

MY LITTLE SECRET CROP

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A cute cropped sleeveless thing that you'll either love or hate!

Who knows?!?!?



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SIZES: XS (S, M, L, 1XL)(2XL, 3XL, 4XL, 5XL) to fit bust measurement of:
28-30 (32-34, 36-38, 40-42, 44-46)(48-50, 52-54, 56-58, 60-62)"
[71-76 (81-86, 91.5-96.5, 101.5-106.5, 111.5-117)(122-127, 132-137,
142-147, 152-158)cm]

Actual measurement of finished garment at bust (unstretched):

24 (27.5, 31, 36, 39.5){43, 48, 51.5, 55}"

[61 (70, 78.5, 91.5, 100.5){109, 122, 131, 139.5}cm]

*Choose a finished garment measurement that is 4-6"[10-15cm]
smaller than your full bust measurement.*

Materials: Fingering, DK, or worsted weight yarn, circular needles, stitch markers, removable stitch markers, extra needle for 3-needle bind off, darning needle

Suggested Yarn: Any fingering (held double,) DK or Sport (held single,) or Worsted (held single.)

I highly encourage you to use stash yarn for this. Let loose! Combine colors you usually wouldn't! Have fun!

Suggested Needles: US 5 – 3.75 mm 16-32" circular needles (Main Body)
US 3 – 3.25 mm 16-32" circular needles (Hem)

*Choose a circumference that is several inches shorter than the final circumference of the *garment.**

Gauge: 20 sts & 28 rows per 4x4" square in 3x3 ribbing (main body)
(Note: Gauge measured blocked and unstretched. If you can get close to gauge while stretching it a bit, that's fine. If you want a denser fabric, feel free to knit the main body on smaller needles.

If you can't achieve row gauge, don't sweat it. It's not that important for this garment.)

Yardage: Please note that these are conservative estimates! You may need more yarn, but since y'all are going to be mix and matching from stash stuffs, that shouldn't be an issue, right?
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140-175 (170-200, 230-265, 275-315, 345-375)[425-475, 525-550, 575-600, 625-700]yards

128-160 (155-183, 210-242, 251-288, 315-343)[388-434, 480-503, 526-548, 571-640]meters

Note: If you are holding fingering double, you will need the above quantities for each color you use.

Techniques: knitting in the round, bottom up, decreasing, holding stitches, i-cord, 3-needle bind off

Construction: The piece is worked from the bottom up until the underarm. Stitches are bound off for the underarms and back, and then the front is worked flat.

Schematic Measurements

Full Body Circumference:

24 (27.5, 31, 36, 39.5){43, 48, 51.5, 55}"

[61 (70, 78.5, 91.5, 100.5){109, 122, 131, 139.5}cm]

Body Length:

7 (7.5, 8, 8.5, 9){9.5, 10, 10.5, 11}"

[18 (19, 20.5, 21.5, 23){24, 25.5, 26.5, 28}cm]

Vertical Height of Front Panel after Split:

3 (3.5, 3.5, 4, 4){4, 4.5, 4.5, 5}"

[7.5 (9, 9, 10, 10){10, 11.5, 11.5, 12.5}cm]

Abbreviations

BO – bind off

BOR – beginning of round

CO – cast on

K– knit

K1tbl – knit one st through the back loop

K2tog – knit two together, a right leaning decrease: knit the next two sts together.

P – purl

P2tog – left leaning (on the purl side) purl decrease. Purl the next two sts together

PM – place marker

RS - right side

S1 – slip one st knitwise with yarn in back

S1pwyib – slip one st purlwise with yarn in back

S1pwyif – slip 1 purlwise with yarn in front

Ssk – slip slip knit, a left leaning decrease: slip one st knitwise, slip one st purlwise, knit both slipped stitches together through the back loop

Ssp – right leaning (on the purl side) purl decrease. Slip 1 st knitwise, slip another st knitwise. Return the two slipped sts to the left needle, then purl those two sts together through the back loop.

SM – slip marker

St - stitch

Sts – stitches

WS - wrong side

A note before you start: “Work in pattern” means that you should knit any knit stitches and purl any purl stitches.

Body

On smaller needles, CO 120 (138, 156, 180, 198){216, 240, 258, 276} sts.
Join for working in the round, making sure not to twist sts. Place marker for BOR.

1x1 Ribbed Band

Next round: Work *k1,p1* to BOR.

Continue to work *k1,p1* ribbing for 1”/2.5cm.

3x3 Ribbed Body

Next round: Work *k3,p3* to BOR.

Switch to larger needles.

Continue to work 3x3 ribbing for 6 (6.5, 7, 7.5, 8){8.5, 9, 9.5, 10}”/[15 (16.5, 18, 19, 20.5){21.5, 23, 24, 25.5}cm] until total length of body is 7 (7.5, 8, 8.5, 9){9.5, 10, 10.5, 11}”/[18 (19, 20.5, 21.5, 23){24, 25.5, 26.5, 28}cm].

At this point you may want to try the body on to see if the length suits you. The top of the tube should sit right about where a bra or tank top would under the arm, but a little higher.

Binding off the underarms and back

(A note about binding off: it’s important that you bind the correct number of stitches off in the next section, and counting them can be confusing for beginners. A stitch should only be counted as bound off after it’s been passed over and can no longer be worked. For example, you need to work two stitches before you can bind off one of them. You work the first, then the second, then you pass the first over the second on the right needle. You have bound off one stitch. Only count a stitch as a BO stitch after it’s been passed over.)

Work 57 (69, 75, 87, 99){105, 117, 129, 135} sts in pattern. Place marker for right side seam. Loosely BO 15 (15, 21, 21, 27){27, 27, 33, 33} sts in pattern for right underarm, work next 5 sts in pattern (6 sts on right needle.)

Transfer the 6 sts on your right needle to a stitch holder. Loosely BO 21 (27, 27, 39, 33){45, 57, 51, 63} more sts in pattern. Work next 5 sts in pattern (6 sts on right needle.) Transfer the 6 sts on your right needle to a stitch holder. Loosely BO 14(14, 20, 20, 26){26, 26, 32, 32} more sts in pattern. You should now be at the BOR marker. Remove marker. Bind off one more stitch. Slip the stitch on your right needle to your left needle without twisting. From this point on, the piece will be worked flat.

Front

Tips for this section:

- 1) To reiterate: work in pattern means that you knit all knit stitches and purl all purl stitches. This instruction might seem confusing for wrong side rows where some rows will begin or end with as many as seven purl sts as a result of knit decreases in the previous row. Don’t worry. Always trust the pattern established in the previous row!
- 2) All slipped stitches are worked knitwise with the yarn in back. These sts are worked as purl sts in the following row (but the working yarn for the first purl st will be coming from the front left rather than the right, as you’re probably accustomed to for most purl sts.)
- 3) Check to make sure you are working the instructions for your specific size. Certain instructions only pertain to certain sizes, so make sure you are working the relevant section for your size. You may want to go through and cross out sections that don’t pertain to your size before beginning, so you don’t get confused.
- 4) This part of the pattern is customizable. If you prefer a higher neckline, continue the decreases as written until the front panel reaches your preferred length. If you prefer a lower neckline, work fewer decreases. The final st count for the front is not crucial. The “Front Top Ribbing” portion will work out fine as long as the final st count of the front panel is an odd number.

Size XS Only

Row 1 (RS): Sl1, k1, ssk, work in pattern to 4 sts before end of row, k2tog, k1, sl1. Turn. (2 sts decreased.)

Row 2 (WS) : P3 (this includes the st slipped in the previous row,) work in pattern to last 3 sts, p3. Turn.

Row 3 (RS): Sl1, k2, work in pattern to last 3 sts, k2, sl1. turn.

Row 4 (WS): Repeat row 2.

Row 5: Repeat row 3.

Row 6: Repeat row 2.

Repeat rows 1-6 **2** *more* times.

Work rows 1-4 once. (49 sts remain)

Continue to section titled "Front Ribbing."

Sizes (S, M) Only

Row 1 (RS): Sl1, k1, ssk, work in pattern to 4 sts before end of row, k2tog, k1, sl1. Turn. (2 sts decreased.)

Row 2 (WS) : P3 (this includes the st slipped in the previous row,) work in pattern to last 3 sts, p3. Turn.

Row 3 (RS): Sl1, k2, work in pattern to last 3 sts, k2, sl1. turn.

Row 4 (WS): Repeat row 2.

Repeat rows 1-4 **(3, 2)** *more* times.

Repeat rows 1 & 2 **(4, 7)** times total. ((53, 55) sts remain.)

Continue to section titled "Front Ribbing."

Sizes (L, 1X, 2X, 3X)

Row 1 (RS): Sl1, k1, ssk, work in pattern to 4 sts before end of row, k2tog, k1, sl1. Turn. (2 sts decreased.)

Row 2 (WS) : P3 (this includes the st slipped in the previous row,) work in pattern to last 3 sts, p3. Turn.

Repeat rows 1 & 2 **(9, 7, 5, 3)** *more* times. (67, 83, 93, 109 sts remain.)

Row 3 (RS): Sl1, k1, ssk, work in pattern to 4 sts before end of row, k2tog, k1, sl1. Turn. (2 sts decreased.)

Row 4 (WS): P2, p2tog, work in pattern to 4 sts before end of row, ssp, p2. Turn. (2 sts decreased.)

Repeat rows 3 & 4 **(3, 5, 7, 10)** *more* times. ((55, 59, 61, 65) sts remain.)

Continue to section titled "Front Ribbing."

Sizes (4X, 5X) Only

Row 1 (RS): Sl1, k1, ssk, work in pattern to 4 sts before end of row, k2tog, k1, sl1. Turn. (2 sts decreased.)

Row 2 (WS): P2, p2tog, work in pattern to 4 sts before end of row, ssp, p2. Turn. (2 sts decreased.)

Repeat rows 1 & 2 **(15, 16)** *more* times. ((65, 67) sts remain.)

Front Top Ribbing

All sizes continue here.

Switch back to smaller needles.

Row 1 (RS): Sl1, k2, *p1,k1* to last 4 sts, p1, k2, sl1. Turn.

Row 2 (WS): P3, *k1,p1* to last 4 sts, k1, p3. Turn.

Repeat rows 1 & 2 until the 1x1 ribbed band at the top of the front is .5"/1.25cm long, or preferred length.

At this point, you should try on your tank to determine how long you need to make the straps. I've suggested lengths below, but everyone's body is different. Strap length will differ depending on how high you want the top to sit on your chest. I include suggested measurements below, but everyone's body is different, so I strongly suggest measuring.

Strap Setup and Front Bind Off

We will now simultaneously set up for two straps on each side of the front to be knit as double knit i-cords separately, and bind off the top of the front.

Row 1(RS): Sl1, sl1pwyif, k1, sl1pwyif, k1, sl1pwyif. Take the 6 sts you just worked and place them on a removable marker or stitch holder. These sts will become the left strap later. Bind off the next **37 (41, 43, 43, 47){49, 53, 53, 55}** sts in pattern. You should have 5 sts remaining on the left needle, and one on your right. K1, sl1pwyif, K1, sl1pwyif, sl1. Turn.

Right Strap

Note: these straps will be double knit i-cord straps. I have a tutorial for the double knit i-cord on my IG TV channel.

Feel free to go up a couple of needle sizes here if you like and the i-cord will work up much more quickly.

Row 1 (WS): K1, sl1pwyif, k1, sl1pwyif, k1, sl1pwyif. Turn.

Row 2 (RS): Repeat row 1.

Continue to repeat rows 1 & 2 until your strap is a suitable length to reach the back of the garment. I suggest around 10"/25cm if you plan on attaching the straps straight, and 15"/38cm if you plan on attaching them criss-crossed, but this length will vary greatly by person.

Once your strap is worked to the desired length, join it to the 6 held sts from the back using either Kitchener stitch or a 3-needle bind off.

Left Strap

Note: begin this strap on the wrong side of the fabric.

Place 6 held sts back on needle, taking care to make sure they remain in the correct order

Row 1 (WS): K1, sl1pwyif, k1, sl1pwyif, k1, sl1pwyif. Turn.

Row 2 (RS): Repeat row 1.

Continue to repeat rows 1 & 2 until your strap is the same length as the right strap. Join to the held sts in the back in the same manner you did the right strap.

Finishing

Weave in any ends, taking care to tighten up any loose sts as you do so.

Block gently. No need to pull or tug, unless you want your ribbing to be looser and less springy.

Hopefully love (or hate, your choice) your little secret crop!

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