

MAID YOU

DREAM BLOUSE



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About the Pattern

The Maid You Dream Blouse is a customizable mohair knit top made to fit your exact size and shape. The romantic ruffle neckline gives this design a cottage core look. A capsule wardrobe piece perfect for every occasion.

Knit bottom up with 2 strands for body and 1 strand for bust, sleeves and ruffles. The provisional cast on allows you to try on garment to determine length before adding bottom ruffle.

Underlined sections through out pattern are clickable links to video tutorials

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Pattern Information

Materials

YARN - 50g = 420m / 429 yds, Lace Weight

840m/858yds to 2520m/2574yds (Long Sleeve)

Yarn lengths are estimates since your custom size will vary in amount of yarn you need. Check out the highlight on [oshenknits instagram](#) for testers yarn amounts vs sizing

CORD - 16" (40 cm) **Sleeves**, 24" (60cm), 32" (80cm) or 40" (100cm) **Waist**
(choose cord closest to your waist size)

TOOLS - locking stitch markers, tapestry needle, 4mm crochet hook

Suggested Needles

Main Needle: US 7 (4.5mm) and **Smaller Needle:** US 3 (3.75mm) or .75 mm below needle that obtained gauge

Gauge

Stockinette in the round - 1 strand 4" = 24 sts not blocked
2 strands 4" = 16 sts blocked

Sizes

Waist: 23 to 50"

Underbust: 22 to 49"

Bust (cup size): 0 to 17" difference from underbust
(cup size AA to Q)

Arm: 8 to 29"

Skills Required

Provisional Cast On
Increases/Decreases
Crochet Chain
German Short Rows

Gauge

**Cast on 28 sts (1 strand) / 24 sts (2 strands)
Knit across, slide sts to the other side of the needle, hold yarn in
back and across to knit again
Repeat this process until you have 4.5"**



Blocking: Soak swatch in water. Squeeze out excess water. Stretch out the swatch as much as you can in your hands. Place on a blocking mat and lay flat. Let it retract in size (to account for yarn memory) and then pin on the sides. You don't want to stretch it out with pins.

Memory refers to the fibers ability to go back to their natural state after being stretched.

Blouse Measurements



A: Bust
B: Underbust
C: Waist

Abbreviations

K: knit

P: purl

BO: Bind off

WS: wrong side of work

RS: right side of work

SSKi: slip slip knit improved

K2tog: knit two stitches together

KFB: increase by knitting in the front and back in one stitch

KFBF: increase by knitting in the front and back and front again in one stitch

KFBFB: increase by knitting in the front and back and front and back again in one stitch

Stretchy Bind off Method: Knit 2 together through the backloop, slip stitch back to left needle and repeat

sts: stitches

M: Marker

SM: slip marker

PM: place Marker

BOR: Beginning of Round

GSR: German Short Row

Highlight the column with your **exact** measurement for each table and place the sts through out the pattern

Note: Underarm and shoulder sts in table 2 is for 1 side not both

Tutorial

Table 1

Waist Measurement	23"	24"	25"	26"	27"	28"	29"	30"	31"	32"	33"	34"	35"	36"
Cast on sts	92	96	100	104	108	112	116	120	124	128	132	136	140	144

Waist Measurement	37"	38"	39"	40"	41"	42"	43"	44"	45"	46"	47"	48"	49"	50"
Cast on sts	148	152	156	160	164	168	172	176	180	184	188	192	196	200

Table 2

Underbust Measurement	22"	23"	24"	25"	26"	27"	28"	29"	30"	31"	32"	33"	34"	35"
Underbust sts	88	92	96	100	104	108	112	116	120	124	128	132	136	140
Bust sts	30	32	30	32	34	36	38	40	42	44	46	48	50	52
Underarm sts	4	4	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6
Back sts	50	52	54	56	58	60	62	64	66	68	70	72	74	76
Shoulder sts	11	11	12	12	12	12	13	13	13	13	14	14	14	14

Underbust Measurement	36"	37"	38"	39"	40"	41"	42"	43"	44"	45"	46"	47"	48"	49"
Underbust sts	144	148	152	156	160	164	168	172	176	180	184	188	192	196
Bust sts	54	56	54	56	58	60	62	64	66	68	66	68	70	72
Underarm sts	6	6	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	10	10	10	10
Back sts	78	80	82	84	86	88	90	92	94	96	98	100	102	104
Shoulder sts	15	15	15	15	16	16	16	16	17	17	17	17	18	18

Table 3

Difference between Underbust and bust	0"	1"	2"	3"	4"	5"	6"	7"	8"
Total Bust sts	140	146	152	158	164	170	176	182	188

Difference between Underbust and bust	9"	10"	11"	12"	13"	14"	15"	16"	17"
Total Bust sts	194	200	206	212	218	224	230	236	242

Waist

With **2 strands**, cast on waist sts _____ (**Table 1**) using a provisional cast on (***crochet chain***) with **main needle** and **waist** cord and join in the round making sure not to twist your sts and add BOR marker.

Work in stockinette until you have desired length from waist to underbust. **You will be able to add length after so go shorter than longer.**

Underbust

Increase (KFB) or decrease (k2tog) to underbust sts ____ (**Table 2**) evenly across row until BOR marker

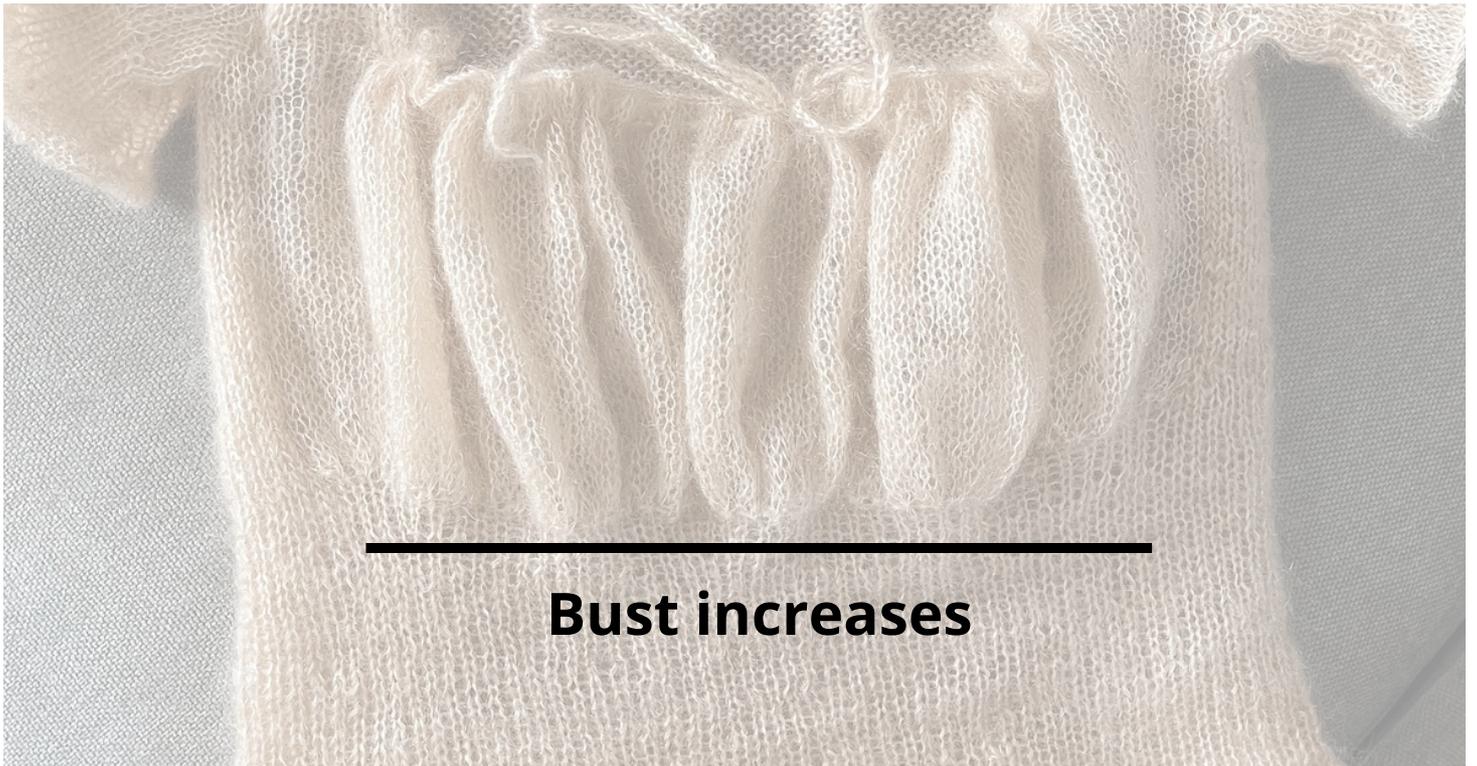
Slip BOR marker

Knit underarm sts ____ (**Table 2**), PM, **switch to smaller needle** and knit bust sts ____ (**Table 2**), PM, **switch back to main needle**, knit underarm sts ____ (**Table 2**) PM, knit back sts ____ (**Table 2**) until BOR marker

Slip BOR marker

You will only be using main needle from now on

Bust



Bust

Don't cut yarn when switching from 1 to 2 strands. Float your yarn as seen in right image below. Make sure to pull tightly when switching to 2 strands. You will cut these floats later on and clean up the edges.

With main needle only, Knit underarm sts ____ (**Table 2**) SM, knit increases (**KFB or KFBF**) with only **1 strand** to get total bust sts ____ (**Table 3**) evenly until next marker, SM, with 2 strands knit underarm sts ____ (**Table 2**) SM, knit back sts until BOR marker, slp BOR marker

1. Knit underarm sts with **two strands**, SM, knit bust sts with **1 strand**, SM, with **2 strands** knit underarm sts, SM, knit back sts until BORM, slp BORM

Repeat this row 1 until top is about 2" under your underarm pocket



Splitting for Bust

Right after BOR marker BO underarm sts ____ (**Table 2**) remove marker before binding off the last stitch, knit across bust sts with **1 strand** until M

1. **(WS)** Purl across, turn over

2. **(RS)** Knit across, turn over

Repeat rows 1 and 2 until you have desired length for bust area
Lower bust will only have 2 to 4 rows after binding off underarm sts but please lay this on your bust for an idea of how high you want to go

Purl across one more row, turn over



Left Shoulder

With **2 strands** knit right shoulder sts _____ (**Table 2**), with **1 strand** BO bust sts until you have shoulder sts _____ (**Table 2**) left on your needle, with **2 strands** knit left shoulder sts, turn over

1.(WS) Purl across, turn over

2.(RS) Knit across, turn over

Repeat rows 1 and 2 until shoulder strap reaches to the middle top of your shoulder, BO and cut yarn

Right Shoulder

Add **2 strands** of yarn to right shoulder on **WS** (purl side)

1.(WS) Purl across, turn over

2.(RS) Knit across, turn over

Repeat rows 1 and 2 until shoulder strap is the same length as the left shoulder, BO, cut yarn

Back

Add **2 strands** of yarn to underarm sts, BO, remove marker before BO last st, K1, SSKi, knit across until last **4 sts**, K2tog, k2, turn over

Purl across, turn over

K2, SSKi, knit until last **4 sts**, K2tog, K2, turn over

Purl across, turn over

1.(RS) Knit across, turn over

2.(WS) Purl across, turn over

Repeat rows 1 and 2 until you have 3" (roughly 12 rows) left to match front shoulders

Back Shaping

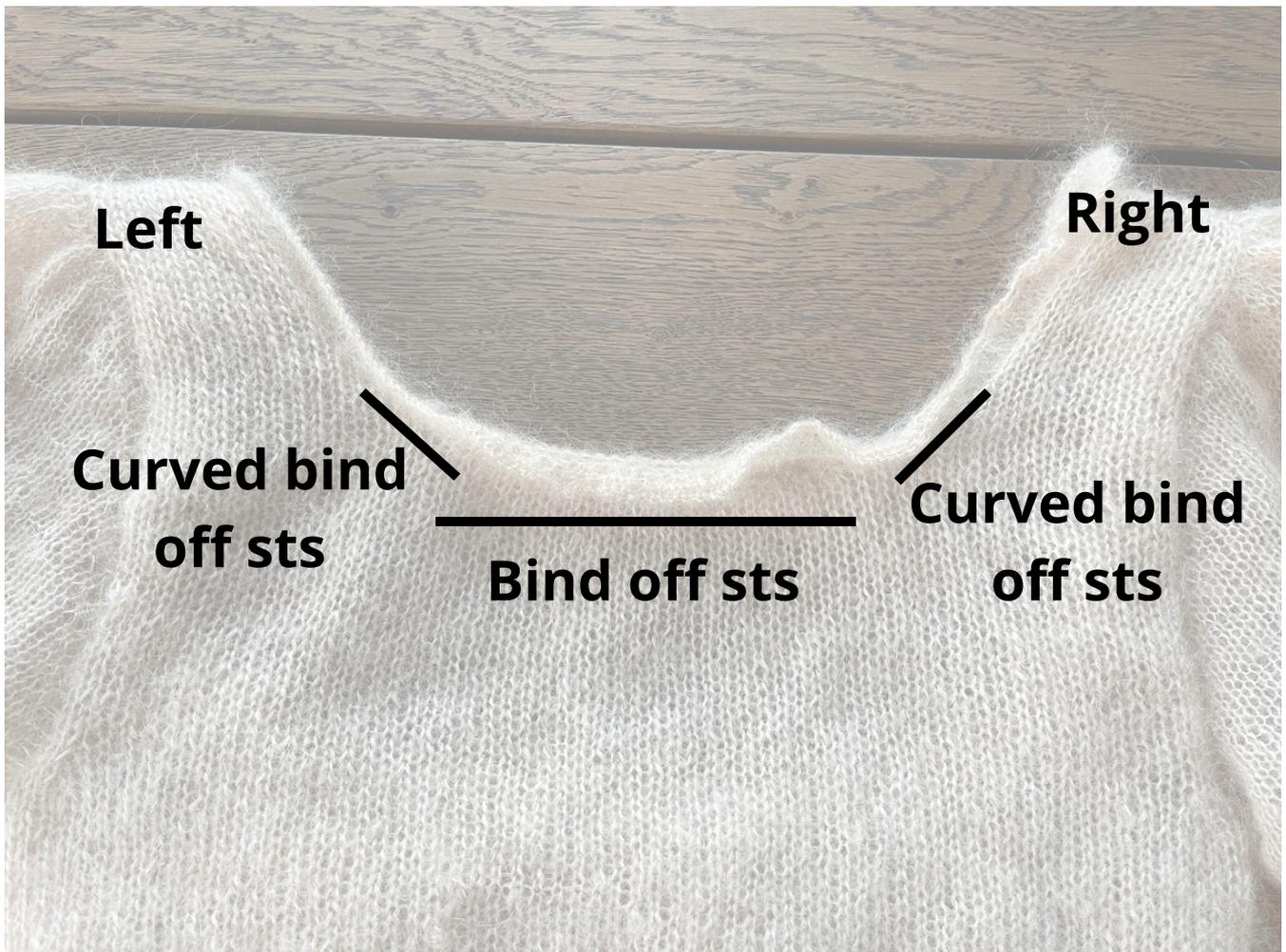
On **(RS)** knit row, knit shoulder sts _____ (**Table 2**), PM, knit **5 sts**, PM, knit across until you have shoulder sts _____ (**Table 2**) + **5 sts** = _____, PM, knit **5 sts**, PM, knit shoulder sts, turn over

Purl across, turn over

Knit across, SM, **k5**, SM, BO sts until next M, removing marker before binding off last st, **k4**, SM, knit across, turn over

See tutorial on curve neckline

Back Shaping



Back Left Shoulder

You will only be working the left shoulder sts and decreasing for a curved back neckline

1.(WS) Purl across, SM, purl across until last st, slp st purlwise, turn over

2.(RS) Slp 2 sts purlwise, bring 1st slp st over and off your needle, knit across, SM, knit across, turn over **(1st decrease)**

3.(WS) Purl across, SM, purl across until last st, slp st purlwise, turn over

4.(RS) Slp 2 sts purlwise, bring 1st slp st over and off your needle, knit across, SM, knit across, turn over **(2nd decrease)**

5.(WS) Purl across, SM, purl across until last st, slp st purlwise, turn over

6.(RS) Slp 2 sts purlwise, bring 1st slp st over and off your needle, knit across, SM, knit across, turn over **(3rd decrease)**

7.(WS) Purl across, SM, purl across until last st, slp st purlwise, turn over

8.(RS) Slp 2 sts purlwise, bring 1st slp st over and off your needle, knit across, SM, knit across, turn over **(4th decrease)**

9.(WS) Purl across, SM, purl across until last st, slp st purlwise, turn over

10.(RS) Slp 1 st purlwise, remove marker, slp 1 st purlwise, bring 1st slp st over and off your needle, knit 1 st and BO, continue BO until end of row, cut yarn **(5th decrease and BO of shoulder sts)**

Back Right Shoulder

You will only be working the right shoulder sts and decreasing for a curved back neckline

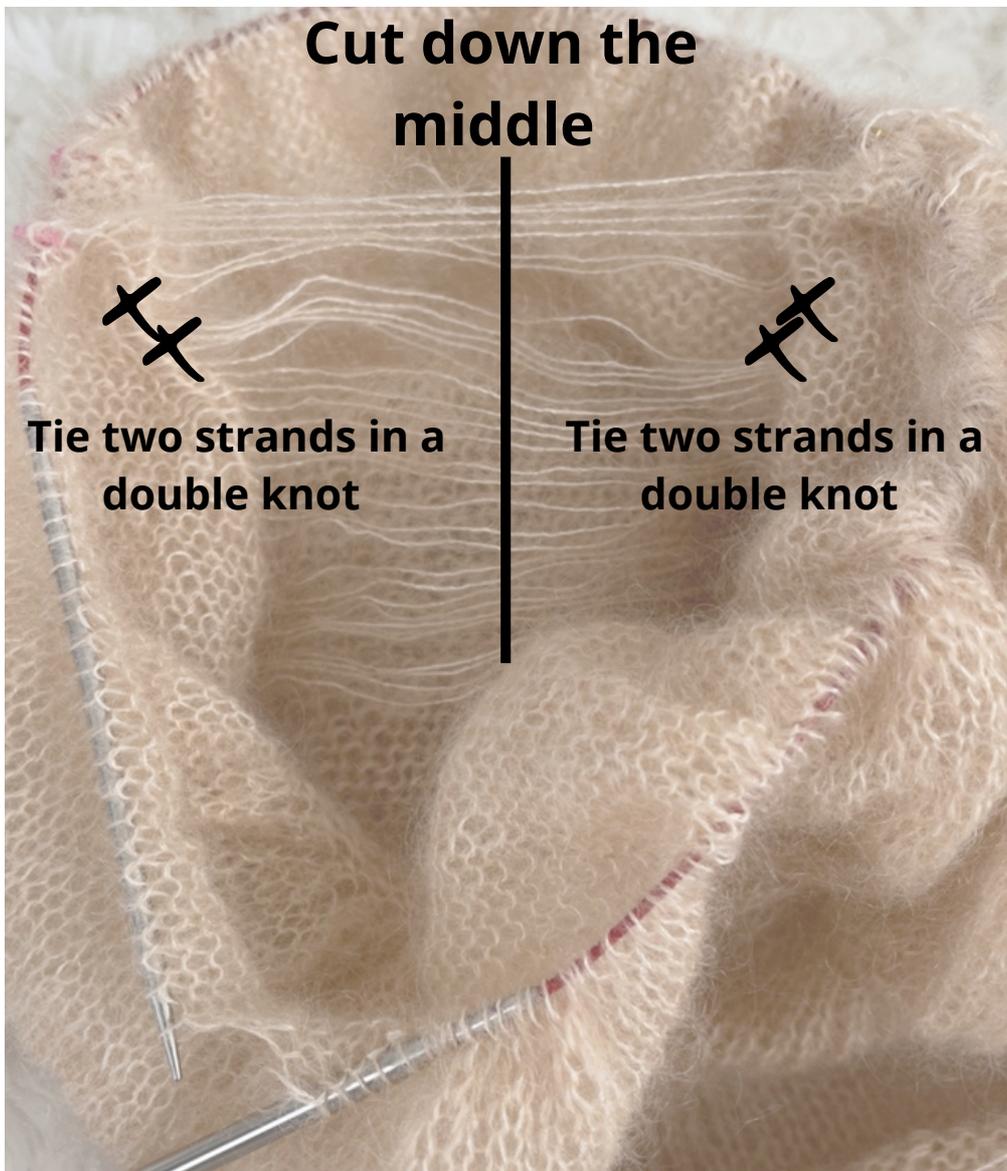
- 1.(WS)** Slp 2 sts knitwise, bring 1st slp st over and off your needle, add yarn and purl across, SM, purl across, turn over **(1st decrease)**
- 2.(RS)** Knit across, SM, knit until last st, slp st knitwise, turn over
- 3.(WS)** Slp 2 sts knitwise, bring 1st slp st over and off your needle, purl across, SM, purl across, turn over **(2nd decrease)**
- 4.(RS)** Knit across, SM, knit until last st, slp st knitwise, turn over
- 5.(WS)** Slp 2 sts knitwise, bring 1st slp st over and off your needle, purl across, SM, purl across, turn over **(3rd decrease)**
- 6.(RS)** Knit across, SM, knit until last st, slp st knitwise, turn over
- 7.(WS)** Slp 2 sts knitwise, bring 1st slp st over and off your needle, purl across, SM, purl across, turn over **(4th decrease)**
- 8.(RS)** Knit across, SM, knit until last st, slp st knitwise, turn over
- 9.(WS)** Slp 1 st knitwise, remove marker bring 1st slp st over and off your needle, purl across, SM, purl across, turn over **(5th decrease)**
- 10.(RS)** BO across row, cut yarn

Seam front left shoulder to back left shoulder and right front shoulder to right back shoulder

See Tutorial

Finishing Touches to Bust

Cut floats in the bust section right down the middle but make sure to only do two at a time. Before moving on to cut the next 2 strands create a double knot on each side with the two strands. Continue this until all floats have been cut and tied together. Weave in your ends



Finishing Touches to Bust

Before



After



Using a mattress seam, seam the edges of your bust to main body (this is the point where you would have changed from 1 strand to 2 strands) starting from the bottom.



Create 2 crochet chains (double stranded) with a 4mm crochet hook, both the same length, long enough from side of bust to middle of bust. Sew one end of first chain on the left **X** and one end of the second chain to the right **X**. Weave each chain about .5" below edge to meet in the middle.

See Tutorial

Short and Long sleeve options on next pages

Ruffle Sleeves

Pick up every stitch around sleeve opening, starting at the middle of your under arm stitches, place BORM after last stitch picked up.

KFBF (x3 increase) for 1 row, slip BORM

Knit in the round for 4 rows, slipping BORM everytime

Bind off using the stretchy bind off method, cut yarn and weave in



Set Up for Sleeves

Table 4

Decrease sts are for short sleeve version only

Arm Circumference	8"	9"	10"	11"	12"	13"	14"	15"	16"	17"	18"
Total sts	42	48	54	60	66	72	78	64	70	76	82
Decrease sts	28	32	36	40	44	48	52	56	60	64	68

Arm Circumference	19"	20"	21"	22"	23"	24"	25"	26"	27"	28"	29"
Total sts	88	94	100	106	112	118	124	130	136	142	148
Decrease sts	72	76	80	84	88	92	96	100	104	108	112

1. Total sts (Table 4) ____ minus total **UA** sts (Table 2) ____ = **TSPU** ____ : total stitches to be picked up between **M1- M4** clockwise

2. **TSPU** ____ divided by 3 = **A1** ____ **A2** ____ **A3** ____ sts

Place **BORM** in the middle of your **UA** sts ____ (Table 2) and another at **SS**. Place **M1** right after **UA** (will be half of total), place **M2** half of **A2** sts ____ from **SS**, place **M3** half of **A2** sts ____ from **SS**, place **M4** right before the other half of **UA** sts

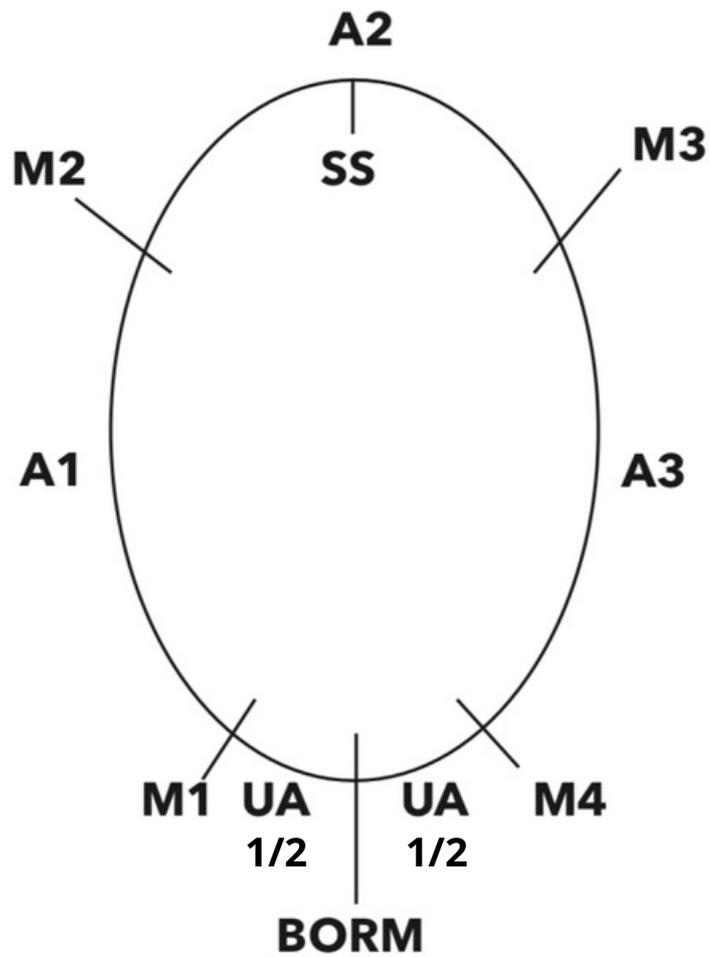
SS = Shoulder Seam

UA = Underarm stitches

BORM = Beginning of Round Marker)

1-4 = Markers where you will work short rows

Check YouTube Tutorial for German Short Rows



Yellow = BORM

**Hot Pink =
M1 and M4**

**Blue =
M2 and M3**

Light Pink = SS



Sleeves

Place your markers. As you pick up remove stitch markers and add to your cord but remove shoulder seam marker

With **smaller needle** on **16" (40 cm) cord** start picking stitches from BORM around until BORM with **1 strand**, switch to **main needle**

Slip BOR, knit to M2, SM, increase every stitch by KFB until M3, SM, k1,

First GSR on Purl Side

Turn over, wyif slip stitch from left needle to right purl wise, pull yarn tightly over and back, and bring around to front again

SM, purl across to M2,

Second GSR on Knit Side

SM, p1, turn over, wyif slip stitch from left to right needle purlwise, pull yarn tightly over and back of right needle, knit until M

SM and knit until 5 sts from shoulder seam, KFB for 10 sts, knit until M3

Third GSR on Purl Side and Knitting 1st GSR st

SM, knit into GSR stitch together (it will look like two sts), k1, turn over, wyif slip stitch purlwise, pull yarn tightly over and back and bring back to front, p1,

SM, purl until M2

Sleeves Continued

Fourth GSR on Knit Side and Purling 2nd GSR st

SM, purl GSR stitch together, p1 turn over, wyif slip stitch from left to right needle purlwise, pull yarn tightly over and back of right needle, k1

SM and knit until M3

Continue working short rows to M1 and M4. Make sure to knit/purl the GSR st and working another GSR on the next st then turn over to knit or purl until next GSR st and repeat.

Once you have completed your last GSR before M1 on a purl side, turn over to RS and knit across removing M2, M3 and M4 until BORM, slip BORM, knit until M1, remove and knit your last GSR st together.

See next pages for short or long sleeve options

Short Sleeves

When you have desired length for short sleeves **decrease sts** with two strands _____ (**Table 4**) starting on 1st stitch after BORM until BORM evenly using k2tog, Slip BORM

With two strands work 5 to 10 rows of stockinette (or however long you want your cinched section to be in sleeve)

After BORM switch to 1 strand and KFBF for every st (x3 increase), Slip BORM

Knit in stockinette for 5 to 10 rows

Bind off using the stretchy cast off method (knit 2 together in the back loop, slp st back to left needle and repeat)

Repeat for other side



Long Sleeves

Continue knitting in the round until you are **2"** below elbow (the spot where you will measure for forearm circumference)

Decrease to forearm sts ____ (**Table 5**) with 2 strands using K2tog. You may have to do this over 2 rows

Table 5

Forearm (2" below elbow) Circumference	6"	7"	8"	9"	10"	11"	12"	13"	14"	15"	16"
Total sts	24	28	32	36	40	44	48	52	56	60	64

Forearm (2" below elbow) Circumference	17"	18"	19"	20"	21"	22"	23"	24"	25"	26"	27"
Total sts	68	72	76	80	84	88	92	96	100	104	108



Sleeve Cuff

Table 6

Wrist Circumference	5"	5.5"	6"	6.5"	7"	7.5"	8"	8.5"	9"	9.5"	10"
Total sts	20	22	24	26	28	32	34	36	38	40	42

Wrist Circumference	10.5"	11"	11.5"	12"	12.5"	13"
Total sts	20	22	24	26	28	32

Measure the length from your arm decrease to where you would like the sleeve to end on your wrist _____ **(A)** (minus 1" for ruffle)

Take the **rows** from your gauge for 1" ____ x ____" **(A)** for sleeve cuff to get total rows _____ **(B)** you will work decreases

Forearm sts _____ **(Table 5)** - wrist sts _____ **(Table 6)** = _____ **(C)**
Total decreases

Decrease _____ **(C)** sts over _____ **(B)** rows evenly

Example

Gauge: 6 rows for 1" x 5" **(A)** = 30 rows **(B)**

Forearm = 10" = 40 sts

Wrist = 6" = 24 sts

40 sts - 24 sts = 16sts **(C)** over 30 rows **(B)**

Decrease using K2tog on the 1 stitch after BORM

Sleeve Cuff Ruffle

With **1 strand** increase every st with KFBF (x3 increase)

Knit in stockinette for 5 to 10 rows

Bind off using the stretchy bind off method (knit 2 together through backloop, slp st back to left needle and repeat)

Cut yarn and weave in



Neckline Ruffle

Starting at the left shoulder corner right by bust start picking up every stitch with **1 strand up**, across back neckline and back down right shoulder, turn over

Purl across the row, turn over

KFBF (x3 increase) across, turn over

Purl across, turn over

Bind off using stretchy bind off method (knit 2 sts together through the back loop, slp stitch back to left needle and repeat), cut yarn

Seam edges of ruffle to bust section



Before neckline ruffle



After neckline ruffle

Bottom Ruffle

Before removing provisional cast on crochet chain, try on top section to make sure waist is at the right length. If not then you will continue to knit down until desired length before working increases for ruffle

Remove provisional cast on chain and add stitches to cord size you used to cast on waist sts. **Do this one at a time, remove chain from st and add st to cord and repeat.** You can change cord out for a larger or smaller size if needed once you reach to hip increase/decrease section.

Add BORM right after the last st you remove.

With **1 strand**, increase every st using KFBF for 1 row (increasing x3) or KFBFB for 1 row (increasing x 4)

Work in stockinette for **10 to 14 rows** and bind off using the stretchy bind off method (**k2tog through backloop on left needle, slp st to left needle and repeat**)

Cut yarn and weave in end



x3 increase



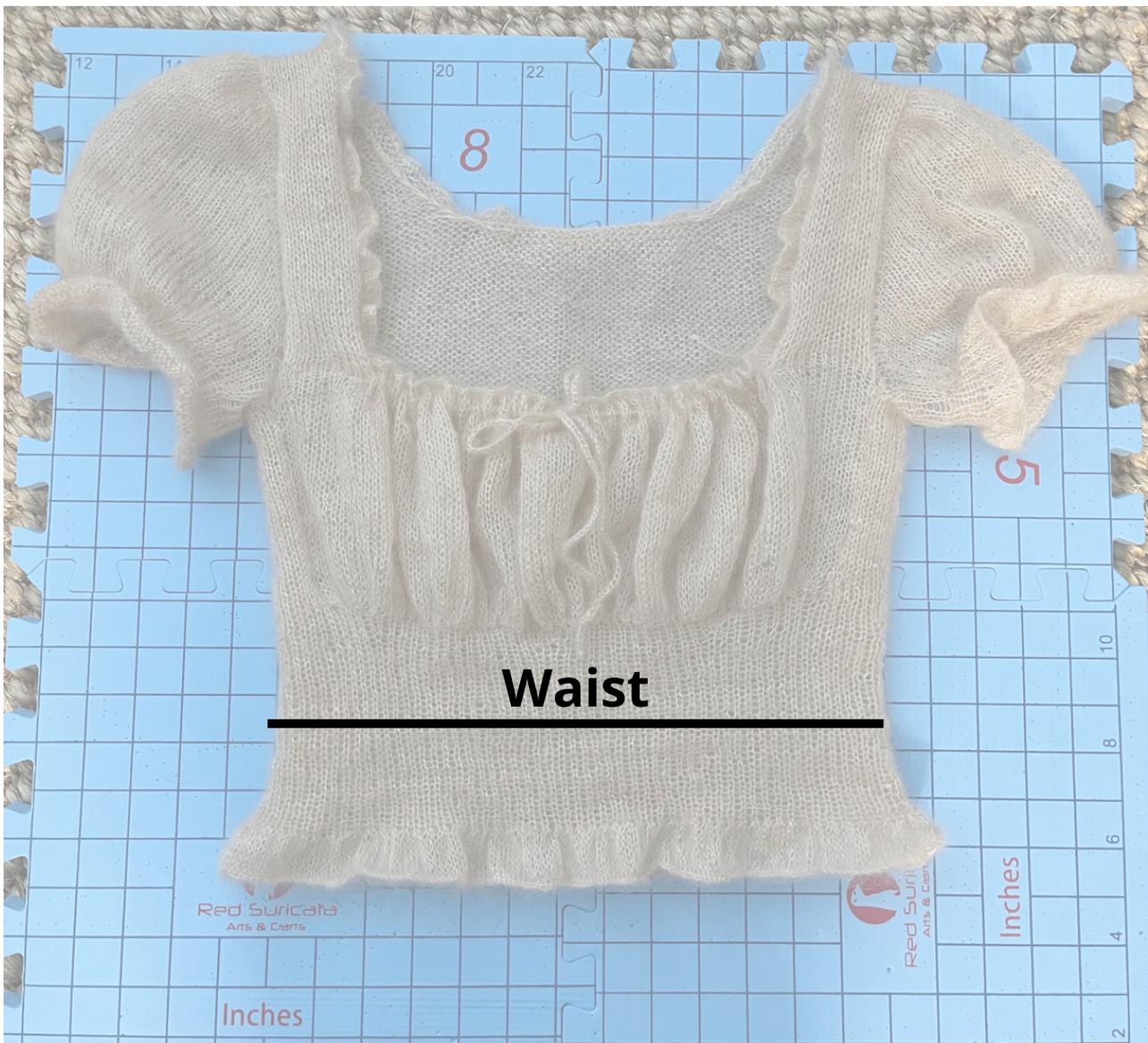
x4 increase

Blocking

Soak your knit in luke warm water with yarn wash or baby shampoo

Lay flat on a blocking mat or towel and pin knit to the measurements you highlighted in the tables. Pin out the roll in sleeves and bottom edging.

Leave it until completely dry



YouTube Tutorials

How to measure:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QwYmtT8Emjk>

How to read Tables: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wy9auKjcl1w>

Provisional Cast On: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=L01klk3VQnM>

Shoulder Seaming: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9uyY5HV0G54>

Seaming: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rC3S4zx8F9A>

Crochet Chain: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZdE7pINLkso>

Increases/Decreases: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sG17_7yX99g&t=3s



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