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THE RELAX TEE

*A top down, slightly textured everyday tee
with a compound raglan construction*

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The Relax Tee is a wardrobe staple, and features compound raglan construction for a lovely fit, as well as two different sleeve lengths. Rippling garter ridges flow across this lovely top for an extra touch of visual and textural interest.

Worked top down, this is a satisfying knit, and the pattern comes with a raglan tracker so you are guided through the compound raglan.

Your finished tee will be easy to wear and style, and has a delightful fit due to the compound raglan shaping and optional bust darts. It has gentle A-line shaping (optional) in the body that flows to a little more circumference to accommodate hips. A generous crew neck is featured, for extra comfort while wearing during the warm season.



Size Selection

Sizes A (B, C, D) (E, F, G) (H, I, J) to fit actual upper bust measurements of 31 (34.25, 37.5, 40.75) (44, 47.25, 50.5) (53.75, 57, 60.25)" / 78.5 (87, 95.5, 103.5) (112, 120, 128.5) (136.5, 145, 153) cm.

Actual full bust measurement: 30 (34, 38, 42) (46, 50, 54) (58, 62, 66)" / 76 (86.5, 96.5, 106.5) (117, 127, 137) (147.5, 157.5, 167.5) cm.

Finished chest circumference: 33.25 (37.25, 41.25, 45.25) (49.25, 53.25, 57.25) (61.25, 65.25, 69.25)" / 83 (93, 103, 113) (123, 133, 143) (153, 163, 173) cm.

Choose a size based on your upper bust measurement. This pattern was graded with an intended ease of -1" to 5" / -2.5 cm to 12.5 cm at the full bust and at high hips, and 3" / 7.5 cm positive ease at the upper arm.

Bust darts are available on this pattern.

Samples are size B shown on a model with 33" / 84 cm full bust, 32" / 81 cm upper bust, and 10.75" / 27.5 cm upper arm measurements, with an ease of 4.25" / 11 cm.

Gauge

24 sts x 32 rows/rnds = 4 x 4" / 10 x 10 cm in Stockinette Stitch knit flat and in the round on Needle A; 2x2 rib knit in the round on Needle B.

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Materials & Tools

Yarn Selection

We chose a springy yarn with lots of recovery, such as merino, in a fingering weight. For a different look, you may consider using a plant-based blend or a silk blend.

Pink, long-sleeve sample shown in La Bien Aimee's [Twist Nouveau](#) (437 yards / 400 meters / 100g / 3.5 oz, fingering weight, 100% non-super-wash merino) in "Nadia."

Light blue sample shown in Knitting For Olive's [Pure Silk](#) (273 yards / 250 meters / 50g / 1.75 oz, fingering weight, 100% silk), in "Soft Blue."

Yardage

SHORT SLEEVES

4 (4, 4, 5) (5, 5, 6) (6, 7, 7) skeins of Knitting For Olive's Pure Silk OR 2 (3, 3, 3) (3, 3, 4) (4, 4, 5) hanks of La Bien Aimee's Twist Nouveau.

OR 830 (920, 1020, 1110) (1200, 1300, 1400) (1530, 1630, 1740) yards / 760 (850, 930, 1010) (1100, 1190, 1280) (1400, 1490, 1590) meters of fingering weight yarn.

LONG SLEEVES

5 (5, 6, 6) (6, 7, 7) (8, 8, 9) balls of Knitting For Olive's Pure Silk OR 3 (3, 4, 4) (4, 4, 5) (5, 5, 6) hanks of La Bien Aimee's Twist Nouveau.

OR 1180 (1270, 1400, 1500) (1610, 1730, 1830) (1980, 2100, 2230) yards / 1080 (1160, 1280, 1370) (1470, 1580, 1680) (1810, 1920, 2040) meters of fingering weight yarn.

For bust darts, see ["Bust Darts \(Appendix\)"](#) on [page 10](#) for additional yardage. For lengthening/shortening and other mods, please see ["Modifications"](#) on [page 5](#).

Printing Guide

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Needles

A (Main Fabric): US4 / 3.5 mm circular needles in 24" / 60 cm, 32-60" / 80-150 cm (to match body circumference), and DPN's

B (Ribbing): US3 / 3.25 mm circular needles in 32-60" / 80-150 cm (to match hip circumference), and DPN's.

C (Neckband): US2 / 2.75 mm circular needles in 16" / 40 cm. Use a size that supports the neckband with structure without creating any cinching or gathering.

For DPN's, you may use any method or needle style for knitting in small circumferences, such as magic loop or small circulars.

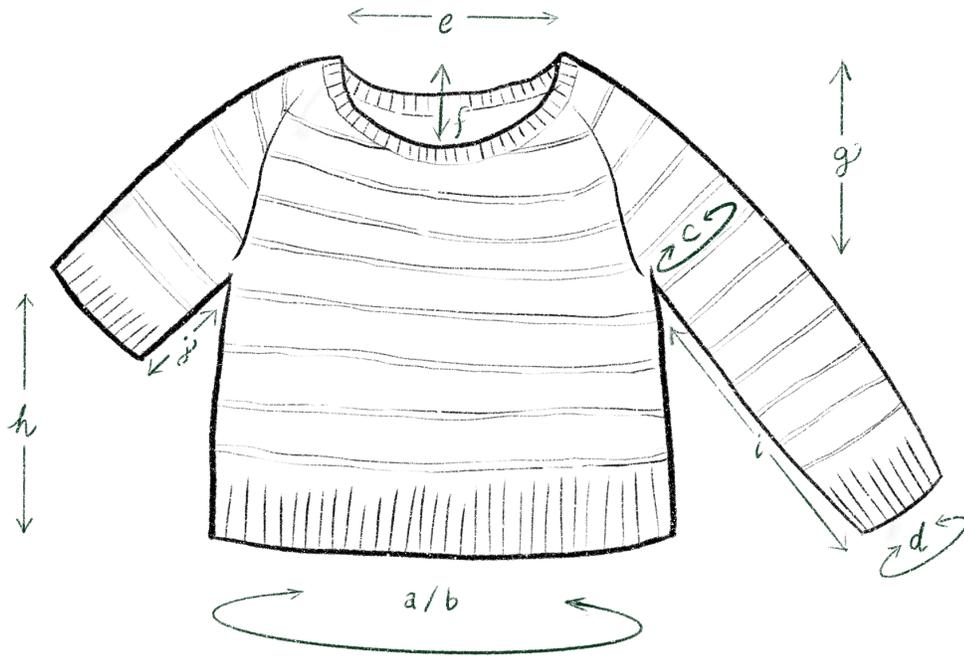
Notions

Stitch markers, unique marker for beginning of round, removable stitch marker, waste yarn or spare needles to hold stitches on

Construction Notes

- This is a top-down, compound raglan sweater, cast on at the neck (without neckband), then worked back and forth for front neck shaping, then joined to work in the round.
- The compound raglan is given both in written instruction and in an accompanying Raglan Tracker (PDF file) with row-by-row stitch counts.
- Modification ideas and detailed yardage information is given on page 5.

Schematics



		Sizes										
		A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	Unit
A	Chest circumference	33.25	37.25	41.25	45.25	49.25	53.25	57.25	61.25	65.25	69.25	inch
		83	93	103	113	123	133	143	153	163	173	cm
B	Hip circumference	35.25	39.25	43.25	47.25	51.25	55.25	59.25	63.25	67.25	71.25	inch
		88.5	98.5	108.5	118.5	128.5	138.5	148.5	158.5	168.5	178.5	cm
C	Sleeve circumference	12.75	13.25	14.75	15.25	16.75	18	19.25	21.25	22.75	24	inch
		31.5	33.5	36.5	38.5	41.5	45	48.5	53.5	56.5	60	cm
D	Wrist circumference	9.25	9.25	10	10.75	10.75	11.25	11.25	12	12	12.75	inch
		23	23	25	27	27	28	28	30	30	32	cm
E	Back neck width	6.75	6.75	7	7.25	7.75	7.75	8	8.25	8.75	9	inch
		16.5	16.5	17.5	18.5	19	19	20	21	21.5	22.5	cm
F	Neck drop	3.5	3.5	3.5	3.5	3.75	3.75	3.75	3.75	3.75	4	inch
		9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9.5	9.5	10	cm
G	Armhole depth	7.25	7.5	7.75	8	9	9	9.25	9.5	9.75	10	inch
		18	18.5	19.5	20	22.5	22.5	23	24.5	24.5	25.5	cm
H	Body length	12.25	12.25	12.25	12.25	12	11.75	11.75	11.5	11.5	11.5	inch
		30.5	30.5	30.5	30.5	30	29.5	29.5	29	29	29	cm
I	Sleeve length, full	19.75	19.5	19.5	19.25	19	18.75	18.5	18.25	18	18	inch
		50	49.5	49.5	49	48.5	47.5	47	46.5	45.5	45.5	cm
J	Sleeve length, short	5										inch
		12.5										cm

Modifications

General Raglan Modifications

We have resources for common modifications for raglans on our blog:

- [Lengthening/shortening raglan lines.](#)
- [Modifying raglan widths/circumferences.](#)
- [Understanding raglan depth vs arm-hole depth.](#)

Lengthening or Shortening Body

This pattern features A-line shaping throughout the body. To lengthen or shorten the body, add or remove rounds between shaping to redistribute shaping evenly throughout. For every 1" / 2.5 cm added or removed, yardage will change by 40 (45, 50, 55) (60, 65, 65) (75, 75, 80) yards / 35 (40, 45, 50) (55, 60, 60) (70, 70, 75) meters.

Abbreviations

BOR	beginning of round
DS	double stitch for German Short Rows *
k	knit
k2tog	knit two together
m1L/m1L-p	make one left *
m1R/m1R-p	make one right *
p	purl
p2tog	Purl two together
rnd(s)	round(s)
RS	right side
sm	slip marker
ssk	slip, slip, knit
ssp	slip, slip, purl
st(s)	stitch(es)
WS	wrong side

* See "Special Techniques (Appendix)" for how to work these stitches.

Work Purl Ridges in Contrast Color

To work ridges in contrast color, you'll need the following amounts of yarn for the contrast, and change color starting on the row **before** a ridge:

Short Sleeve: 115 (140, 145, 160) (175, 160, 165) (175, 190, 200) yds / 105 (130, 135, 145) (160, 145, 150) (160, 175, 185) meters.

Long Sleeve: 175 (205, 215, 235) (250, 240, 250) (270, 285, 300) yds / 160 (185, 195, 215) (230, 220, 230) (245, 260, 275) meters

Pattern

Raglan

Cast On and Set Up

With a stretchy method and Needle A, cast on 68 (68, 70, 72) (78, 78, 80) (86, 88, 94) sts. Long Tail Cast On was used on the samples. Do not join in the round.

Set Up (WS): P2, *place marker, p1, place marker, p10 (10, 10, 10) (12, 12, 12) (14, 14, 16), place marker, p1, place marker**, p40 (40, 42, 44) (46, 46, 48) (50, 52, 54); repeat from * to ** once, p2.

From here on, work in Stockinette Stitch unless otherwise instructed.

Neckline & Raglan Shaping 1

Row 1 (RS): *Knit to marker, m1R, sm, k1, sm, m1L; repeat from * three more times, knit to end. *Increased 8*

Row 2 (WS): *Purl to marker, m1L-p, sm, p1, sm, m1R-p; repeat from * three more times, purl to end. *Increased 8*

Row 3 (RS): K2, m1L, *knit to marker, m1R, sm, k1, sm, m1L; repeat from * three more times, knit to last 2 sts, m1R, k2. *Increased 10*

Repeat Rows 2-3 another 2 (4, 4, 4) (4, 4, 4) (4, 4, 4) times, then repeat Row 3 only on every RS row 2 (0, 0, 0) (0, 0, 0) (0, 0, 0) times. 150 (166, 168, 170) (176, 176, 178) (184, 186, 192) sts, ending on Row 11

WORK PURL RIDGES 1

SIZES A (B, C, -) (-, -, -) (-, -, -) ONLY

Row 12 (WS): P2, *knit to marker, sm, p1, sm; repeat from * four more times, knit to last 2 sts, p2.

Row 13 (RS): Repeat Row 3. *Increased 10*

Repeat Rows 12-13 once more. *Increased 10; 170 (186, 188, -) (-, -, -) (-, -, -) sts*

SIZES - (-, -, D) (E, F, G) (H, I, J) ONLY

Row 12 (WS): P2, *knit to marker, m1L, sm, p1, sm, knit to marker, sm, p1, sm, m1R; repeat from * once, knit to last 2 sts, p2. *Increased 4*

Row 13 (RS): Repeat Row 3. *Increased 10*

Repeat Rows 12-13 once more. *Increased 14; - (-, -, 198) (204, 204, 206) (212, 214, 220) sts*

CONTINUE RAGLAN

SIZES A (B, C, -) (-, -, -) (-, -, -) ONLY

Working in Stockinette, repeat Row 3 every RS row once more. *Increased 10*

Row 18 (WS): P2, m1R-p, *purl to marker, sm, p1, sm, purl to marker, sm, p1, sm; repeat from * once, purl to last 2 sts, m1L-p, p2. *Increased 2*

Repeat Row 3 once more. Neck shaping is complete. *192 (208, 210, -) (-, -, -) (-, -, -) sts with 25 (27, 27, -) (-, -, -) (-, -, -) sts on each front, 66 (70, 72, -) (-, -, -) (-, -, -) sts on back, 4 raglan sts, and 36 (40, 40, -) (-, -, -) (-, -, -) sts on each sleeve*

SIZES - (-, -, D) (E, F, G) (H, I, J) ONLY

Row 16 (WS): P2, m1R-p, *purl to marker, m1L-p, sm, p1, sm, purl to marker, sm, p1, sm, m1R-p; repeat from * once, purl to last 2 sts, m1L-p, p2. *Increased 6*

Row 17 (RS): Repeat Row 3. *Increased 10*

Repeat Rows 16-17 once more. Neck shaping is complete. *- (-, -, 230) (236, 236, 238) (244, 246, 252) st; - (-, -, 32) (32, 32, 32) (32, 32, 32) sts on each front, - (-, -, 82) (84, 84, 86) (88, 90, 92) sts on back, 4 raglan sts, and - (-, -, 40) (42, 42, 42) (44, 44, 46) sts on each sleeve*

RESUME ALL SIZES

JOIN FOR FRONT

You have just worked a RS row. Turn, and Cable Cast On 16 (16, 18, 18) (20, 20, 22) (24, 26, 28) sts. Break yarn, turn back to RS and work first row to place BOR in the back left raglan line so future purl ridges don't have a jog on the front, and so that all raglan increases remain consistently symmetrical:

Join Rnd: Without working them, slip p-wise to right needle the following: all front left sts, marker, 1 raglan st, marker, all sleeve sts, marker, 1 raglan st. Replace marker with BOR. Join yarn to work in the round, then knit to BOR.

208 (224, 228, 248) (256, 256, 260) (268, 272, 280) sts with 66 (70, 72, 82) (84, 84, 86) (88, 90, 92) sts on each front/back

Raglan Shaping 2

Rnd 21/Raglan: *M1L, knit to marker, m1R, sm, k1, sm; repeat from * three more times. *Increased 8*

Continuing in Stockinette Stitch, repeat **Rnd 21/Raglan** every 4th (4th, 4th, 4th) (4th, 2nd, 2nd) (2nd, 2nd, 2nd) rnd another 1 (1, 1, 1) (1, 2, 2) (3, 3, 3) time(s). Knit 2 (2, 2, 2) (2, 2, 2) (0, 0, 0) rnds.

224 (240, 244, 264) (272, 280, 284) (300, 304, 312) sts, ending on Rnd 27; 70 (74, 76, 86) (88, 90, 92) (96, 98, 100) sts each front/back, 4 raglan sts, and 40 (44, 44, 44) (46, 48, 48) (52, 52, 54) sts on each sleeve

WORK PURL RIDGES 2

Rnd 28: *Purl to marker, sm, k1, sm; repeat from * three more times.

Rnd 29: Repeat **Rnd 21/Raglan**. *Increased 8*

Rnd 30: Repeat Rnd 28.

Repeat **Rnd 21/Raglan** every 3rd rnd 0 (1, 1, 1) (1, 0, 0) (0, 2, 0) time(s), then knit 0 (0, 0, 0) (0, 0, 0) (1, 0, 2) rnds.

232 (256, 260, 280) (288, 288, 292) (308, 328, 320) sts; 72 (78, 80, 90) (92, 92, 94) (98, 104, 102) sts on each front/back, 4 raglan sts, and 42 (48, 48, 48) (50, 50, 50) (54, 58, 56) sts on each sleeve

CONTINUE RAGLAN SHAPING 2**SIZE A ONLY**

Rnds 31-32: Knit.

Rnd 33: Repeat **Rnd 21/Raglan**. *Increased 8*

Rnd 34: Knit.

Rnd 35: *Knit to marker, sm, k1, sm, m1L, knit to marker, m1R, sm, k1, sm; repeat from * once. *Increased 4*

Rnd 36: Knit.

Repeat Rnds 33-36 once, then repeat Rnds 33-35 once more. *268 sts, ending on Rnd 43, with 78 sts on each front/back, 4 raglan sts, and 54 sts each sleeve*

SIZES F AND G ONLY

Body Raglan Rnd: *M1L, knit to marker, m1R, sm, k1, sm, knit to marker, sm, k1, sm; repeat from * once more. *Increased 4*

Knit 1 rnd. Repeat **Rnd 21/Raglan** once. *300 (304) sts*

SIZES - (B, C, D) (E, F, G) (H, I, J) ONLY

**Knit - (1, 1, 1) (1, 1, 1) (1, 0, 0) rnd(s).

Body Raglan Rnd: *M1L, knit to marker, m1R, sm, k1, sm, knit to marker, sm, k1, sm; repeat from * once more. *Increased 4*

Knit - (1, 1, 1) (1, 1, 1) (1, 0, 0) rnd(s).

Repeat **Rnd 21/Raglan** once. *Increased 8****

Repeat from ** to *** another - (0, 1, 0) (1, 1, 1) (2, 2, 4) time(s).

Repeat **Body Raglan Rnd** every -, (-, -, -) (-, -, 2nd) (-, 1st, 1st) rnd once. Repeat **Rnd 21/Raglan** every 2nd rnd another - (3, 1, 3) (1, 0, 0) (0, 0, 0) time(s).

Size F only: Knit 2 rnds even.

- (292, 292, 316) (320, 324, 332) (344, 368, 384) sts, ending on Rnd 43; - (88, 90, 100) (102, 104, 108) (110, 118, 124) sts each front/back, 4 raglan sts, and - (56, 54, 56) (56, 56, 56) (60, 64, 66) sts each sleeve

RESUME ALL SIZES**WORK PURL RIDGES 3**

Work Rnd 44 for your size:

Rnd 44, Sizes A-G: *Purl to marker, sm, k1, sm; repeat from * three more times, purl to end.

Rnd 44, Sizes H-J: *M1L-p, purl to marker, m1R-p, sm, k1, sm; repeat from * three more times. *Increased 8*

RESUME ALL SIZES

Repeat **Rnd 21/Raglan** once. Repeat Row 44 for your size once.

276 (300, 300, 324) (328, 332, 340) (368, 392, 408) sts

RAGLAN SHAPING 3

Work **Rnd 21/Raglan** once, then repeat it every other rnd 0 (1, 0, 2) (4, 0, 0) (0, 0, 0) times.

Repeat **Rnd 21/Raglan** every rnd another 3 (3, 8, 6) (4, 12, 12) (12, 12, 12) times.

Raglan shaping is complete for sizes A-D. These sizes can proceed to Separate for Sleeves on the next page. *308 (340, 372, 396) (400, 436, 444) (472, 496, 512) sts; 88 (100, 110, 120) (122, 132, 136) (142, 150, 156) sts on each front/back, 4 raglan sts, and 64 (68, 74, 76) (76, 84, 84) (92, 96, 98) sts on each sleeve*

SIZES - (-, -, -) (E, F, G) (H, I, J) ONLY**WORK PURL RIDGES 4**

Rnd 60: *M1L-p, purl to marker, m1R-p, sm, k1, sm; repeat from * three more times. *Increased 8*

Rnd 61: Repeat Rnd **Rnd 21/Raglan**. *Increased 8*

Rnd 62: Repeat Rnd 60. *Increased 8*

CONTINUE RAGLAN

Repeat **Rnd 21/Raglan** every rnd - (-, -, -) (0, 0, 3) (5, 6, 7) times.

- (-, -, -) (424, 460, 492) (536, 568, 592) sts; - (-, -, -) (128, 138, 148) (158, 168, 176) sts on each front/back, 4 raglan sts, and - (-, -, -) (82, 90, 96) (108, 114, 118) sts on each sleeve

RESUME ALL SIZES

Separate For Sleeves

SIZES A (B, C, D) (-, -, -) (-, -, -) ONLY

Separation Rnd: Remove BOR, *m1L, knit to marker, m1R, transfer next 66 (70, 76, 78) (-, -, -) (-, -, -) sleeve and raglan sts to waste yarn or a spare needle, removing 4 markers, Backwards Loop CO 5 (5, 6, 7) (-, -, -) (-, -, -) sts, ** place side marker, CO 5 (5, 6, 7) (-, -, -) (-, -, -) sts; repeat from * to **, place unique marker for BOR, CO 5 (5, 6, 7) (-, -, -) (-, -, -) sts.

SIZES - (-, -, -) (E, F, G) (H, I, J) ONLY

Separation Rnd: Remove BOR, *m1L, knit to marker, m1R, transfer next - (-, -, -) (84, 92, 98) (110, 116, 120) sleeve and raglan sts to waste yarn or a spare needle, removing 4 markers, ** Backwards Loop CO - (-, -, -) (8, 8, 9) (9, 10, 12) sts, place side marker, CO - (-, -, -) (8, 8, 9) (9, 10, 12) sts, replace marker for front raglan, repeat from * to **, replace front raglan marker, CO - (-, -, -) (8, 8, 9) (9, 10, 12) sts, place unique marker for BOR, CO - (-, -, -) (8, 8, 9) (9, 10, 12) sts.

RESUME ALL SIZES

You are ready to work a partial round for the next round.

200 (224, 248, 272) (292, 312, 336) (356, 380, 404) sts on body

Body

During body, knit until 13 rnds of Stockinette St have been worked since the last purl ridge, then you will work the following ridge pattern AT THE SAME TIME as the rest of the body instructions:

Rnd 1-3: Purl 1 rnd, knit 1 rnd, purl 1 rnd.

Rnd 4-16: Knit 13 rnds.

A total of 4 (5, 5, 5) (5, 4, 4) (4, 4, 4) ridges will be worked during body.

SIZES - (-, -, -) (E, F, G) (H, I, J) ONLY

Work the following rnd to shape front raglan every rnd - (-, -, -) (2, 4, 4) (6, 6, 6) times:

Shaping Rnd: (Knit to marker, sm) x 2, m1L, knit to marker, m1R, knit to BOR. *Increased 2*

Remove all markers except side marker and BOR marker on the next round. - (-, -, -) (150, 164, 176) (190, 202, 214) sts on front

COMPLETE BODY

For bust darts: proceed to "[Bust Darts \(Appendix\)](#)" on page 10 now. Return here after bust darts are completed.

With body texture pattern as established, work the following body shaping after 17 (18, 16, 21) (24, 24, 30) (30, 30, 28) rnds have been worked from underarm cast on (not counting bust dart rows), then every 25th (24th, 24th, 22nd) (22nd, 19th, 17th) (16th, 16th, 16th) rnd twice more.

212 (236, 260, 284) (308, 332, 356) (380, 404, 428) sts; 106 (118, 130, 142) (156, 170, 182) (196, 208, 220) sts on front and 106 (118, 130, 142) (152, 162, 174) (184, 196, 208) sts on back

If knit rnd: *K2, m1L, knit to 2 sts from marker, m1R, k2; repeat from * once. *Increased 4*

If purl rnd: *P2, m1L-p, purl to 2 sts from marker, m1R-p, p2; repeat from * once. *Increased 4*

Continue working in texture pattern until body measures 10.25 (10.25, 10.25, 10.25) (10, 9.75, 9.75) (9.5, 9.5, 9.5)"/ 25.5 (25.5, 25.5, 25.5) (25, 24.5, 24.5) (24, 24, 24) cm, or 2" / 5 cm shorter than desired length.

As designed, this is a cropped shirt that is designed to end right at the waistband of a mid rise pant when seated (see below). You may lengthen or shorten as desired here.

Do not end during purl ridge section. Change to Needle B, and work 2x2 rib for 2" / 5 cm. Bind off in knit, and break yarn.



Sleeves (Make 2)

Return 66 (70, 76, 78) (84, 92, 98) (110, 116, 120) sleeve sts to Needle A for working in small circumferences. Join yarn to work pick up.

Starting from the center of the underarm cast on, with RS facing, pick up and knit 5 (5, 6, 7) (8, 8, 9) (9, 10, 12) sts, knit across all sleeve sts, pick up and knit 5 (5, 6, 7) (8, 8, 9) (9, 10, 12) sts from remaining underarm cast on sts. Place unique marker for BOR, and join to work in the round. 76 (80, 88, 92) (100, 108, 116) (128, 136, 144) sts

Work texture as for body, starting after 13 rnds of Stockinette St since the last purl ridge, for 3" / 7.5cm.

For Long Sleeves Only

Work the following decrease while continuing the purl ridge patterning:

If knit rnd: *K2, k2tog, knit to 4 sts from marker, ssk, k2. *Decreased 2*

If purl rnd: *P2, p2tog, purl to 4 sts from marker, ssp, p2. *Decreased 2*

Continuing texture pattern, repeat the above decrease rnd every 12th (10th, 8th, 8th) (6th, 5th, 4th) (4th, 3rd, 3rd) rnd 3 (5, 8, 6) (10, 17, 23) (8, 25, 21) more times, then every 11th (9th, 7th, 7th) (5th, 4th, -) (3rd, 2nd, 2nd) rnd another 6 (6, 5, 7) (7, 2, 0) (19, 6, 12) times. 56 (56, 60, 64) (64, 68, 68) (72, 72, 76) sts

Work stockinette with texture pattern for another 12 rnds, or, until sleeve measures 17.25 (17, 17, 16.75) (16.5, 16.25, 16) (15.75, 15.5, 15.5)"/ 43 (42.5, 42.5, 42) (41.5, 40.5, 40) (39.5, 39, 39) cm from underarm. Do not end during purl ridge section.

Both Sleeve Views

Change to Needle B for working small circumferences in the round; work 2x2 rib for 2" / 5 cm for short sleeves, and 2.5" / 6.5 cm for long sleeves. Bind off in knit and break yarn.

Finishing

With the end of the yarn at the neck join, sew together the gap at the join. Wet block entire piece to schematic measurements.

Neckband

With Needle C in 16" / 40 cm length, join in yarn. Starting at the left raglan of the back neck, pick up and knit 112 (112, 116, 124) (132, 132, 136) (144, 148, 156) sts around neck. The rate of pick up is 1 st for every cast on stitch, and 16 (16, 16, 19) (19, 19, 19) (19, 19, 19) sts for each front neck diagonal, ending with a multiple of 4 sts. Work 2x2 rib for 1" / 2.5 cm. Bind off loosely in knit and break yarn.

Alternatively, on the green sample, we've used an Applied I-cord finishing instead of pick up and knit (See Special Techniques).

Complete Finishing

Wet block entire piece again, or steam block neckband only. Weave in ends and trim ends. Enjoy!

Bust Darts (Appendix)

Choosing a Cup Size

This pattern includes optional instructions for short-row shaping for breasts. They add a wedge to the front of the garment to add length. To choose a cup size, measure the intended wearer's body from the top of the shoulder to the underbust line in the back and the front.

This may require help from a second person. Be sure that the back and the front underbust points are parallel to the ground. It may be helpful to tie a piece of yarn or string around the underbust point so that the measurement is consistent.

Subtract the back length from the front length, then subtract 2" / 5 cm from this number. The remaining difference is how much you need to add. Each subsequent cup size adds approximately 1" / 2.5 cm. It's better to have slightly too few short rows than slightly too many.

If you are in between or unsure, choose one cup size smaller.

In Cup Sizes 1 and 3, this will add a small distortion to the texture pattern just under the full bust line where the purl ridges are a little further apart. If you prefer to preserve the texture pattern, consider sizing down to no bust darts or Cup Size 2 instead.

BUST DART YARDAGE

Additional yardage needed by size:

Cup Size 1 (1" / 2.15 cm): 15 (15, 15, 20) (20, 20, 25) (25, 25, 25) yards/meters

Cup Size 2 (2" / 5 cm): 30 (30, 35, 35) (40, 45, 45) (50, 50, 55) yards / 25 (25, 30, 30) (35, 40, 40) (45, 45, 50) meters

Cup Size 3 (3" / 7.5 cm): 40 (45, 50, 55) (60, 65, 70) (75, 80, 80) yards / 35 (40, 45, 50) (55, 60, 65) (70, 75, 75) meters

Cup Size 4 (4" / 10 cm): 55 (60, 65, 75) (80, 85, 90) (100, 105, 110) yards / 50 (55, 60, 70) (75, 80, 80) (90, 95, 100) meters

Work Bust Darts

To work bust darts, work texture pattern only until the entire garment measures approximately 9.75 (10.25, 10.5, 11.25) (12, 12.5, 13.25) (14, 15, 15)" / 24.5 (25.5, 26.5, 28) (30, 31.5, 33) (35, 37.5, 39) cm straight down (perpendicular to the floor) from the outer neck (where it joins the shoulder) to the working edge, ending after a Rnd 4 of the purl pattern (just after the purl ridge).

You may raise or lower this placement by trying on the garment or taking this measurement on the intended wearer.

Short Row 1 (RS): Work as est to marker, sm, k74 (80, 87, 96) (106, 115, 122) (130, 138, 145), turn.

Short Row 2 (WS): Make DS, p47 (47, 49, 55) (61, 65, 67) (69, 73, 75), turn.

Work the following instructions by size, then proceed to All Cup Sizes.

Cup Size 1 (Adds 1" / 2.5 cm)

This size will not work any purl ridges for the duration of darts.

Short Row 3 (RS): Make DS, work as established to DS, resolve DS, work as established for 8 (10, 12, 13) (14, 16, 18) (20, 21, 23) sts, turn.

Repeat Short Row 3 every row another 1 (1, 3, 3) (1, 3, 5) (5, 3, 5) times, on both RS and WS, ending on a WS row.

SIZES A (B, C, D) (E, F, -) (-, I, -) ONLY

Next Short Row (RS): Make DS, work as established to DS, resolve DS, work as established for 9 (11, 13, 14) (15, 17, -) (-, 22, -) sts, turn.

Repeat the last row every row another 3 (3, 1, 1) (3, 1, -) (-, 1, -) time(s), ending on a WS row.

Cup Size 2 (Adds 2" / 5 cm)

To maintain ridge pattern, knit instead of purl on Short Rows 14 and 16 (WS) while completing the following short rows (resulting in 1 extra purl ridge on the front):

Short Row 3 (RS): Make DS, work as established to DS, resolve DS, work as established for 3 (4, 5, 5) (6, 7, 7) (8, 9, 9) sts, turn.

Repeat Short Row 3 every row another 3 (5, 9, 3) (9, 13, 3) (5, 11, 1) time(s), on both RS and WS, ending on a WS row.

SIZES A (B, C, D) (E, -, G) (H, I, J) ONLY

Next Short Row (RS): Make DS, work as established to DS, resolve DS, work as established for 4 (5, 6, 6) (7, -, 8) (9, 10, 10) sts, turn.

Repeat the last row every row another 9 (7, 3, 9) (3, -, 9) (7, 1, 11) time(s), ending on a WS row.

Cup Size 3 (Adds 3" / 7.5 cm)

To disguise the distortion of the ridge pattern during darts, knit instead of purl on Short Rows 18 and 20 while completing the following short rows (resulting in 1 extra purl ridge, and 4 extra Stockinette rows before and after the ridge):

Short Row 3 (RS): Make DS, work as established to DS, resolve DS, work as established for 2 (2, 3, 3) (4, 4, 4) (5, 5, 6) sts, turn.

Repeat Short Row 3 every row another 13 (1, 13, 7) (21, 11, 1) (11, 3, 15) time(s), on both RS and WS, ending on a WS row.

SIZES A (B, C, D) (-, F, G) (H, I, J) ONLY

Next Short Row (RS): Make DS, work as established to DS, resolve DS, work as established for 3 (3, 4, 4) (-, 5, 5) (6, 6, 7) sts, turn.

Repeat the last row every row another 7 (19, 7, 13) (-, 9, 19) (9, 17, 5) time(s), ending on a WS row.

Cup Size 4 (Adds 4" / 10 cm)

To maintain ridge pattern, knit instead of purl on Short Rows 14, 16, 30, and 32 (WS) while completing the following short rows (resulting in 2 extra purl ridges on the front) :

Short Row 3 (RS): Make DS, work as established to DS, resolve DS, work as established for 1 (2, 2, 2) (2, 3, 3) (4, 4, 4) sts, turn.

Repeat Short Row 3 every row another 7 (25, 15, 9) (1, 21, 11) (29, 21, 11) time(s), on both RS and WS, ending on a WS row.

SIZES A (B, C, D) (E, F, G) (-, I, J) ONLY

Next Short Row (RS): Make DS, work as established to DS, resolve DS, work as established for 2 (3, 3, 3) (3, 4, 4) (-, 5, 5) sts, turn.

Repeat the last row every row another 21 (3, 13, 19) (27, 7, 17) (-, 7, 17) times, ending on a WS row.

All Cup Sizes

Resume working in the round. DS, work to end, then work 1 more round, resolving all DS's encountered.

From here on, resume working purl ridges to **match the back of the garment.**

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Special Techniques (Appendix)

LONG TAIL CAST ON

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M1R AND M1L

M1R: Insert LH needle from back to front under the horizontal strand between the needles, to pick it up. Knit this strand through the front loop.

M1R-p: Insert the LH needle from back to front under the horizontal strand between the needles, and purl it through the front loop.

M1L: Insert LH needle from front to back under the horizontal strand between the needles, to pick it up. Knit this strand through the back loop.

M1L-p: Insert the LH needle from front to back under the horizontal strand, and purl it through the back loop.

GERMAN SHORT ROW (OR MAKE DS)

Make DS with a purl: With yarn in front, slip the next stitch purlwise. Bring the yarn over the needle, to back of work, drawing the legs of the stitch up the needle, creating a double stitch (DS). Bring yarn to the front between needles, ready to purl the next stitch.

Make DS with a knit: Bring yarn to the front between needles, slip the next stitch purlwise. Bring the yarn up and over the needle, to back of work, drawing the legs of the stitch up the needle, creating a double stitch. Leave yarn in back, ready to knit the next stitch.

To resolve short rows, knit or purl into both legs of double stitch.

2X2 RIB

To work 2x2 rib in the round, work the following every round over a multiple of 4 sts:

Rib Round: (K2, p2) to end.

APPLIED I-CORD

<https://www.purlsoho.com/create/attached-i-cord-tutorial>

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