



SABAI TOP No. 2

The SABAI Top No. 2 has the same cut as the SABAI Top No. 1 but is knitted entirely in stockinette stitch. Due to the lack of rib details, the straps are slightly wider and the top sits a little looser.

The SABAI Top No. 2 is worked seamlessly top down. First, the neckline is worked in the round and increases are worked for the slanted shoulders. For the armholes, front and back parts are worked separately back and forth. The stitches of front and back are then joined and worked in the round again until the top has reached the desired length.

Techniques used: left- and right leaning knitted and purled increases. All techniques used are explained in the instructions or under 'Terms & explanations' on page 5.



SIZES

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

To fit chest circumference:

74-81 (82-89) 90-97 (98-107) 108-117 (118-127) cm / 30-32 (33-35) 36-38 (38-42) 43-46 (47-50)"

MEASUREMENTS

Chest circumference:

85 (91) 99 (109) 121 (131) cm / 33.4 (35.8) 39 (42.9) 47.6 (51.6)"

Total length:

47 (49) 51 (54) 57 (60) cm / 18.5 (19.3) 20.1 (21.3) 22.4 (23.6)"

Armhole depth:

21 (22) 22 (23) 24 (25) cm / 8.3 (8.7) 8.7 (9.1) 9.5 (9.8)"

The top can be worn snug with approx. 0 - 2 cm / 0 - 0.8" positive ease, but also works well with a little more room to move (5 - 8 cm / 2 - 3.2" positive ease). For example, if you have a chest circumference of 90 cm / 35.4", you should choose between size S and M. With a height of 1.76 m / 5'9" and a chest circumference of 89 cm / 35", I am wearing the top here in size S.

See page 5 for sizing information and an EU sizing chart.

YARN

200 (250) 250 (300) 350 (400) g ,Cecilia' by Svarta Fåret (53 % Cotton, 33 % Viscose, 14 % Linen, 110 m/ 50 g), here in color ,Pitch black'

or

200 (250) 250 (300) 350 (400) g ,Line' by Sandnes Garn (53 % Cotton, 33 % Viscose, 14 % Linen, 110 m/ 50 g),

or

200 (200-250) 250 (300) 350 (350-400) g ,Perla' by Lamana (60 % Cotton, 25 % Alpaca, 15 % Silk, 115 m/50 g).

Tips for yarn choices

Several yarn qualities are recommended in the instructions, a few words about them:

,Cecilia' und ,Line' have the same composition, a summery cotton-linen mix. This makes the top loose and flowing.

,Perla' is a cotton yarn with alpaca and silk. This makes the top a bit thicker because the yarn is more voluminous.

NEEDLES

50 - 60 cm / 20 - 24" and 80 - 100 cm / 32 - 40" circular needles size 4,0 mm / (US 6/UK 8).

NOTIONS

Tapestry needle, stitch markers

MAIN STITCH PATTERN

Stockinette stitch (st st), worked flat: knit all sts on the RS, purl all sts on the WS.

Stockinette stitch (st st) in the round: knit all sts

GAUGE/TENSION

In stockinette stitch using ndl size 4.0 mm: 20 sts x 28 rows = 10 x 10 cm / 4" square

The swatches were washed and measured lying flat. Please adjust needle size if necessary, to obtain correct gauge.

METHOD

NECKLINE

CO **104 (108) 108 (112) 116 (120)** sts using circ. ndl size 4.0 mm, acc to the 'Long-tail CO'. Join for working in the round. Place stitch marker to indicate beg of rnd, which will be mid back.

First, knit 1 rnd, and pM for better orientation for the upcoming shoulder increases:

Set-up rnd: k 26 (26) 26 (28) 28 (30) sts, pM, k 1 (= right shoulder), pM, k 51 (53) 53 (55) 57 (59), pM, k 1 (= left shoulder), pM, k 25 (27) 27 (27) 29 (29).

In next rnd, start increasing for sloped shoulder line. All increase techniques, i.e. left- and right leaning inc's, both knitwise and purlwise, are explained in more detail on page 5. **Per rnd, 4 sts** are increased.

Rnd 1: k to M, M1R knitwise, sM, k 1, sM, M1L knitwise, k to M, M1R knitwise, sM, k 1, sM, M1L knitwise, k to end of rnd (= 108 (112) 112 (116) 120 (124) sts).

Rep rnd 1 **8 (8) 8 (10) 10 (10)** more times. Including rnd 1, a total of **9 (9) 9 (11) 11 (11)** increase rnds are worked and there are **140 (144) 144 (156) 160 (164)** sts on the ndl. **69 (71) 71 (77) 79 (81)** sts per front and back part and **1 (1) 1 (1) 1 (1) st** each for right and left shoulder.

Next rnd will be a set-up rnd for the separation of front and back part:

Rnd 10 (10) 10 (12) 12 (12): k 34 (34) 34 (38) 38 (40), kfb (= knit into front and back of stitch), sM, k 1, rM, k 68 (70) 70 (76) 78 (80), kfb, sM, k 1, rM, k 34 (36) 36 (38) 40 (40).

There are now **142 (146) 146 (158) 162 (166)** sts on the ndl, divided into **71 (73) 73 (79) 81 (83) M** sts each for front and back with the help of stitch markers.

FRONT AND BACK

Now divide the work into front and back pieces for the armholes. To do this, first cut the working yarn at the beginning of the round, slip **36 (36) 36 (40) 40 (42)** sts of back part from LH ndl onto RH ndl without knitting them and rM. Then place the **71 (73) 73 (79) 81 (83)** back-sts on hold using a stitch holder.

Join yarn again at the RH side of front part and cont. working front part back and forth, starting with a RS row, as follows:

Row 1 (RS): k all sts.

Row 2 (WS): sl 2 sts purlwise (with yarn in front), purl to end of rnd.

Row 3 (RS): sl 2 sts purlwise (with yarn in back), k to end of rnd.

Row 4 (WS): sl 2 sts purlwise (with yarn in front), purl to end of rnd.

Rep rows 3 and 4 another **8 (18) 14 (14) 11 (9)** times, until (incl. rows 1 - 4) **40 (40) 32 (32) 26 (22)** rows have been worked.

Then start increasing for armhole shaping, as follows:

Row 1 (RS): sl 2 sts purlwise (with yarn in back), k 1, M1L knitwise, k to 3 sts before end of rnd, M1R knitwise, k 3 (= 73 (75) 75 (81) 83 (85)) sts.

Row 2 (WS): sl 2 sts purlwise (with yarn in front), purl to end of rnd.

Rep rows 1 and 2 another 6 (8) 12 (14) 19 (23) times, until (incl. rows 1 and 2) a total of 14 (18) 26 (30) 40 (48) rows have been worked. End with a WS row. There are now 85 (91) 99 (109) 121 (131) sts on the ndl. Work should now measure approx. 20 (21) 21 (22) 23 (24) cm / 7.9 (8.3) 8.3 (8.7) 9.1 (9.5)" measured from division of work. Cut yarn and place front sts on hold using a stitch holder.

Work **back** part in the same way as described for front part. Join yarn and work the 71 (73) 73 (79) 81 (83) back-sts back and forth as described above. Start with a RS row and end with a WS row. Do not cut yarn.

BODY

In next RS row, join **back and front** together. Start at back part, where the working yarn is located and work as follows:

Row 1 (RS): k84 (90) 98 (108) 120 (130) sts to 1 st before end of back part, kfb, then work front part: k84 (90) 98 (108) 120 (130) sts to 1 st before end of front part, kfb (= 172 (184) 200 (220) 244 (264) sts).

Join for working in the round and pM to indicate beg of rnd, which lies at the center of left underarm.

Cont. working the body in **st st in the round**, until top measures approx. 47 (49) 51 (54) 57 (60) cm / 18.5 (19.3) 20.1 (21.3) 22.4 (23.6)", or until desired length is reached.

Then BO all sts knitwise, working rather firmly so that the finishing edge is nice and stable.

FINISHING

Weave in all yarn ends. Be sure to **wash the top completely** and let it lie flat to dry. Washing gives the neckline a nicer shape and the top gets a better drape.

TERMS & EXPLANATIONS

Size-chart

To find the right size, you should first measure your chest circumference - the most important measurement for upper garments. Depending on your preferences, you can then decide whether the sweater should be loose and oversized, with plenty of room to move ('positive ease') or whether you'd rather have it a little more body-hugging. Sometimes it is advisable to measure another favorite upper garment to find the right size.

US sizes	XS	S	M	L	XL	XXL
EU sizes	32 - 34	36 - 38	40 - 42	44 - 46	48 - 50	52 - 54
Chest circumference in cm	74 - 81	82 - 89	90 - 97	98 - 107	108 - 117	118 - 127

Right leaning knitted bar increase (M1R knitwise)

Using left ndl tip, pick up the strand between 2 sts from back to front and knit this st. Here's a good tutorial:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=w2uZGTOQ1g4>

Left leaning knitted bar increase (M1L knitwise)

Using left ndl tip, pick up the strand between 2 sts from front to back and knit this stitch through back loop. Here's a good tutorial: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=w2uZGTOQ1g4>

ABBREVIATIONS

beg	=	begin(ning)
BO	=	bind off
circ.	=	circular
CO	=	cast on
cont.	=	continue
inc('s)	=	increase(s)
k	=	knit
kfb	=	knit into the front leg of the stitch and then knit into the back leg of the stitch
LH	=	left hand
M	=	marker
M1L knitwise	=	make 1 left leaning increase knitwise
M1R knitwise	=	make 1 right leaning increase knitwise
ndl(s)	=	needle(s)
p	=	purl
pM	=	place marker
rep	=	repeat
rM	=	remove stitch marker
RH	=	right hand
RS	=	right side
rnd(s)	=	round(s)
sl	=	slip
sM	=	slip marker
st(s)	=	stitch(es)
st st	=	stockinette st
wyif	=	with yarn in front
WS	=	wrong side
*	=	Repeat the instructions after the asterisk as many times as indicated