 13, 14) times, for a total of - (-, -, -, 6) (12, 18, 22, 26, 28) rows. You now have - (-, -, -, -, 138) (148, 160, 172, 184, 194) stitches on your needles.

Do not break yarn. Proceed to Joining front and back.

Joining front and back

The front and back will now be joined and stitches cast on for the underarm.

Round 1: Work across the front stitches, using the backwards-loop cast-on or your preferred cast-on method, cast on 0 (4, 4, 6, 6, 6) (8, 8, 8, 8, 10) stitches for the underarm, work across the back stitches, cast on 0 (4, 4, 6, 6, 6) (8, 8, 8, 8, 10) stitches for the underarm. Place a BOR marker.

You now have 168 (192, 216, 240, 264, 288) (312, 336, 360, 384, 408) stitches.

If you have worked the optional bust shaping at the end of the pattern, this is where you'll rejoin the main pattern.

Body

Continue to work in the round until your work measures 24 cm/9.5 inches from the underarm, or the desired length minus 4 cm/1.5 inches.

Change to your smaller needles and work one round.

Next round: *K1, p1; repeat from * to end.

Repeat the above round until the ribbing measures 4 cm/1.5 inches. Bind off in pattern or using your preferred bind-off method.

Sleeves

Lay the work flat and place a stitch marker at the top of the sleeve.

Note: The shoulder seam is NOT the top of the sleeve, it sits partially down the back of the shoulder.

Using your larger needles and starting at the underarm, pick up and knit 35 (36, 39, 42, 45, 48) (53, 57, 62, 65, 66) stitches around the first half of the sleeve, up to the top-of-the-sleeve marker. Place a marker (or move the marker you used to find the top) and pick up a further 35 (36, 39, 42, 45, 48) (53, 57, 62, 65, 66) stitches around the other half of the sleeve back to the underarm. For sizes 1-6, this is approximately 2 stitches per 3 rows, and for sizes 7-11, this is approximately 3 stitches per 4 rows.

You have a total of 70 (72, 78, 84, 90, 96) (106, 114, 124, 130, 132) stitches.

Place a BOR marker.

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The sleeve is shaped with a few short rows at the cap before it's worked in the round.

Row 1 (RS): Knit to top-of-sleeve marker, k4 (5, 6, 6, 7, 9) (9, 8, 9, 8, 9) past marker , turn work.
Row 2 (WS): Make DS, purl back to top-of-sleeve-marker, p4 (5, 6, 6, 7, 9) (9, 8, 9, 8, 9), turn work.
Row 3 (RS): Make DS, knit to previous DS, work DS, k6 (6, 6, 7, 7, 7) (7, 8, 7, 8, 8) turn work.
Row 4 (WS): Make DS, purl to previous DS, work DS, p6 (6, 6, 7, 7, 7) (7, 8, 7, 8, 8), turn work.

Repeat rows 3 and 4 a total of 4 (4, 4, 4, 4, 4) (5, 5, 6, 6, 6) more times. This is a total of 12 (12, 12, 12, 12, 12) (14, 14, 16, 16, 16) rows, including rows 1-2. You should have 1 (1, 3, 1, 3, 4) (2, 1, 4, 1, 1) unworked stitch(es) between the last DS worked and the BOR marker.

Next row (RS): Make DS, knit back to BOR marker.

Now work in stockinette in the round until the sleeve measures 4 cm/1.5 inches from the underarm pick-up. Alternatively, switch to the Long Sleeve document for long sleeves.

Change to your smaller needles and work one round.

Next round: *K1, p1; repeat from * to end.

Repeat the above round until the ribbing measures 2 cm/0.75 inch. Bind off in pattern or using your preferred bind-off method.

Repeat for the second sleeve.

Collar

Using your smaller needles and starting at the back right shoulder, pick up and knit 2 in every 3 stitches around the neckline edge. This should be an even number of stitches. Place BOR.

If working the optional lateral braid detail at the collar, work one lateral braid ([see here](#)).

Next round: *K1, p1; repeat from * to end.

Repeat the above round until the ribbing measures 3 cm/1.25 inches. Bind off in pattern or using your preferred bind-off method.

Finishing

Weave in all ends, wash and block your garment.

BUST SHAPING

Finished chest measurements with bust shaping:

D-cup: 75 (85, 95, 105, 115, 125) (135, 145, 155, 165, 175) cm/29.5 (33.5, 37.5, 41.25, 45.25, 49.25) (53.25, 57, 61, 65, 69) inches

F-cup: 80 (90, 100, 110, 120, 130) (140, 150, 160, 170, 180) cm/31.5 (35.5, 39.25, 43.25, 47.25, 51.25) (55, 59, 63, 67, 70.75) inches

For those following the D and F cup options, you will add extra stitches for the front in the armhole shaping and work a vertical dart in the body to remove those additional stitches.

Adjustments to main pattern:

Back: Work per pattern.

The fronts will vary by which shaping option you choose.

D-cup bust shaping - Fingering-weight

Work per main pattern until the instructions tell you to come here.

You should have 106 (106, 110, 112, 116, 118) (122, 124, 128, 132, 138) stitches on the needles.

Work back and forth in stockinette stitch until your work measures 11.5 (14, 13, 11.5, 12.5, 11.5) (12, 12.5, 10.5, 11.5, 12) cm/4.5 (5.5, 5.25, 4.5, 5, 4.5) (4.75, 5, 4.25, 4.5, 4.75) inches from the cast-on stitches. If you have met the pattern row gauge, this is a total of 36 (44, 42, 36, 40, 36) (38, 40, 34, 36, 38) rows, including the row where you cast-on the front neck stitches.

The bust increases in the yoke will be combined with the underarm shaping as below. This will add 12 stitches - 6 each side - to the front when compared to the back stitch counts. You will remove 12 stitches in the body - 6 each side - to get you back to the body stitch count for your size.

Sizes 1 and 2 only:

You'll now work decreases to shape the underarms:

Row 1 (RS): K2, ssk, knit until 4 stitches remain, k2tog, k2. [2 stitches decreased]

Row 2 (WS): Purl all stitches.

Work rows 1 and 2 5 (1, -, -, -, -) (-, -, -, -, -) time(s) for a total of 10 (2, -, -, -, -) (-, -, -, -, -) rows. You now have 96 (104, -, -, -, -) (-, -, -, -, -) stitches on your needle.

Do not break yarn. Proceed to **Joining front and back**.

Sizes 3-7 only:

You'll now work increases every other row to shape the underarms:

Row 1 (RS): K2, M1L, knit until 2 stitches remain, M1R, k2. [2 stitches increased]

Row 2 (WS): Purl all stitches.

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Work rows 1 and 2 - (-, 3, 7, 3, 6) (3, -, -, -, -) times, for a total of - (-, 6, 14, 6, 12) (6, -, -, -, -) rows. You now have - (-, 116, 126, 122, 130) (128, -, -, -, -) stitches on your needle.

Sizes 3-4 only: Do not break yarn. Proceed to **Joining front and back**.

Sizes 5-7 only: You have remaining increases to make.

Sizes 5-11 only:

You'll now work increases every row to shape the underarms:

Row 1 (RS): K2, M1L, knit until 2 stitches remain, M1R, k2. [2 stitches increased]

Row 2 (WS): P2, M1RP, purl until 2 stitches remain, M1LP, p2. [2 stitches increased]

Work rows 1 and 2 - (-, -, -, 4, 5) (8, 12, 14, 16, 17) times, for a total of - (-, -, -, 8, 10) (16, 24, 28, 32, 34) rows. You now have - (-, -, -, 138, 150) (160, 172, 184, 196, 206) stitches on your needles.

Do not break yarn. Proceed to **Joining front and back**.

Joining front and back

The front and back will now be joined and stitches cast on for the underarm.

Round 1: Work across the front stitches, using the backwards-loop cast-on or your preferred cast-on method, cast on 0 (4, 4, 6, 6, 6) (8, 8, 8, 8, 10) stitches for the underarm, work across the back stitches, cast on 0 (4, 4, 6, 6, 6) (8, 8, 8, 8, 10) stitches for the underarm. Place a BOR marker. Place a temporary stitch marker in the centre of both sets of underarm cast-on stitches. You will use this to place the markers for the bust decreases.

You now have 180 (204, 228, 252, 276, 300) (324, 348, 372, 396, 420) stitches.

Counting from the temporary stitch markers in the centre of the underarm cast-on stitches on the front of your sweater, place a stitch marker 24 (27, 30, 33, 36, 39) (42, 45, 48, 51, 54) stitches in on both sides. You can now remove the temporary stitch markers in the centre of the underarm cast-on stitches.

Note: If you are working in a stitch pattern that is not stockinette stitch, you can move these decrease markers slightly to accommodate your stitch pattern. Just make sure that the line of decreases is set away from the fullest part of your bust.

Work in stockinette stitch in the round for 2.5 cm/1 inch, (for a total of 8 rows if you hit gauge), or until your work has passed the apex of your bust. You may need to knit longer here depending on your body shape.

Decreases

We will now need to remove the extra stitches - 6 each side - from the yoke by decreasing at the 2 bust dart markers placed in the body in the instructions below.

As written, the decreases will happen over 7.5 cm/3 inches, or a total of 24 rounds.

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Round 1: Knit until 2 stitches before first decrease marker, k2tog, sm, knit until next decrease marker, sm, ssk, knit to end of round. [2 stitches decreased]

Rounds 2-4: Knit.

Work rounds 1-4 a total of 6 times. You have decreased 12 stitches and have 168 (192, 216, 240, 264, 288) (312, 336, 360, 384, 408) stitches remaining. Your bust shaping is complete. You can remove the decrease markers and rejoin the main pattern in the **Body** where indicated on page 6.

F-cup bust shaping - Fingering-weight

Work per main pattern until the instructions tell you to come here.

You should have 106 (106, 110, 112, 116, 118) (122, 124, 128, 132, 138) stitches on the needles.

Work back and forth in stockinette stitch until your work measures 14 (11.5, 9.5, 9.5, 10, 10.5) (10.5, 10.5, 9, 9.5, 10) cm/5.5 (4.5, 3.75, 3.75, 4, 4.25) (4.25, 4.25, 3.5, 3.75, 4) inches from the cast-on stitches. If you have met the pattern row gauge, this is a total of 44 (36, 30, 30, 32, 34) (34, 34, 28, 30, 32) rows, including the row where you cast-on the front neck stitches.

The bust increases in the yoke will be combined with the underarm shaping as below. This will add 24 stitches - 12 each side - to the front when compared to the back stitch counts. You will remove 24 stitches in the body - 12 each side - to get you back to the body stitch count for your size.

Sizes 1-7 only:

You'll now work increases every other row to shape the underarms:

Row 1 (RS): K2, M1L, knit until 2 stitches remain, M1R, k2. [2 stitches increased]

Row 2 (WS): Purl all stitches.

Work rows 1 and 2 a total of 1 (5, 9, 7, 5, 2) (1, -, -, -, -) time(s), for a total of 2 (10, 18, 14, 10, 4) (2, -, -, -, -) rows. You now have 108 (116, 128, 126, 126, 122) (124, -, -, -, -) stitches on your needle.

Sizes 1-3 only: Do not break yarn. Proceed to **Joining front and back**.

Sizes 4-7 only: You have remaining increases to make.

Sizes 4-11 only:

You'll now work increases every row to shape the underarms:

Row 1 (RS): K2, M1L, knit until 2 stitches remain, M1R, k2. [2 stitches increased]

Row 2 (WS): P2, M1RP, purl until 2 stitches remain, M1LP, p2. [2 stitches increased]

Work rows 1 and 2 a total of - (-, -, 3, 6, 10) (12, 15, 17, 19, 20) times, for a total of - (-, -, 6, 12, 20) (24, 30, 34, 38, 40) rows. You now have - (-, -, 138, 150, 162) (172, 184, 196, 208, 218) stitches on your needles.

Do not break yarn. Proceed to **Joining front and back**.

BUST SHAPING

Joining front and back

The front and back will now be joined and stitches cast on for the underarm.

Round 1: Work across the front stitches, using the backwards-loop cast-on or your preferred cast-on method, cast on 0 (4, 4, 6, 6, 6) (8, 8, 8, 8, 10) stitches for the underarm, work across the back stitches, cast on 0 (4, 4, 6, 6, 6) (8, 8, 8, 8, 10) stitches for the underarm. Place a BOR marker. Place a temporary stitch marker in the centre of both sets of underarm cast-on stitches. You will use this to place the markers for the bust decreases.

You now have 192 (216, 240, 264, 288, 312) (336, 360, 384, 408, 432) stitches.

Counting from the temporary stitch markers in the centre of the underarm cast-on stitches into the front of your sweater, place a stitch marker 27 (30, 33, 36, 39, 42) (45, 48, 51, 54, 57) stitches in on both sides. You can now remove the temporary stitch markers in the centre of the underarm cast-on stitches.

Note: If you are working in a stitch pattern that is not stockinette stitch, you can move these decrease markers slightly to accommodate your stitch pattern. Just make sure that the line of decreases is set away from the fullest part of your bust.

Work in stockinette stitch in the round for 2.5 cm/1 inch, or until your work has passed the apex of your bust. You may need to knit longer here depending on your body shape.

Decreases

We will now need to remove the extra stitches - 12 each side - from the yoke by decreasing at the 2 bust dart markers placed in the body in the instructions below.

As written, the decreases will happen over 7.5 cm/3 inches, or a total of 24 rounds. You can also choose to work the decreases over 48 rounds, or 15 cm/6 inches by working the decreases every fourth round. Choose which option matches the shape of your body the best.

Round 1: Knit until 2 stitches before first decrease marker, k2tog, sm, knit until next decrease marker, sm, ssk, knit to end of round. [2 stitches decreased]

Round 2: Knit.

Work rounds 1-2 a total of 12 times. You have decreased 24 stitches and have 168 (192, 216, 240, 264, 288) (312, 336, 360, 384, 408) stitches remaining. Your bust shaping is complete. You can remove the decrease markers and rejoin the main pattern in the **Body** where indicated on [page 6](#).