

Knitting for Olive



Olive Top

Sizes: XS (S, M, L, XL, 2XL, 3XL, 4XL)

Finished measurements: Length from shoulder to hem: 46 (50, 55, 59, 61, 64, 67, 69) cm [18 (19¾, 21¾, 23¾, 24, 25, 26½, 27¼)]"; length from armhole to hem: 24 (27, 30, 33, 33, 35, 35, 35) cm [9½ (10¾, 11¾, 13, 13, 13¾, 13¾, 13¾)]"; bust circumference: 71 (77, 85, 92, 99, 115, 124, 132) cm [28 (30¾, 33½, 36¾, 39, 45¼, 48¾, 52)]" with an intended negative ease of approx. 4-14 cm [1½-5½]"

Yarn: Knitting for Olive Pure Silk *or* Cotton Merino *or* Merino (250 m [273 yd] per 50 gr [1.8 oz]), fingering weight yarn; fingering weight yarn, 3 (3, 3, 4, 4, 5, 6, 7) balls

The sample is in size M in Pure Silk, Plum Rose colorway

Needles: 3 mm / US2.5 circular needle and 2 double-pointed needles

Gauge: 34 sts and 39 rows = 10 cm [4"] in Olive Top pattern [Chart C (C, C, C, C, CC, CC)] with 3 mm / US2.5 needles after blocking

Notions: stitch markers, waste yarn or stitch holders, 4 lengths of waste yarn for Provisional Cast On method, optional: 2 safety pins to place strap stitches on hold, tapestry needle

Special Techniques:

Our Knitting for Olive tutorials, clearly demonstrating the techniques used in Olive Top, can be found here (in Danish):

- Provisional Cast On with waste yarn:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MhPVrc9j2vc&t=29s>
- M1L and M1R increases on the knit side:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=n4bAF8eMcvM&t=70s>

- M1Lp and M1Rp increases on the purl side:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=muQPFlxpD84&t=1s>

Construction notes

A camisole to celebrate summer, our Olive Top - with thin straps, deep V neck and back, and an all-over stitch pattern - is an essential and versatile little garment perfect for layering or wearing on its own. The Olive Top is worked from the top down, beginning with shaping back and forth the front and back top triangles. All pieces are then joined together, and the body continues in the round to the hem, which is sewn down on the wrong side, creating a scalloped edge. Shoulder straps are worked from live stitches, and grafted together at the shoulders. Olive Top is size inclusive, and is designed to be hip-length and close-fitting.

Olive Top stitch patterns are charted only.

Chart notes

When working back and forth, read odd-numbered RS rows from right to left, and even-numbered WS rows from left to right. When working in the round, read charts from right to left.

The four triangles

Triangle tip

With 3 mm / US2.5 double-pointed needles, cast on 7 sts using Provisional Cast On method

Row 1 (RS): K to end of row

Row 2 (WS): Sl2p wyif, p to end of row

Row 3 (inc row): Sl2p wyib, k1, M1L, k1, M1L, k3 [2 sts increased] = 9 sts

Row 4: repeat Row 2

Begin charts

Note: Work 2 uncharted edge sts at the beginning and end of each row as follows:

RS: Sl2p wyib, work to last 2 sts, k2

WS: Sl2p wyif, work to last 2 sts, p2

Maintaining first and last 2 edge sts throughout, beginning with Row 1 and ending with Row 20, work

Chart A [16 sts increased] = 29 sts

Maintaining first and last 2 edge sts throughout, beginning with Row 1 and ending with Row 24, work

Chart B [24 sts increased] = 53 sts

Sizes M, L, XL, 3XL, 4XL only:

Maintaining first and last 2 edge sts throughout, beginning with Row 1 and ending with Row - (-, 12, 12, 24,

-, 12, 12) work **Chart B** [- (-, 12, 12, 24, -, 12, 12) sts increased] = - (-, 65, 65, 77, -, 65, 65) sts

Size 2XL, 3XL and 4XL only:

Maintaining first and last 2 edge sts throughout, beginning with Row 1 and ending with row 28, work

Chart BB [- (-, -, -, -, 36, 38, 38) sts increased] = - (-, -, -, -, 89, 103, 103) sts

All sizes:

Break yarn

Set aside, and work 3 more triangles the same way

Body

Joining Round: With 3 mm / US2.5 circular needle and RS of first triangle facing, sl2p wyib, work sts as they appear (knit the knits and purl the purls) to last 2 sts, p1, k1, cast on 19 (31, 19, 31, 19, 23, 9, 23) sts; with RS of second triangle facing, k1, p1, work sts as they appear to last 4 sts, p1, sl3k wyib; with RS of third triangle facing, k3tog, pss0, pull the st tight, p1, work sts as they appear to last 2 sts, p1, k1, co 19 (31, 19,

31, 19, 23, 9, 23) sts; with RS of fourth triangle facing, k1, p1, work sts as they appear to last 4 sts, p1, sl3k wyib, join to work in the round and continue working across sts of first triangle as follows: k3tog, pssso, pull the st tight, pm for BOR = 240 (264, 288, 312, 336, 392, 420, 448) sts

Next Round: *Work sts as they appear to the new cast-on sts, (p1, k1) 9 (15, 9, 15, 9, 11, 4, 11) times, p1; repeat from * one more time, work sts as they appear to BOR

Beginning with Round 4 and ending with Round 24 (12, 24, 12, 12, 28, 28, 28,), work **Chart C (C, C, C, C, CC, CC, CC)** across all sts 4 (4½, 5, 5 ½, 5½, 5, 5, 5) times

Hem

Beginning with Round 1 and ending with Round 8, work **Chart D (E, D, E, E, DD, DD, DD)** one time

Bind off in pattern

Fold the edge down into the wrong side making a hem, and sew down the bound-off edge

Straps - Icord

With a 3 mm / US2.5 double-pointed needle, pick up 7 sts along the provisional cast on edge and remove waste yarn Row 1: K7

Row 2: Slide the 7 sts to right end of needle. Bring the yarn behind the work and pull tightly, and starting with first st, k7, do not turn work

Repeat Row 2 until cord measures approx. 10 (11, 10, 11, 10, 10, 10, 12) cm [4 (4¼, 4, 4¼, 4, 4, 4, 4½)]" or desired length to shoulder

Place 7 sts on a stitch holder or safety pin

Break yarn, leaving a 50 cm [20"] long tail to be able to adjust strap length before straps are joined at shoulder

Work the other 3 straps the same

Adjust the length of straps if needed

Graft straps together at shoulder using kitchener stitch

Finishing

Weave in all loose ends

Block

We hope you enjoy knitting the Olive Top!

We would love to see your finished projects! If you'd like to share your work with us on Instagram, please use hashtag #knittingforolive or tag us @knittingforolive

Charts

Chart A (5 sts inc to 25 sts)

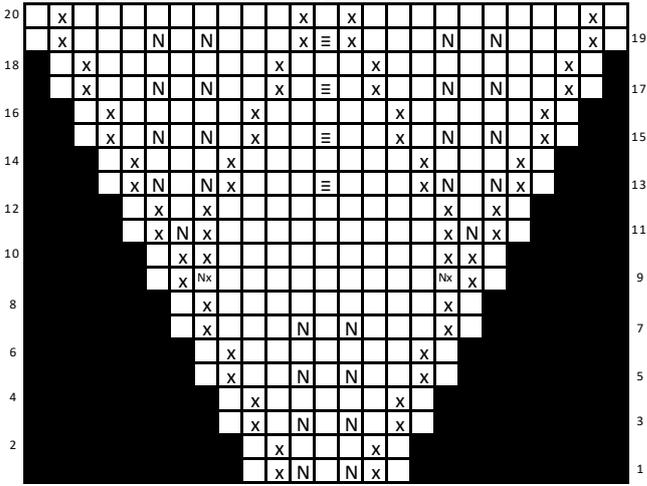
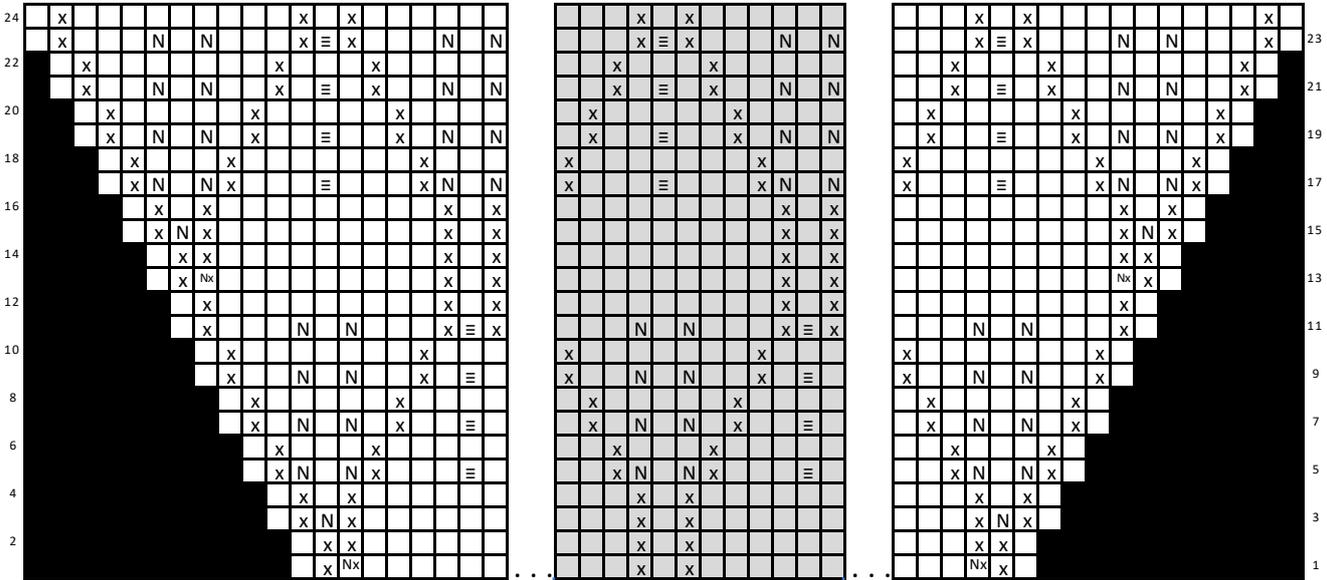
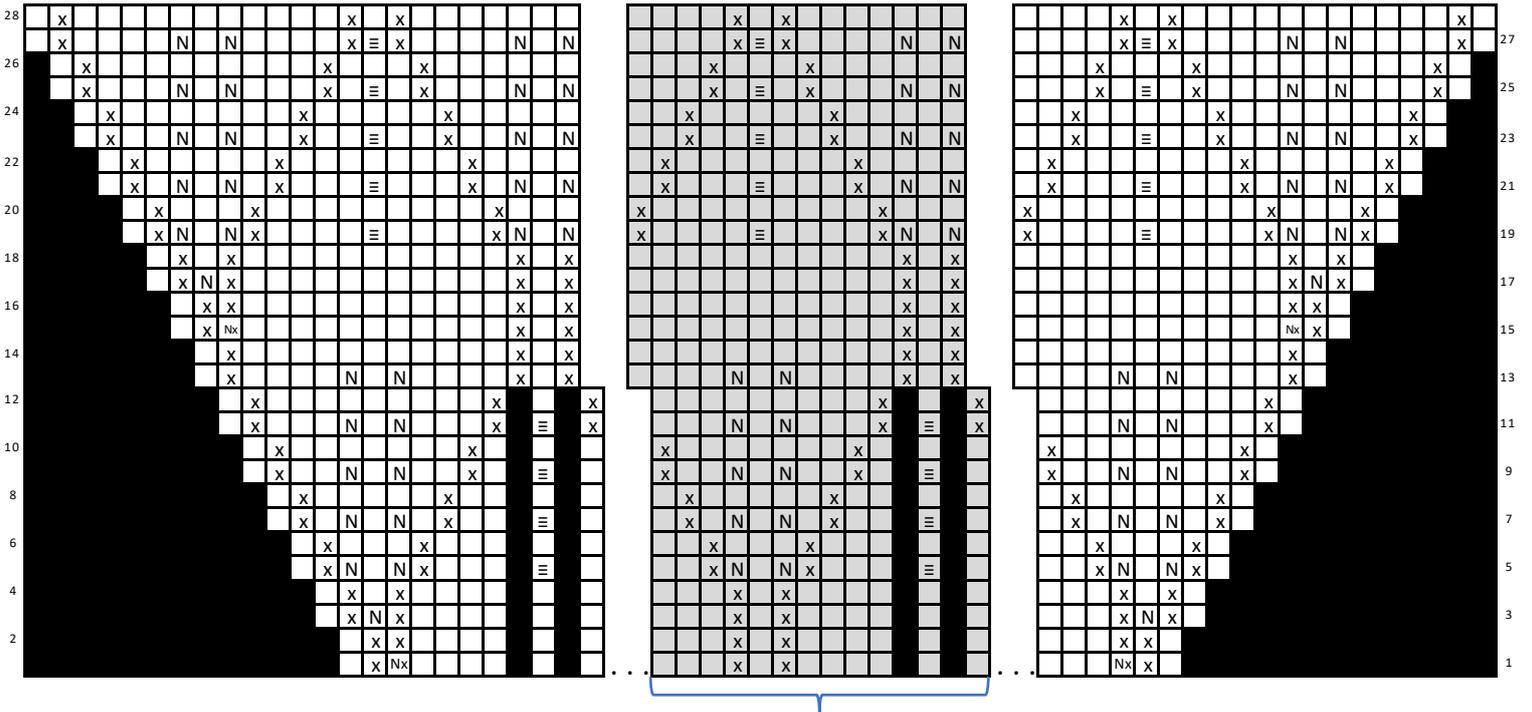


Chart B



Repeat as required
(12 sts)

Chart BB



Repeat as required
(12 sts inc to 14 sts)

Chart C (12 sts)

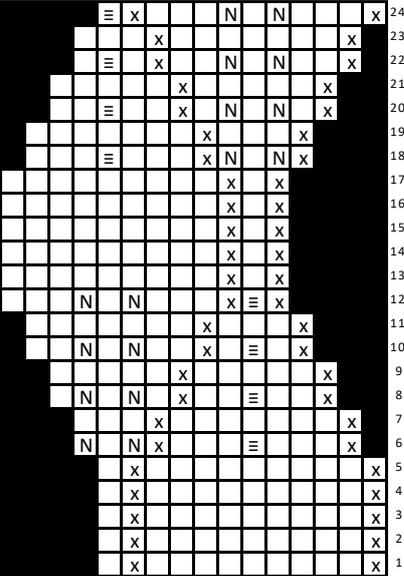


Chart CC (14 sts)

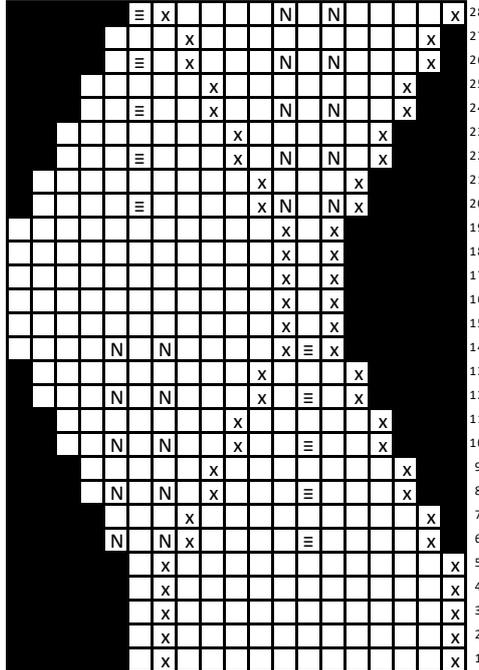


Chart D (12 sts)

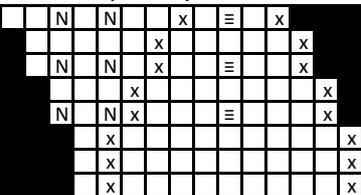


Chart DD (14 sts)

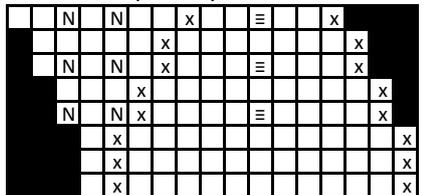
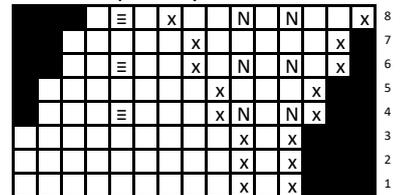


Chart E (12 sts)



Key

On RS: K
On WS: P

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On WS: K

M1L

M1Rp

Sl2kp

... Repeat as required

Abbreviations

Approx. – approximately BOR – beginning of round K – knit

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K – knit

P – purl

Dec – decrease

Inc – increase

K3tog – knit 3 stitches together [2 stitches decreased]

M1L – make 1 new left twist stitch on the knit side: insert right needle, from back to front, under the bar running between first stitch on left needle and last stitch on right needles, pick up bar and knit this stitch into the back loop [1 stitch increased]

M1Rp – make 1 new right purl twist stitch on the wrong side: insert right needle, from back to front, under the bar running between first stitch on left needle and last stitch on right needles, pick up bar and purl this stitch into the back loop [1 stitch increased]

Pm – place marker

PssO – pass slipped stitch(es) over

RS – right side

WS – wrong side

Wyif – with yarn in front

Wyib – with yarn in back

Sl2k – slip 2 stitches knitwise

Sl2kp – slip 2 stitches together knitwise, knit 1, pass slipped stitches over [2 stitches decreased]

Sl3k – slip 3 stitches knitwise

Sl2p – slip 2 stitches purlwise

St/sts – stitch/stitches