

OTHER LOOPS

DIRECTION_LOOP_TEE



DIRECTION_LOOP_TEE is a t-shirt in a loose fit with a saddle shoulder that stretches all the way across the back. The construction of the shoulder is elegantly emphasized by the direction of the stripes.

The t-shirt is knitted seamlessly top down. Begin by casting on stitches in the middle of the back, then knit flat, first across the left and then across the right shoulder.

Then pick up stitches along the front edges of the shoulders and the back. Continue knitting flat while also working increases for the sleeves and neckline. The work is joined by casting on stitches at the front and the yoke is knitted in the round on circular needle. The work is then divided for the body and sleeves, which are knitted in the round separately and finished with a folded edge. Finally, stitches along the neckline are picked up and knitted in the round in rib stitch. The ribbing is concluded with tubular bind off. Stripes are knitted according to a simple diagram for the entire work.

Sizes_

XS (S) M (L) XL (XXL).

If you wish for a classic fit, you should aim for a size with a bust circumference of 10-20 cm larger than your real bust circumference.

If you wish for a loose t-shirt, you should aim for a size with a bust circumference of up to 30 cm larger than your real bust circumference.

Both models pictured are size M with a positive ease of 25 cm.

Measurements_

Bust circumference_ 98 (102) 109 (113) 123 (131) cm.

Length_ 50 (51) 52 (54) 56 (58) cm measured from under the neckline on the back.

Shoulder width_ 43 (43) 48 (48) 55 (55) cm measured from shoulder to shoulder.

Materials_

Colour way A_

1 strand Pure Silk from Knitting for Olive 50 g / 250 m.

150 (150) 150-200 (200) 200 (200) g.

Held together with

1 strand Compatible Cashmere from Knitting for Olive 25 g / 150 m.

100 (125) 125 (125) 125 (150) g.

Colour way B_

1 strand Pure Silk from Knitting for Olive 50 g / 250 m.

100 (100) 100 (100) 100 (100) g.

Held together with

1 strand Compatible Cashmere from Knitting for Olive 25 g / 150 m

50 (50) 50 (50) 75 (75) g.

Suggestion 2_

Colour way A_

1 strand Wild & Soft from Gepard 50 g / 240 m

150 (150) 200 (200) 200 (200) g.

Held together with

1 strand Cashmere Lace from Gepard 25 g / 330 m

50 (50) 75 (75) 75 (75) g.

Colour way B_

1 strand Wild & Soft from Gepard 50 g / 240 m

100 (100) 100 (100) 100 (100) g.

Held together with

1 strand Cashmere Lace from Gepard 25 g / 330 m

25 (25) 25 (25-50) 50 (50) g.

The light model with dark stripes is knitted in Pure Silk in colour way Cream held together with Compatible Cashmere in colour way Cream and stripes in Puresilk in colour way Blue Tit held together with Compatible Cashmere in colour way Licorice from Knitting for Olive. The dark model with light stripes is knitted in Wild and Soft in colourway 499 held together with Cashmere Lace in colour way 599 and stripes in Wild & Soft in colour way 101 held together with Cashmere Lace in colour way 142 B from Gepard.

Suggested needles_

Circular needles 3,5 mm (40 and 100 cm).

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Gauge_

22 sts x 32 rows on needles 3,5 = 10 x 10 cm.

Abbreviations_

k = knit

p = purl

m = marker

st(s) = stitch(es)

tog = together

rnd(s) = rounds(s)

pm = place marker

sm = slip marker from left-hand needle to right-hand needle

BoR = Beginning of Round

RS = right side

WS = wrong side

Stripes_

The chart for stripes can be found on the last page of this pattern.

Avoid breaking the yarn between the stripes when knitting in the round – move the yarn on the WS instead. At BoR: move the yarn you need for the new stripe to the right under the live yarn, then to the left over the live yarn, and continue knitting with the new colour.

Colour change when knitting in the round (except for row 5 of the chart which consists of only 1 round in colour way B): Change to new colour, knit 1 round, lift the right “leg” of the st under your first st on the left-hand needle onto the left-hand needle, knit this st together with the first st on the left-hand needle. *This way, the transition between the colour change becomes less visible.*

Increases_

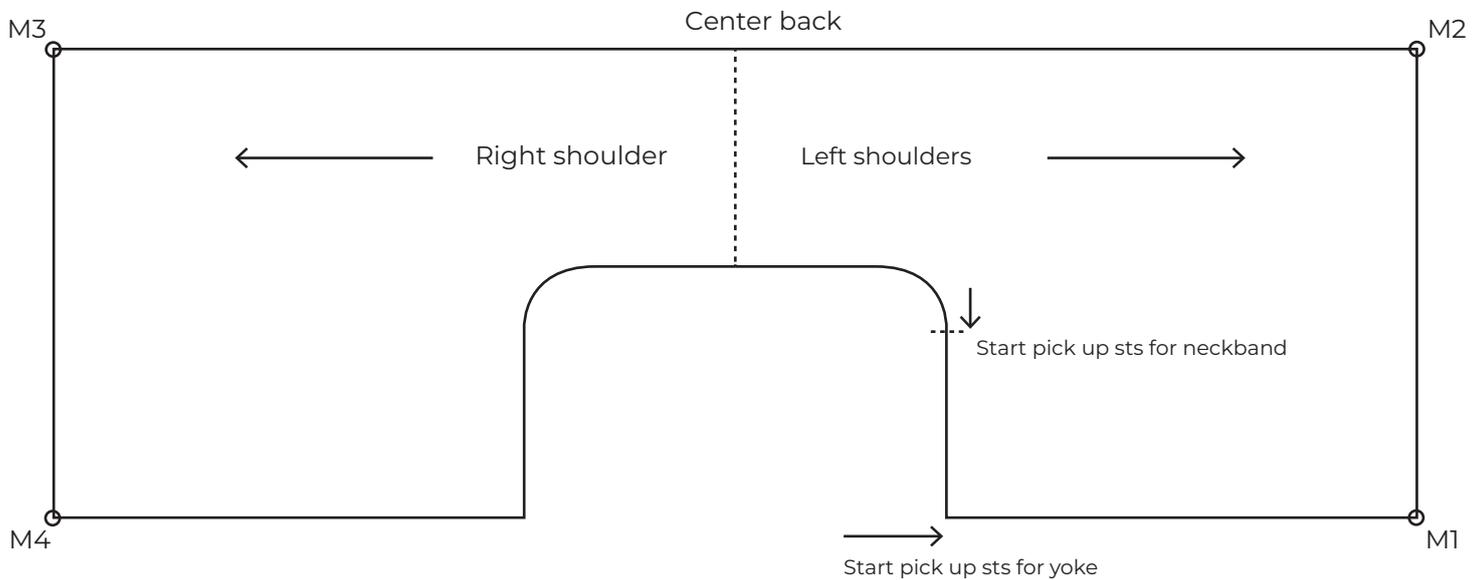
MIL_ a left leaning increase – from the front insert the left needle under the chain between the stitches and knit the chain through back loop.

MIR_ right leaning increase – from the back insert the left needle under the chain between the stitches and knit the chain.

Decreases_

K2tog_ Right leaning decrease_ Knit 2 together.

SSK_ Left leaning decrease – SSK improved – slip 1 st knitwise, slip 1 st purlwise, insert the left needle into both stitches from left to right and knit the stitches together through back loop.



Left shoulder_

Holding colour way B cast on 13 (13) 14 (14) 15 (15) sts at the centre of the back with provisional cast on circular needles 3,5 mm.

Purl 1 (1) 1 (1) 1 (1) row to end.

Change to colour way A and knit flat with stripes according to the chart from row 3 (3) 3 (3) 3 (3) to and including row 16 (16) 16 (16) 28 (28).

Continue knitting according to the chart while also working increases for the neckline as follows:

1 row_ (RS) k3, **MIL**, knit to end

2 row_ (WS) purl to end

Repeat **1 row** and **2 row** 2 (2) 2 (2) 2 (2) more times = 16 (16) 17 (17) 18 (18) sts on your needles.

Holding colour way A cast on 12 (12) 13 (13) 14 (14) new sts using backwards loop method in extension of the sts on your needles (from the WS) = 28 (28) 30 (30) 32 (32) sts on your needles.

Continue knitting flat with stripes according to the chart for approx. 14 (14) 17 (17) 18 (18) cm. End on row 12 (12) 22 (22) 5 (5) in the chart. Your work now measures approx. 21,5 (21,5) 24 (24) 27,5 (27,5) cm measured on the back.

Break yarn and set aside.

Right shoulder_

Slip the 13 (13) 14 (14) 15 (15) resting sts from the centre of the back onto needles 3,5 mm.

Add new yarn in colour way A and knit flat with stripes according to the chart from row 3 (3) 3 (3) 3 (3) to and including row 16 (16) 16 (16) 28 (28).

Continue knitting according to the chart while also working increases for the neckline as follows:

1 row_ (RS) knit to 3 sts to end, **MIR**, knit to end

2 row_ (WS) purl to end

Repeat **1 row** and **2 row** 2 (2) 2 (2) 2 (2) more times = 16 (16) 17 (17) 18 (18) sts on your needles.

Do not break yarn. Holding new yarn in colour way A cast on 12 (12) 13 (13) 14 (14) new sts using backwards loop method on the **left needle**. Break yarn. Slip the new sts across the wire to the right needle so they are placed in extension of the right shoulder-sts = 28 (28) 30 (30) 32 (32) sts on your needles. *This is done in order for the stripes on both sides of the neckline to have the same width.*

Continue knitting flat with stripes according to the chart for approx. 14 (14) 17 (17) 18 (18) cm. End on row 12 (12) 22 (22) 5 (5) in the chart.

Your work now measures approx. 21,5 (21,5) 24 (24) 27,5 (27,5) cm measured on the back.

Break yarn and set aside.

Weave in all ends.

Yoke_

Pick up sts along the fronts of the shoulders and the back and knit across resting shoulder-sts. Place 4 m. Pick up sts corresponding to 2 out of 3 sts.

To achieve a neat line on the back, please be careful to pick up sts on the same row across the entire back.

Add new yarn in colour way A and pick up 30 (30) 35 (35) 38 (38) sts from the RS along the front of the left shoulder from the neckline, pm (M1), knit the resting sts from the left shoulder as follows: **k2tog**, knit to 2 sts left, **SSK**, pm (M2), pick up 96 (96) 106 (106) 118 (118) sts along the back, pm (M3), knit the resting sts from the right shoulder as follows: **k2tog**, knit to 2 sts left, **SSK**, pm (M4), pick up 30 (30) 35 (35) 38 (38) sts along the front of the right front. There are now 208 (208) 232 (232) 254 (254) sts on your needles.

Purl to end.

Knit flat with stripes according to the chart from row 15 (15) 25 (25) 8 (8) while also working increases for the neckline, shoulders and body.

Knit as follows:

1 row_ (RS) k3, **MIL**, knit to 2 sts to M1, **MIR**, k2, sm, k1, **MIL**, knit to 1 st to M2, **MIR**, k1, sm, k2, **MIL**, knit to 2 sts to M3, **MIR**, k2, sm, k1, **MIL**, knit to 1 st to M4, **MIR**, k1, sm, k2, **MIL**, knit to 3 sts to end, **MIR**, knit to end
2 row_ (WS) purl to end

You have now worked 10 increases = 218 (218) 242 (242) 264(264) sts on your needles.

Repeat **1 row** and **2 row** 1 (1) 1 (1) 1 (1) more time = 228 (228) 252 (252) 274 (274) sts on your needles.

Continue knitting flat while also working increases only for the neckline and shoulders. Work as follows:

1 row_ (RS) k3, **MIL**, knit to M1, sm, k1, **MIL**, knit to 1 st to M2, **MIR**, k1, sm, knit to M3, sm, k1, **MIL**, knit to 1 st to M4, **MIR**, k1, sm, knit to 3 sts to end, **MIR**, knit to end

2 row_ (WS) purl to end

You have now worked 6 increases = 234 (234) 258 (258) 280 (280) sts on your needles.

Repeat **1 row** and **2 row** 5 (5) 5 (5) 6 (6) more times = 264 (264) 288 (288) 316 (316) sts on your needles.

Join the work by casting on sts for on the front. The rest of the work is knitted in the round and the stripes continue according to the chart.

Knit as follows:

Knit to M1, sm, k1, **MIL**, knit to 1 t to M2, **MIR**, k1, sm, knit to M3, sm, k1, **MIL**, knit to 1 st to M4, **MIR**, knit to end, cast on 20 (20) 20 (20) 24 (24) sts using backwards loop method. There are now 288 (288) 312 (312) 344 (344) sts on your needles.

The distribution between the front and back / shoulders is 100 (100) 110 (110) 122 (122) / 44 (44) 46 (46) 50 (50) sts.

Break yarn.

Join for the round. Slip all sts to M2 from the left-hand needle to the right-hand needle without knitting them. M2 is now BoR.

Continue knitting in the round while also working increases for the shoulders.

Knit as follows:

1 rnd_ Knit to end

2 rnd_ knit to and including 1 st after M3, **MIL**, knit to 1 st to M4, **MIR**, k1, sm, knit to and including 1 st after M1, **MIL**, knit to 1 st to M2, **MIR**, knit to end

You have now worked 4 increases = 46 (46) 48 (48) 52 (52) sts on your needles.

Repeat **1 rnd** and **2 rnd** 15 (15) 16 (17) 17 (17) more times = 76 (76) 80 (82) 86 (86) shoulder-sts.

Continue knitting in the round while also working increases for the arm hole.

1 rnd_ Knit to end

2 rnd_ k2, **MIL**, knit to 2 sts to M3, **MIR**, k2, sm, k1, **MIL**, knit to 1 st to M4, **MIR**, k1, sm, k2, **MIL**, knit to 2 sts to M1, **MIR**, k2, sm, k1, **MIL**, knit to 1 st to M2, **MIR**, knit to end

You have now worked 8 increases.

Repeat **1 rnd** and **2 rnd** 1 (2) 2 (2) 2 (2) more times = the distribution between the front and back / shoulders is 104 (106) 116 (116) 128 (128) / 80 (82) 86 (88) 92 (92) sts.

Knit to end.

Size: **XS (S) M (-) - (-)** skip to the next section about the body.

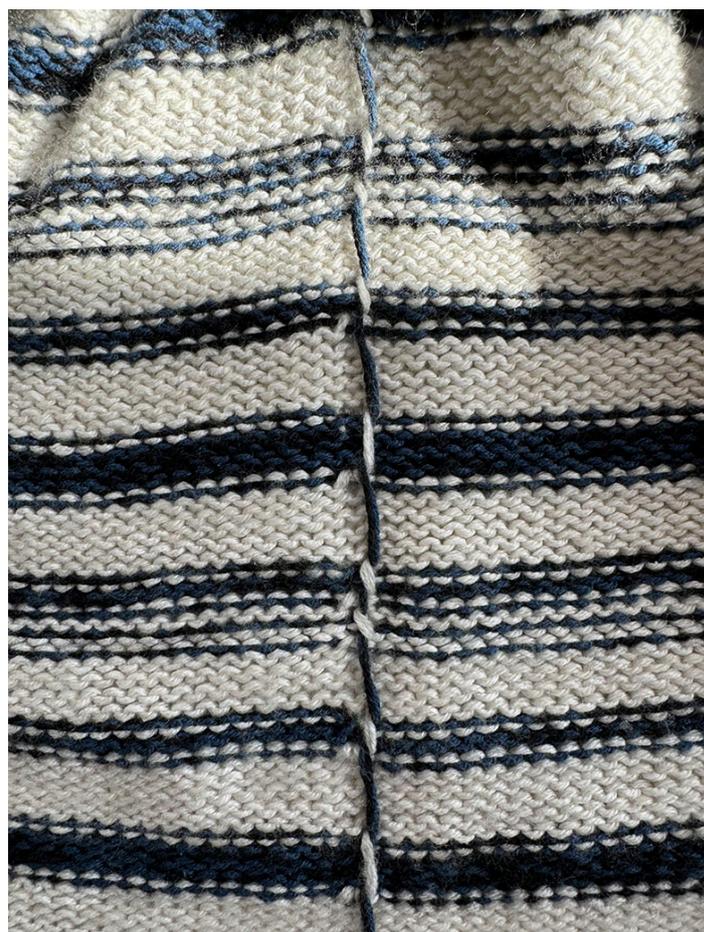
Sizes: - (-) - **(L) XL (XXL)** continue knitting in the round while also working increases for the arm hole on the body as follows:

1 rnd_ k2, **MIL**, knit to 2 sts to M3, **MIR**, knit to M4, sm, k2, **MIL**, knit to 2 sts to M1, **MIR**, knit to end

2 rnd_ Knit to end

You have now worked 4 increases.

Repeat **1 rnd** and **2 rnd** - (-) - (0) 0 (2) more times = The distribution between the front and back / shoulders is 104 (106) 116 (118) 130 (134) / 80 (82) 86 (88) 92 (92) sts.



Body_

Divide the work and knit the body and sleeves individually.

Knit across the back, set the right shoulder-sts aside (sts between M3 and M4), cast on 4 (6) 4 (6) 6 (10) sts using backwards loop method in extension of the back, knit across the front, set the left shoulder-sts aside (sts between M1 and M2), cast on 4 (6) 4 (6) 6 (10) new sts using backwards loop method in extension of the front = 216 (224) 240 (248) 272 (288) sts on your needles. Note which row in the chart you've reached as you will need this later when knitting sleeves.

Pm after the new sts in the left side to indicate BoR.

Knit in the round with stripes until the back of the t-shirt measures approx. 50 (51) 52 (54) 56 (58) cm measured under the neckline at the centre of the back or to desired length. End on row 10, 18 or 28 in the chart (if you end on row 10 you will need to knit another round in colour way A).

Change to needles 3 mm.

Purl to end.

Knit 5 rounds.

Bind off. Take care not to bind off too tight as the bind off edge must be elastic. Sew on the folded hem as follows:

Fold the hem on the inside of the work and sew it on with whip stitch. Sew on the WS sewing 1 loop from the edge to 1 loop from the work. Be careful not to twist the edge.

Sleeves_

Slip the resting shoulder-sts onto circular needles 3,5 mm (40 cm) and pick up 4 (6) 4 (6) 6 (10) sts in the newly cast on sts for the body = 84 (88) 90 (94) 96 (102) sts on your needles.

Pm between the new sts to indicate BoR.

Knit in the round with stripes until the sleeve measures approx. 5 (5) 5 (7) 7 (7) cm measured on the inside of the sleeve or desired length. End on row 10, 18 or 28 of the chart (if you end on row 10 you will need to knit another round in colour way A).

Change to needles 3 mm.

Purl to end.

Knit 5 rounds.

Bind off. Take care not to bind off too tight as the bind off edge must be elastic. Sew on the folded hem as on the body.

Neckband_

The neckband is knitted in the round on needles 3 mm (40 cm) in colour way A.

Pick up 112 (112) 118 (118) 134 (134) sts along the neckline. Pick up all sts across the shoulders and front. On the back pick up with frequency approx. 3 out of 4 for sizes: **XS (S) M (L) - (-)** and approx. 2 out of 3 for sizes: **- (-) - (-) XL (XXL)**

Begin picking up on the left side in the segment between the increases for the neck and the left shoulder. Pm (BoR).

Knit 6 rounds in rib stitch (k1, p1).

Change to colour way B, knit to end. *This round is knitted to create a sharp transition between the colour change.*

Knit 1 round in rib stitch (k1, p1).

Knit 4 rounds in double knitting as follows:

1 rnd_ * k1, slip 1 st purlwise with yarn in front * repeat from * to * to end

2 rnd_ * slip 1 st purlwise with yarn in back, p1 *; repeat from * to * to end

Repeat **1 rnd** and **2 rnd** once more.

Bind off using tubular bind off.

The tubular bind off forms a beautiful neckband. The tube is hollow which allows for an elastic band in the neckband, so the neckband will keep its shape nicely.

Finish_

Weave in all ends.

Wash and block the t-shirt.

Happy loops.

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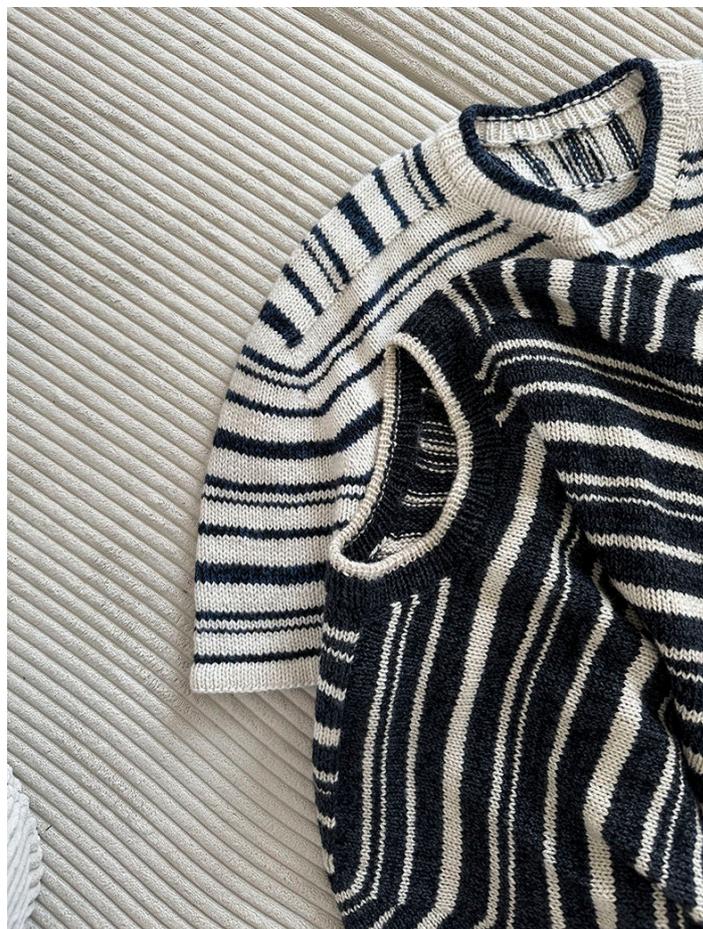


Chart for the stripes

When knitting flat read the chart on the RS from right to left and bottom up. On the WS read from left to right and bottom up.

When knitting in the round read the chart from right to left and bottom up. Pattern repeat in the chart is 1 st x 28 rows and repeated afterwards.

