

# *Penelope top*

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#PenelopeTop



The Penelope top is knitted seamlessly from the top down. It has a lace hem and an i-cord drawstring around the waist.

The top is started at the shoulders by knitting the shoulders separately before joining at the neck. The front and back are joined at the underarm after which the body is knitted in the round. The neck and armhole edges are finished with i-cord bind off.

The Penelope top is best suited for silk, cotton, viscose or linen blend yarns that have a lot of drape.

## Sizes

- 1 (2, 3, 4) (5, 6, 7) (8, 9, 10)
- Finished bust circumference: 73 (83.4, 94, 99) (104.5, 109.5, 120) (130.5, 141, 151.5) cm / 28.75 (32.75, 37, 39) (41.25, 43, 47.25) (51.5, 55.5, 59.75) inches, intended to be worn with zero ease around the bust (choose a size that is closest to your actual bust).
- Armhole depth: 22 (22, 23, 23) (23, 23, 24) (25, 26, 27) cm / 8.75 (8.75, 9, 9) (9, 9, 9.5) (9.75, 10.25, 10.75) inches
- Body length from hem to underarm: 30 (30, 30, 30) (32, 32, 32) (34, 34, 34) cm / 11.75 (11.75, 11.75, 11.75) (12.5, 12.5, 12.5) (13.5, 13.5, 13.5) (adjustable)

## Yarn

470 (520, 570, 630) (690, 760, 830) (920, 1010, 1110) m / 510 (560, 620, 680) (750, 830, 910) (1000, 1100, 1210) yards of fingering weight yarn.

White sample: 2 (3, 3, 3) (3, 4, 4) (4, 5, 5) skeins of Knitting For Olive Pure Silk (100% silk; 250 meters / 273 yards per 50 g) shown in the colorway Cream.

Blue sample: 3 (3, 3, 3) (3, 4, 4) (5, 5, 6) skeins of Sandnes Garn Tynn Line (53% cotton, 33 % viscose, 14 % linen; 220 meters / 241 yards per 50 g) shown in the colorway 6032.

## Needles

For the the i-cord edges:

- 2.5 mm / US 1.5 circular needles with a cable of 40 cm / 16 inches for the i-cord edges

For the main part:

- 3 mm / US 2.5 circular needles with a cable of 80 cm / 32 inches for sizes 1-5 or 100 cm / 40 inches for sizes 6-9 for the body

## Gauge

23 sts and 32 rounds = 10 cm / 4 inches of Stockinette stitch on the larger needles in the round, blocked. Note: always use the needle size that gets you the right gauge!

## Notions

- 1 stitch marker
- tapestry needle
- waste yarn

## Abbreviations

BOR	Beginning of the round
Co	Cast on
DPNs	Double Pointed Needles
inc'd	Increased
k	Knit
k2tog	Knit 2 sts together
k3tog	Knit 3 sts together
m	Marker
m1L	Make 1 knit stitch (left leaning)
m1LP	Make 1 purl stitch (left leaning)
m1R	Make 1 knit stitch (right leaning)
m1Rp	Make 1 purl stitch (right leaning)
p	Purl
pm	Place marker
RS	Right side
sm	Slip 1 st
ssk	(Slip knitwise) x 2, purl the slipped stitches together through the back loop
sssk	(Slip knitwise) x 3, purl the slipped stitches together through the back loop
st(s)	Stitch(es)
tbl	Through the back loop
WS	Wrong side
yo	Yarn over



# Instructions

## FRONT

### LEFT FRONT SHOULDER

CO 10 (10, 10, 10) (12, 12, 12) (14, 16, 16) sts with the larger needles using the Long Tail Cast On method. Continue working flat.

Row 1 (WS): P all.

Row 2 (RS): K all.

Then work as established for another 13 rows, ending with a WS row.

Start shaping the neck as follows:

Row 3 (RS): K1, m1L, k until end. 1 st inc'd.

Row 4 (WS): P all.

Repeat Rows 3-4 another 13 times. 24 (24, 24, 24) (26, 26, 26) (28, 30, 30) sts on needles.

Break yarn and place the sts on hold on a piece of waste yarn.

### RIGHT FRONT SHOULDER

CO 10 (10, 10, 10) (12, 12, 12) (14, 16, 16) sts with the larger needles using the Long Tail Cast On method. Continue working flat.

Row 1 (WS): P all.

Row 2 (RS): K all.

Then work as established for another 13 rows, ending with a WS row.

Start shaping the neck as follows:

Row 3 (RS): K until 1 st remains, m1R, k1. 1 st inc'd.

Row 4 (WS): P all.

Repeat Rows 3-4 another 13 times. 24 (24, 24, 24) (26, 26, 26) (28, 30, 30) sts on needles.

## JOIN THE FRONTS

Row 1 (RS): K until the end of the row. At the end of the row, cast on 18 (18, 18, 18) (22, 22, 22) (28, 28, 28) sts for the neck using the Cable Cast On or the Back Loop Cast On method. Take the 24 (24, 24, 24) (26, 26, 26) (28, 30, 30) sts held for the left shoulder on your needles, and k until end. 66 (66, 66, 66) (74, 74, 74) (84, 88, 88) sts on needles.

Row 2 (WS): P all.

Row 3 (RS): K all.

Work as established on Rows 2-3 until the piece measures 19.5 (17.5, 16, 15) (16, 15, 14.5) (15, 15, 14.5) cm / 7.75 (7, 6.25, 6) (6.25, 6, 5.75) (6, 6, 5.75) inches measured from the shoulder cast on edge. End with a WS row. Place a locking marker at the end of the row (at the side of the left armhole) to mark the beginning of the armhole shaping. This will help you to match the start of the armhole shaping on the back.

## SHAPING THE ARMHOLES

Row 1 (RS): K1, m1L, k until 1 st remains, m1R, k1. 2 sts inc'd.

Row 2 (WS): P all.

Repeat Rows 1-2 another 2 (3, 6, 8) (6, 7, 6) (7, 8, 7) times. 72 (74, 80, 84) (88, 90, 88) (100, 106, 104) sts on needles.

Row 3 (RS): K1, m1L, k until 1 st remains, m1R, k1. 2 sts inc'd.

Row 4 (WS): P1, m1Rp, p until 1 st remains, m1Lp, p1. 2 sts inc'd.

Repeat Rows 3-4 another 0 (2, 3, 3) (3, 4, 7) (7, 8, 11) times. 76 (86, 96, 100) (104, 110, 120) (132, 142, 152) sts on needles.

Break yarn and put the sts on hold on a piece of waste yarn.

BACK

#### RIGHT BACK SHOULDER

With the RS facing, pick up and knit 10 (10, 10, 10) (12, 12, 12) (14, 16, 16) sts with the larger needles along the right shoulder cast on edge.

Row 1 (WS): P all.

Row 2 (RS): K all.

Then work as established for another 13 rows, ending with a WS row.

Start shaping the neck as follows:

Row 3 (RS): K1, m1L, k until end. 1 st inc'd.

Row 4 (WS): P all.

Repeat Rows 3-4 another 9 times. 20 (20, 20, 20) (22, 22, 22) (24, 26, 26) sts on needles.

Break yarn and place the sts on hold on a piece of waste yarn.

#### LEFT BACK SHOULDER

With the RS facing, pick up and knit 10 (10, 10, 10) (12, 12, 12) (14, 16, 16) sts with the larger needles along the left shoulder cast on edge.

Row 1 (WS): P all.

Row 2 (RS): K all.

Then work as established for another 13 rows.

Start shaping the neck as follows:

Row 3 (RS): K until 1 st remains, m1R, k1. 1 st inc'd.

Row 4 (WS): P all.

Repeat Rows 3-4 another 9 times. 20 (20, 20, 20) (22, 22, 22) (24, 26, 26) sts on needles.

#### JOIN THE BACK

Row 1 (RS): K until the end of the row. At the end of the row, cast on 26 (26, 26, 26) (30, 30, 30) (36, 36, 36) sts for the neck using the Cable Cast On or the Back

Loop Cast On method. Take the 20 (20, 20, 20) (22, 22, 22) (24, 26, 26) sts held for the right shoulder on your needles. Make sure both shoulders are aligned and none of the parts have twisted before joining the sides of the back together, then k until end. 66 (66, 66, 66) (74, 74, 74) (84, 88, 88) sts on needles.

Row 2 (WS): P all.

Row 3 (RS): K all.

Work as established on Rows 2-3 until the piece measures 19.5 (17.5, 16, 15) (16, 15, 14.5) (15, 15, 14.5) cm / 7.75 (7, 6.25, 6) (6.25, 6, 5.75) (6, 6, 5.75) inches measured from the shoulder cast on edge. End with a WS row. Use the locking marker placed on the left side of the front as a guide to make sure the back is as long as the front when you begin the armhole shaping.

Then shape the armholes as you did for the front in the section "SHAPING THE ARMHOLES" but do not break the yarn at the end. 76 (86, 96, 100) (104, 110, 120) (132, 142, 152) sts on needles.

#### JOINING THE BACK AND FRONT

Row 1 (RS): K38 (43, 48, 50) (52, 55, 60) (66, 71, 76), pm for BOR, then k until the end of the back. Using the Back Loop Cast On method or the Cable Cast On method, CO 8 (10, 12, 14) (16, 16, 18) (18, 20, 22) sts for the underarm. Take the stitches held for the front on your needles and knit them. Then CO 8 (10, 12, 14) (16, 16, 18) (18, 20, 22) sts for the other underarm. Join for working in the round. Double check that all pieces are aligned and nothing has twisted before joining in the round, then k to BOR m. The BOR m is in the middle of the back. 168 (192, 216, 228) (240, 252, 276) (300, 324, 348) sts on needles.

Next Round: Knit to end.

Work in Stockinette stitch (= knit all sts) until the piece measures 15 cm / 6 inches from the underarm, or the length of the body where your natural waist is (where you want to have the drawstring). I recommend trying the top on at this point to find the perfect length for your body.

## EYELET ROUND

Round 1: K2, \*yo, k2tog, k4; repeat from \* until 4 sts remain, yo, k2tog, k2.

Then knit 2 rounds.

Increase Round: \*M1L, k4; repeat from \* until the end. 42 (48, 54, 57) (60, 63, 69) (75, 81, 87) sts inc'd, 210 (240, 270, 285) (300, 315, 345) (375, 405, 435) sts.

Work in Stockinette stitch until the piece measures 8 (8, 8, 8) (10, 10, 10) (12, 12, 12) cm / 3.25 (3.25, 3.25, 3.25) (4, 4, 4) (4.75, 4.75, 4.75) inches measured from the eyelet round or 7.5 cm / 3 inches less than the desired length of the body.

## HEM

Start working according to the chart. The 15-stitch pattern repeats 14 (16, 18, 19) (20, 21, 23) (25, 27, 29) times on each round. Bind off all sts loosely as if to purl.

## I-CORD EDGE FOR THE NECKBAND

Use the smaller needles.

Starting at the top of the right shoulder, pick up and knit approximately 1 st from each row along right side of the back neck, 26 (26, 26, 26) (30, 30, 30) (36, 36, 36) sts along the back neck, then 1 st from each row along the left side of the neck, 18 (18, 18, 18) (22, 22, 22) (28, 28, 28) sts along the front neck and then 1 st from each row along the right side of the neck until the top of the right shoulder. Break yarn.

Using a Provisional Cast On method, CO 4 sts and place them on your left needle in front of the neck stitches.

Start binding off the neck stitches using the I-cord Bind Off method: K3, ssk the last stitch from the provisional CO together with the first stitch of the front neck. \*Slip the 4 sts on your right needle back to the left needle with yarn in back. K3, ssk; \* repeat from \* until you have worked all the neck sts and only 4 sts remain on the needles.

Undo the Provisional Cast On from the i-cord bind off and take the 4 sts on your needles as well. Graft the ends of the i-cord bind off together using the Kitchener stitch.

## I-CORD EDGING FOR THE ARMHOLES

Use the smaller needles.

Starting at the middle of the underarm cast on edge and working up the first side of the sleeve opening (clockwise), pick up and knit approximately 1 st per each casted on stitch and then 1 st per each knitted row until the shoulder seam, then work your way back down the other side of the sleeve opening. Break yarn.

Using a Provisional Cast On method, CO 4 sts and place them on your left needle in front of the underarm stitches. Bind off all sts using the i-cord bind off method instructed for the neckband.

Work the second armhole similarly.

## I-CORD BELT

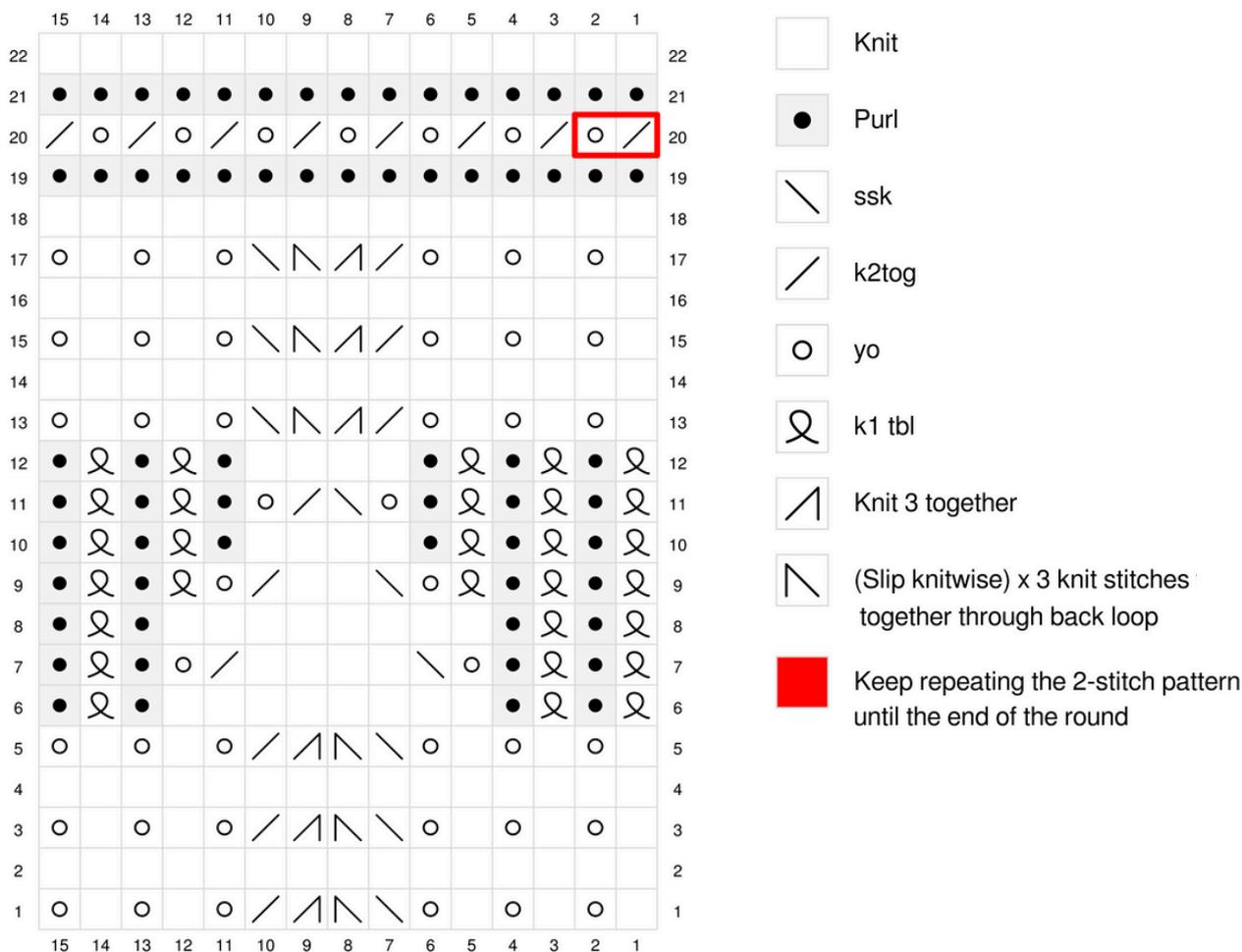
Using the smaller needles, CO 4 sts with the Long Tail Cast On method.

Work the belt as an i-cord: K4, \*then slip the sts back to the left needle with yarn in back and knit them again; repeat from \* until the i-cord measures 105 (115, 125, 130) (135, 140, 150) (160, 170, 180) cm / 41.25 (45.25, 49.25, 51.25) (53.25, 55, 59) (63, 67, 70.75) inches (slightly stretched, the belt will stretch when you use it) or about 30 cm / 12 inches longer than your waist circumference, so that you can tie the belt easily into a bow. Thread the belt through the eyelets starting at the middle of the front.

## FINISHING

Weave in all remaining yarn ends. Wet block gently to measurements.

# Chart



Round 1: \*(K1, yo) x 3, ssk, sssk, k3tog, k2tog, (yo, k1) x 2, yo; repeat from \* until end.

Round 2: K all.

Round 3: \*(K1, yo) x 3, ssk, sssk, k3tog, k2tog, (yo, k1) x 2, yo; repeat from \* until end.

Round 4: K all.

Round 5: \*(K1, yo) x 3, ssk, sssk, k3tog, k2tog, (yo, k1) x 2, yo; repeat from \* until end.

Round 6: \*(K1 tbl, p1) x 2, k8, p1, k1 tbl, p1; repeat from \* until end.

Round 7: \*(K1 tbl, p1) x 2, yo, ssk, k4, k2tog, yo, p1, k1 tbl, p1; repeat from \* until end.

Round 8: \*(K1 tbl, p1) x 2, k8, p1, k1 tbl, p1; repeat from \* until end.

Round 9: \*(K1 tbl, p1) x 2, k1 tbl, yo, ssk, k2, k2tog, yo, (k1 tbl, p1) x 2; repeat from \* until end.

Round 10: \*(K1 tbl, p1) x 3, k4, (p1, k1 tbl) x 2, p1; repeat from \* until end.

Round 11: \*(K1 tbl, p1) x 3, yo, ssk, k2tog, yo, (p1, k1 tbl) x 2, p1; repeat from \* until end.

Round 12: \*(K1 tbl, p1) x 3, k4, (p1, k1 tbl) x 2, p1; repeat from \* until end.

Round 13: \*(K1, yo) x 3, k2tog, k3tog, sssk, ssk, (yo, k1) x 2, yo; repeat from \* until end.

Round 14: K all.

Round 15: \*(K1, yo) x 3, k2tog, k3tog, sssk, ssk, (yo, k1) x 2, yo; repeat from \* until end.

Round 16: K all.

Round 17: \*(K1, yo) x 3, k2tog, k3tog, sssk, ssk, (yo, k1) x 2, yo; repeat from \* until end.

Round 18: K all.

Round 18: K all.

Round 19: P all.

Round 20: \*K2tog, yo; repeat from \* until end.

Round 21: P all.

Round 22: K all.



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