

# Stella top

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**SIZES** 2XS/XS/S/M/L/XL/2XL/3XL/4XL

Finished chest circumference: 22.5/27/31.5/36/40.5/45/49.5/54/58.5 in (57/69/80/91/103/114/126/137/149 cm)

Choose size with 2-8 in (5-20 cm) of negative ease.

Sample shown in size S on 35 in (90 cm) bust.

## **MATERIALS:**

- US 2 (2.75 mm) circular needles long enough for 'magic loop'
- stitch marker
- tapestry needle
- scrap yarn

**YARN:** Drops Safran (100% Cotton; 175 yards/160 meters per 50g) 3/3/4/4/5/5/6/7/8 balls or sport weight yarn to obtain gauge

**GAUGE:** 28 sts x 34 rows=10 cm/4 inches in stitch pattern after blocking

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Top is worked from the bottom up seamlessly.

## DIRECTIONS

CO 160/192/224/256/**288/320/352/384/416** sts ([tubular co](#) recommended), pm for BOR join to work in the round.

Work 10 rounds in 1x1 ribbing (k1, p1).

**Set-up round:** k1, p1, k3, p1, [k1, p1]x 3 times, k3, p1 repeat from the beginning

**Note:** you may work p1, k1, p1 sts through the back loop

Work 80 rounds in established pattern.

## FRONT

Work next 54/64/76/88/**100/112/124/136/148** sts in pattern back and forth for 10 rows, all remaining stitch place on scrap yarn.

## STRAPS

Work first strap over 12/14/16/18/**20/22/24/26/28** sts starting from the beginning of the front in established pattern for 40/42/44/46/**48/50/52/54/56** rows and work second strap over 12/14/16/18/**20/22/24/26/28** sts at the end of the front (place on scrap yarn remaining sts in the middle of the front).

**Note:** stitch pattern on straps do not match.

Place strap sts on scrap yarn.

Work two more straps from the back as follows:

Leave 26/32/36/40/**44/48/52/56/60** sts for the underarm on hold, work strap over next 12/14/16/18/**20/22/24/26/28** sts for 40/42/44/46/**48/50/52/54/56** rows, leaving remaining sts on hold. Work second strap symmetrically (leaving on hold 30/36/44/52/**60/68/76/84/92** sts for middle back and 26/32/36/40/**44/48/52/56/60** sts for second underarm).

Join front and back straps with [kitchener stitch](#).



With RS facing work over back sts in pattern, pick up and k 54/56/59/62/**64/67/70/72/75** sts (2 sts per 3 rows) at the inner side of left strap, work over front sts, pick up and k 54/56/59/62/**64/67/70/72/75** sts at the inner side of the right strap.

Join to work in the round and work [i-cord BO](#).

Work i-cords around armpits the same way (pick up 54/56/59/62/**64/67/70/72/75** sts from straps and work over underarm sts).

## FINISHING

Weave in all yarn ends. Wet block the top.

## ABBREVIATIONS

BOR – beginning of the round

CO/BO – cast on/bind off

St(s) – stitch(es)

RS/WS – right side/wrong side

k/p – knit/purl

pm – place marker



## FINISHED MEASUREMENTS (cm)

<b>a</b>	57	69	80	91	<b>103</b>	<b>114</b>	<b>126</b>	<b>137</b>	<b>149</b>
<b>b</b>	26	26	26	26	<b>26</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>26</b>
<b>c</b>	12	12	13	14	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>16</b>
<b>d</b>	12	14	16	19	<b>22</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>34</b>

## FINISHED MEASUREMENTS (in)

<b>a</b>	22.5	27.0	31.5	36.0	<b>40.5</b>	<b>45.0</b>	<b>49.5</b>	<b>54.0</b>	<b>58.5</b>
<b>b</b>	10.4	10.4	10.4	10.4	<b>10.4</b>	<b>10.4</b>	<b>10.4</b>	<b>10.4</b>	<b>10.4</b>
<b>c</b>	4.6	4.9	5.1	5.3	<b>5.6</b>	<b>5.8</b>	<b>6.0</b>	<b>6.3</b>	<b>6.5</b>
<b>d</b>	4.5	5.3	6.5	7.6	<b>8.7</b>	<b>9.8</b>	<b>11.0</b>	<b>12.1</b>	<b>13.2</b>