

# SUMMER SECRET CROP

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*A breezy, airy basic that you'll wear all summer long!*



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**SIZES:** XXS, XS (S, M, L, 1XL){2XL, 3XL, 4XL, 5XL} to fit bust measurement of:  
24-26, 28-30 (32-34, 36-38, 40-42, 44-46){48-50, 52-54, 56-58, 60-62}"

61-66, 71-76 (81-86, 91.5-96.5, 101.5-106.5, 111.5-117){122-127, 132-137, 142-147, 152-158}cm

Actual measurement of finished garment at bust:

24, 28 (32, 36, 40, 44){48, 52, 56, 60}"

61, 71 (81.5, 91.5, 101.5, 112){122, 132, 142, 152.5}cm

*To choose a size, take your bust measurement and subtract 0-2" [0-5cm]. Choose the finished garment measurement closest to this number.*

**Suggested Yarn:** Fingering yarn (held single,) \*or\* any yarn weight with which you are able to achieve gauge. You may also use DK or fingering held double for a less airy fabric.

**Suggested Needles:**

**Fingering:** US 7 – 4.5 mm 16-32" circular needles (Main Body)  
US 5 – 3.75 mm 16-32" circular needles (Hem)

**DK:** US 6 – 4.0 mm 16-32" circular needles (Main Body)  
US 4 – 3.5 mm 16-32" circular needles (Hem)

*Choose a circular circumference that is at least several inches shorter than the final circumference of the \*garment.\**

**Gauge:** 17sts & 29 rows per 4x4" square in stockinette stitch in the round & flat, blocked

**Yardage:** 175, 200 (238, 275, 313, 350){388, 425, 463, 500}yds  
160, 183 (218, 251, 286, 320){355, 388, 423, 452}m

**Techniques:** knitting in the round, bottom up, decreasing, holding stitches

**Construction:** Top knit from the bottom up.

**Materials:** Fingering yarn, circular needles, stitch markers, removable stitch markers, darning needle

Abbreviations
BO – bind off
BOR – beginning of round
CO – cast on
K– knit
K2tog – knit two together, a right leaning decrease: knit the next two sts together.
M1L – Make 1 Left: Pick up the bar between the stitch you just knit and the next stitch from front to back. Knit through the back of the stitch.
M1R – Make 1 Right: Pick up the bar between the stitch you just knit and the next stitch from back to front. Knit into the front this stitch.
P – purl
P2tog – left leaning (on the purl side) purl decrease. Purl the next two sts together
Rds - rounds
RS - right side
Sl1 – slip one st knitwise with yarn in back
Sl1pwyif – slip 1 purlwise with yarn in front
Ssk – slip slip knit, a left leaning decrease: slip one st knitwise, slip one st purlwise, knit both slipped stitches together through the back loop
Ssp – right leaning (on the purl side) purl decrease. Slip 1 st knitwise, slip another st knitwise. Return the two slipped sts to the left needle, then purl those two sts together through the back loop.
SM – sm
St - stitch
Sts – stitches
WS - wrong side

## Pattern

### Some notes before you begin:

- 1) You don't have to use scraps or multiple colors, and the pattern contains no instructions to do so. A solid will be beautiful, too (and you'll have fewer ends to weave!) I recommend scraps and stash yarn simply because I want to encourage people to knit from their stash right now.
- 2) If you do want to use scraps and wish to work even stripes, or if you want to alternate colors in matter that is even throughout the entire design, make sure you do so in round increments that are an even number (so every 2 or 4 or 6 rows,) because it will be easiest to alternate in even numbered row increments for the flat portion.

### Body

There are two body options for the top: one with waist shaping, and one without. Take care to make sure you are following the correct instructions for the option you wish you work. The top is intended to be fitted throughout, so I recommend waist increases, unless your waist and bust are about the same. In that case, I recommend working the top without waist increases.

Note that for either shaping option, you can knit the body as long as you want, but if you work waist shaping and want to elongate the body, you should also adjust your waist increase rate to include more rows between increase rounds in order to evenly distribute increases.

### Top with Waist Increases

***Begin here only if you wish to work the waist increase option. If you want to work the top without waist increases, skip forward to the section titled "Top without Waist Increases."***

On smaller needles using a stretchy cast-on method (I like the Old Norwegian/German Twisted Cast-On,) CO **94, 108 (120, 134, 154, 168){188, 194, 210, 212}** sts. Join for working in the round, making sure not to twist sts, and place marker for BOR. This also marks the left side of the top.

### 1x1 Ribbed Bottom Hem

Work \*k1,p1\* ribbing for **1"/2.5cm**, approximately 7 rds.

After completing the ribbing, knit one round.

### Bust Increases

Switch to larger needles. Knit **48, 54 (60, 68, 78, 84){94, 98, 106, 106}** sts, place marker for right side, knit **46, 54 (60, 66, 76, 84){94, 96, 104, 106}** sts to BOR.

\*Knit every round for **2.5, 1.5 (1.5, 1, 1.75, 1.5){2, 1, 1.25, 0.75}"/[6.5, 4 (4, 2.5, 4.5, 4){5, 2.5, 3, 2}cm]**.

Waist increase round: k1, m1l, knit to 1 st before right side marker, m1r, k1, sm, k1, m1l, k to 1 st before BOR, m1r, k1. [4 sts inc.]\*

Repeat from \* to \* **1, 2 (3, 4, 3, 4){3, 6, 6, 10}** \*more\* times. You should have **102, 120 (136, 154, 170, 188){204, 222, 238, 256}** sts.

Continue to knit in the round for an additional **0, 1 (0, 1.5, 0, 0){0, 1.5, 0.25, 0.75}"/[0, 2.5 (0, 4, 0, 0){0, 4, 0.5, 2}cm]**, until body measures **6, 6.5 (7, 7.5, 8, 8.5){9, 9.5, 10, 10}"/[15, 16.5 (18, 19, 20.5, 21.5){23, 24, 25.5, 25.5}cm]** from cast on edge, or preferred length, noting that you will be adding an additional inch of length in the next step. You may want to try the tube on at this point to check length.

Continue to section titled "1x1 Ribbed Back Band."

### Top without Waist Increases

On smaller needles using a stretchy cast-on method (I like the Old Norwegian/German Twisted Cast-On,) CO **102, 120 (136, 154, 170, 188){204, 222, 238, 256}** sts. Join for working in the round, making sure not to twist sts, and place marker for BOR. This also marks the left side of the top.

### 1x1 Ribbed Bottom Hem

On smaller needles, work \*k1,p1\* ribbing for **1"/2.5cm**, approximately 7 rds.

After completing the ribbing, knit one round.

### Main Body

Switch to larger needles and knit all rounds until body measures **6, 6.5 (7, 7.5, 8, 8.5){9, 9.5, 10, 10}"/[15, 16.5 (18, 19, 20.5, 21.5){23, 24, 25.5,**

**25.5}cm]** from cast on edge, or preferred length, noting that you will be adding an additional inch of length in the next step. You may want to try the tube on at this point to check length.

### 1x1 Ribbed Back Band

Knit **52, 60 (68, 78, 86, 94){102, 112, 120, 128}** sts to right marker (if you didn't work waist increases, place a marker here now to mark the right side of the garment,) then work \*k1,p1\* ribbing for remaining sts until BOR.

Repeat this round until ribbed back band measures 1". Total body length should be **7, 7.5 (8, 8.5, 9, 9.5){10, 10.5, 11, 11}"/[18, 19 (20.5, 21.5, 23, 24){25.5, 26.5, 28, 28}cm]**.

### Back Bind-Off

Knit to right side marker, sm, then loosely bind off all sts in pattern until you reach the BOR marker. Remove BOR marker and BO one more st. Sl remaining stitch on right needle to left needle. **52, 60 (68, 78, 86, 94){102, 112, 120, 128}** sts for front.

### Front Shaping

We will now be working decreases at each edge to shape the front. This silhouette may look familiar to you :o) Note that the final stitch count is not crucial here; you can decrease to as many or as few stitches as you want, and knit the neckline as high as you would like. If you plan on wearing your top with an undergarment like a bra, you may want to decrease to a width that will align with your bra straps. Your call! I encourage you to try the garment on often to get the right fit for you.

### Sizes XXS ONLY

Row 1 (RS): Sl1, k1, p1, k1, p1, ssk, k to last 7 sts, k2tog, p1, k1, p1, k1, sl1. [2 sts dec.]

Row 2 (WS): P2, k1, p1, k1, p to last 5 sts, k1, p1, k1, p2.

Row 3 (RS): Sl1, k1, p1, k1, p1, k to last 5 sts, p1, k1, p1, k1, sl1.

Row 4 (WS): Repeat row 2.

Row 5 (RS): Repeat row 3.

Row 6 (WS): Repeat row 2.

Repeat rows 1-6 **3** more times. [44 sts remain.]

Repeat rows 3-4 **2** more times, or until front panel reaches desired length.

Continue to “All sizes continue.”

### Size XS Only

Row 1 (RS): Sl1, k1, p1, k1, p1, ssk, k to last 7 sts, k2tog, p1, k1, p1, k1, sl1.

[2 sts dec.]

Row 2 (WS): P2, k1, p1, k1, p to last 5 sts, k1, p1, k1, p2.

Row 3 (RS): Sl1, k1, p1, k1, p1, k to last 5 sts, p1, k1, p1, k1, sl1.

Row 4 (WS): Repeat row 2.

Repeat rows 1-4 **6** more times. [46 sts remain.]

Repeat rows 3-4 **1** more time, or until front panel reaches desired length.

Continue to “All sizes continue.”

### Sizes (S, M, L){1X} Only

Row 1 (RS): Sl1, k1, p1, k1, p1, ssk, k to last 7 sts, k2tog, p1, k1, p1, k1, sl1.

[2 sts dec.]

Row 2 (WS): P2, k1, p1, k1, p to last 5 sts, k1, p1, k1, p2.

Repeat rows 1-2 **(9, 13, 16){19}** more times. [(48, 50, 52){54} sts remain].

Row 3 (RS): Sl1, k1, p1, k1, p1, k to last 5 sts, p1, k1, p1, k1, sl1.

Row 4 (WS): P2, k1, p1, k1, p to last 5 sts, k1, p1, k1, p2.

Repeat rows 3-4 **(5, 0, 0){13}** more times, or until front panel reaches desired length.

Continue to “All Sizes Continue.”

### Sizes {2X, 3X, 4X, 5X} Only

Row 1 (RS): Sl1, k1, p1, k1, p1, ssk, k to last 7 sts, k2tog, p1, k1, p1, k1, sl1. [2 sts dec.]

Row 2 (WS): P2, k1, p1, k1, p2tog, p to last 7 sts, ssp, k1, p1, k1, p2.[2 st dec.]

Repeat rows 1-2 **{11, 13, 14, 16}** more times. [{54, 56, 60, 60} sts remain.]

Row 3 (RS): Sl1, k1, p1, k1, p1, k to last 5 sts, p1, k1, p1, k1, sl1.

Row 4 (WS): P2, k1, p1, k1, p to last 5 sts, k1, p1, k1, p2.

Repeat rows 3-4 **{13, 12, 11, 11}** more times, or until front panel reaches desired length.

### All Sizes Continue

#### Front Bind-Off & Right Strap

We will now hold sts for the left strap, bind off the upper front, and begin the right strap.

Row 1 (RS): Ssk, sl1pwyif, k1, sl1pwyif, k1, sl1pwyif. Transfer the 6 sts on your right needle onto a stitch holder (I like to use a small removable marker for this.) BO all sts until you have 6 sts on your left needle and 1 st on your right, k1, p1, k1, p1, k2tog. Turn. Row 2 (WS): \*Sl1pwyif, k1\* to end. Turn.

Repeat row 2 until strap reaches desired length. Note that you can work either halter style straps that tie at the back of your neck, straps that you will sew to the back bind off edge of your top, or straps that tie at each shoulder. The length of the straps will depend on the option you choose, and your shoulder height. This measurement varies a lot by person and by the fit you want, so please try on to get the right fit for you!

As a general guideline, I recommend straps that are at least 10”/25cm stretched fully for straight straps that attach at the back, or 13”/33 cm for crisscross straps that attach at the back, or halter straps. Once strap reaches desired length, bind off in \*k1,p1\*.

#### Left Strap

With the wrong side facing , place the left strap sts back on needles to be worked.

Row 1 (WS): \*k1, sl1pwyif\* to end of row. Turn.

Repeat row 1 until strap is same length as right strap. Bind off in \*k1,p1\*.

## Finishing

If you are working the halter option, congrats! You are finished!

If you want to attach your straps, sew them to the back bind off edge about 4-6" [10-15cm] apart with fabric stretched, depending on your preference.

You can also work straps that tie at the shoulder by picking up 6 stitches from the back bind off for each strap, and repeating the \*k1,s1pwyif\* i-cord row until each of the straps is long enough to tie to the front strap at the shoulder.

Weave in any ends, taking care to tighten up any loose sts as you do so. Wet block to preferred measurements. Wear it if you like it! Frog it if you don't!

## Schematic



"	XXS	XS	S	M	L	1X	2X	3X	4X	5X
a	24	28	32	36	40	44	48	52	56	60
b	23	25	28	32	36	40	44	46	49	50
c	3.75	4.25	4.5	4.75	5	5.5	5.5	5.5	5.5	5.5
d	10.5	11	11.5	12	12	12.5	12.5	13	14	14
e	7	7.5	8	8.5	9	9.5	10	10.5	11	11

cm	XXS	XS	S	M	L	1X	2X	3X	4X	5X
a	61	71	81.5	91.5	101.5	112	122	132	142	152.5
b	58.5	63.5	71	81.5	91.5	101.5	112	117	124.5	127
c	9.5	11	11.5	12	12.5	14	14	14	14	14
d	26.5	28	29	30.5	30.5	32	32	33	35.5	35.5
e	18	19	20.5	21.5	23	24	25.5	26.5	28	28

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