

Terra



10 Sizes

knitting pattern





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About

The Terra Texture Top is an all-over textured top that comes in two versions! Version 1 has garter stitch with center lace panels, whilst version 2 has stockinette with center ridge texture panels.

The Terra is worked top-down and started from the front. Each armhole is shaped with increases. Stitches are then cast on for the back and worked in the same manner.

The front and back are joined together and worked in the round to a cropped length. An i-cord is applied to each cast-on edge. Version 1 of the top features long I-cord ties that are adjustable and to be tied through the loops on the back. Version 2 of the top features a small back opening with a tie. Both versions have a higher front than back.

Skill

2/5. Increasing, decreasing. Basic texture chart. I-cords.

Gauge

19 sts x 28 rows = 10 cm | 4 inch.

Using 4 mm | US 6 needles, measured in texture front.

Needles

4 mm | US 6 needles.



Measurements

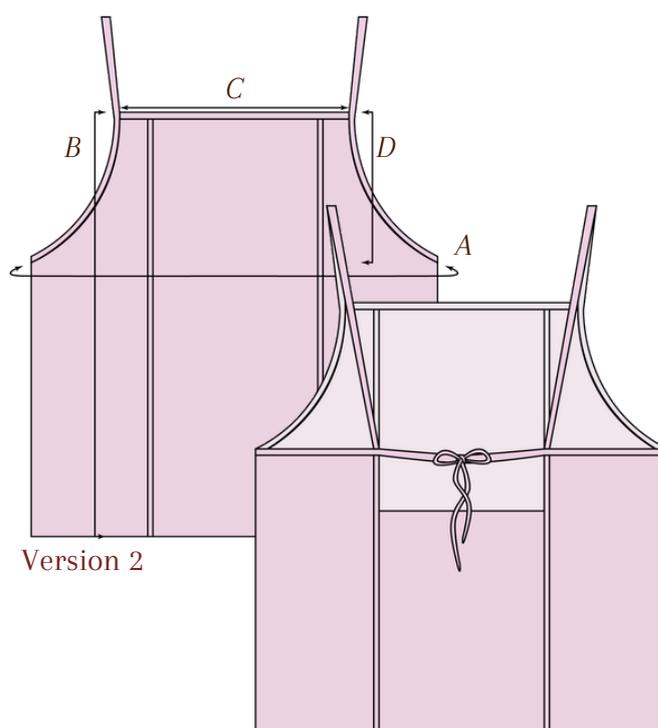
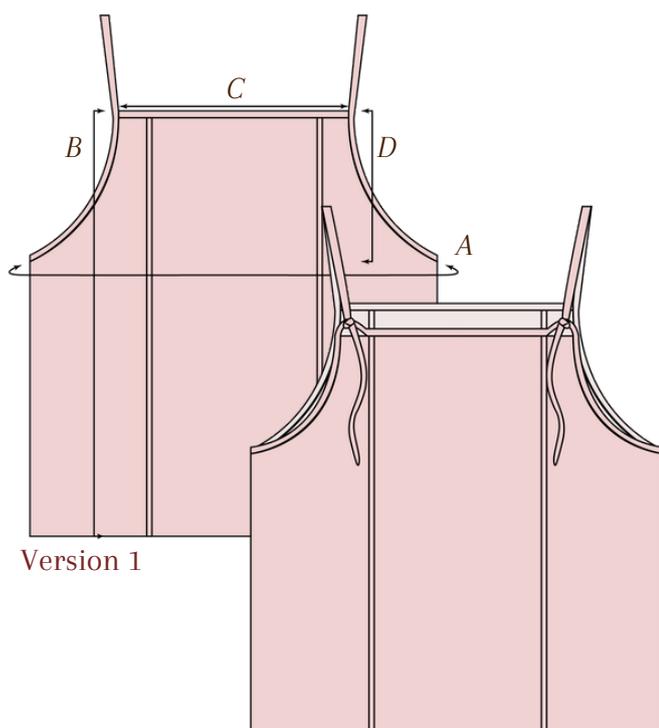
Size	Recommended chest circumference	A Finished chest circumference	B Length	C Front width	D Armhole depth
XXS	67-75.5 26.5-29.75	73 29	35 13.75	18 7	13 5
XS	78-86.5 30.75-34	84 33	36 14.25	19 7.5	13 5
S	87.5-96 34.5-37.75	93.5 36.75	37 14.5	20.5 8	13.5 5.25
M	98-106.5 38.5-42	104 41	38 15	21.5 8.5	15 6
L	107.5-116 42.25-45.75	113.5 44.75	39 15.25	22 8.75	16 6.25
XL	118-126.5 46.5-49.75	124 48.75	40 15.75	23 9	16.5 6.5
2XL	126.5-135 49.75-53.25	132.5 52.25	41 16.25	24 9.5	17.5 7
3XL	137-145.5 54-57.25	143 56.25	42 16.5	25.5 10	18 7
4XL	146.5-155 57.75-61	152.5 60	43 17	27 10.75	19.5 7.75
5XL	157-165.5 61.75-65.25	163 64.25	44 17.25	28 11	20.5 8

cm | inch

Sizing

(XXS, XS) S, M, L (XL, 2XL, 3XL) 4XL, 5XL

Choose a size that will give you a positive ease of 0-6 cm | 0-2.25 inch up to a negative ease of 2.5 cm | 1 inch.



Yarn Requirements

1 strand dk or worsted weight yarn.

Version 1 | Concept by Katia Cotton in Love c. 55 (115 m | 126 yds, 50g)

Version 2 | Drops Cotton Merino c. 32 (110 m | 120 yds, 50g)

Meterage

(350, 410) 465, 530, 590 (660, 720, 790) 860, 925 m |

(380, 450) 510, 580, 645 (720, 785, 865) 940, 1010 yds of dk weight yarn.

Grams

(150, 180) 200, 230, 255 (285, 315, 345) 375, 405 g of dk weight yarn.

Notions

Tapestry needle, 12 removable stitch markers, scrap yarn.

Abbreviations

approx. | approximately

bef | before

BO | bind off

BOR | beginning of round

CO | cast on

inc'd | increased

k | knit

k2tog | knit 2 stitches together = 1 st dec'd.

LH | left hand

m | marker

m1L | insert LH needle from front to back below the horizontal bar between 2 stitches and knit through back loop = 1 st inc'd.

m1Lp | insert LH needle from front to back below the horizontal bar between 2 stitches and purl through back loop = 1 st inc'd.

m1R | insert LH needle from back to front below the horizontal bar between 2 stitches and knit = 1 st inc'd.

m1Rp | insert LH needle from back to front below the horizontal bar between 2 stitches and purl = 1 st inc'd.

p | purl

pm | place m

rep | repeat

RH | right hand

RS | right side

sl wyib | slip a stitch as if to purl with yarn in back

sl wyif | slip a stitch as if to purl with yarn in front

sm | slip marker

ssk | slip 2 stitches as if to knit, knit together through the back loop by inserting the LH needle into the front = 1 st dec'd.

st(s) | stitch(es)

WS | wrong side

wyib | with yarn in back

wyif | with yarn in front

yo | yarn over

Charts

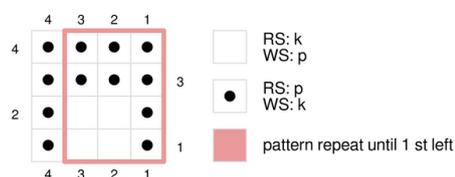
Chart B is worked flat whilst working the back & front section of the pattern.

In these sections chart B is read from right to left on RS rows and left to right on WS rows.

In the body section of the pattern the top is joined in the round. Read chart B from right to left on every round.

The last stitch (column 4) is an edge stitch to make the pattern symmetrical.

Chart B



Let's Create

Front

Using 4 mm | US 6 needles CO (34, 36) 39, 41, 42 (44, 46, 48) 51, 53 sts using the longtail CO method.

Set-up (WS): p3, pm, *p (1, 2) 2, 3, 2 (3, 4, 5) 5, 6 sts*, pm, sl2 wyif, pm, [k1, p2] (7, 7) 8, 8, 9 (9, 9, 9) 10, 10 times, k1, pm, sl2 wyif, pm, rep from *-*, pm, sl3 wyif.

Next, we are going to work a garter motif in the center of the top with stockinette stitch on each side.

The first and last 3 sts are I-cord sts and worked simultaneously with the rest of the top. **Start chart B from row 3.**

Work as follows

Row 1 (RS): k3, sm, k to m, sm, k2, sm, chart B to m, sm, k2, sm, k to m, sm, sl3 wyib.

Row 2 (WS): p3, sm, p to m, sm, sl2 wyif, sm, chart B to m, sm, sl2 wyif, sm, p to m, sm, sl3 wyif.

Work rows 1-2 above a total of (4, 3) 3, 3, 3 (2, 2, 2) 2, 2 times.

Now we will shape the armholes of the top with increases. *Follow the correct section for your size!*

Armhole shaping section 1 | Sizes XXS, XS, S and L only

Row 1 (RS): k3, sm, k1, m1L, *k (0, 1) 1, -, 1 (-, -, -) -, -*, sm, k2, sm, chart B to m, sm, k2, sm, rep from *-*, m1R, k1, sm, sl3 wyib = 2 sts inc'd.

Row 2 (WS): p3, sm, p to m, sm, sl2 wyif, sm, chart B to m, sm, sl2 wyif, sm, p to m, sm, sl3 wyif.

Row 3: k3, sm, k1, m1L, k to m, sm, k2, sm, chart B to m, sm, k2, sm, k to 1 st bef m, m1R, k1, sm, sl3 wyib = 2 sts inc'd.

Row 4: p3, sm, p to m, sm, sl2 wyif, sm, chart B to m, sm, sl2 wyif, sm, p to m, sm, sl3 wyif.

Work rows 1-4 once. Then, repeat rows 3-4 a total of (9, 7) 6, -, 6 (-, -, -) -, - times.

There are (56, 54) 55, -, 58 (-, -, -) -, - sts on the needles.

Armhole shaping section 1 | Sizes M, XL, 2XL, 3XL, 4XL & 5XL only

Row 1 (RS): k3, sm, k1, m1L, k to m, sm, k2, sm, chart B to m, sm, k2, sm, k to 1 st bef m, m1R, k1, sm, sl3 wyib = 2 sts inc'd.

Row 2 (WS): p3, sm, p to m, sm, sl2 wyif, sm, chart B to m, sm, sl2 wyif, sm, p to m, sm, sl3 wyif.

Work rows 1-2 above a total (-, -) -, - (7, 7, 6) 6, 6 times. There are (-, -) -, 57, - (58, 60, 60) 63, 65 sts on the needles.

Armhole shaping section 2 | All sizes

Row 1 (RS): k3, sm, k1, m1L, k to m, sm, k2, sm, chart B to m, sm, k2, sm, k to 1 st bef m, m1R, k1, sm, sl3 wyib = 2 sts inc'd.

Row 2 (WS): p3, sm, p1, m1Rp, p to m, sm, sl2 wyif, sm, chart B to m, sm, sl2 wyif, sm, k to 2 sts bef m, m1Lp, p1, sm, sl3 wyif = 2 sts inc'd.

Work rows 1-2 above a total of (3, 6) 7, 9, 11 (13, 15, 17) 18, 20 times.

Sizes S, M, XL, 4XL and 5XL only: work row 1 once more. Then, work row 2 without increases.

There are (68, 78) 85, 95, 102 (112, 120, 128) 137, 147 sts on the needles.

Note down the final row finished of chart B.

The front measures approx. (13, 13) 13.5, 15, 16 (16.5, 17.5, 18) 19.5, 20.5 cm | (5, 5) 5.25, 6, 6.25 (6.5, 7, 7) 7.75, 8 inch measured in the center lace from the CO edge.

Back opening

Next, we will cast on sts for each back panel to create a small back opening.

Firstly, place the first and last 3 I-cord sts on hold using scrap yarn. Remove the markers that were separating these I-cord sts.

CO (29, 34) 38, 43, 47 (52, 56, 62) 65, 70 sts on your LH needle using the the cable CO method (tutorial [here](#)).

Row 1 (RS): k across front to m, sm, k2, sm, chart B to m, sm, k2, k to end. Turn work to WS and CO (29, 34) 38, 43, 47 (52, 56, 62) 65, 70 sts using the cable CO method.

Row 2 (WS): sl3 wyif, p across new sts, p to m, sm ,sl2 wyif, sm, chart B to m, sm, sl2 wyif, sm, p to 3 sts left, sl3 wyif.

There are (120, 140) 155, 175, 190 (210, 226, 246) 261, 281 sts on the needles.

We will continue working the front in the established pattern whilst working the new sts in stockinette.

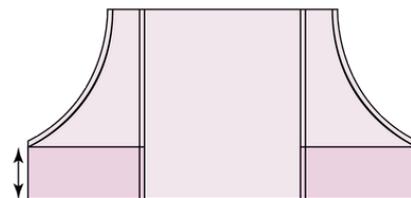
The first and last 3 sts are I-cord sts and worked simultaneously with the rest of the top.

Continue as follows

Row 1 (RS): k to m, sm, k2, sm, chart B to m, sm, k2, k to end.

Row 2 (WS): sl3 wyif, p to m, sm, sl2 wyif, sm, chart B to m, sm, sl2 wyif, sm, p to 3 sts left, sl3 wyif.

Work rows 1-2 above until the back as **illustrated** measures approx. 5 cm | 2 inch or as desired and ending with a WS row.



Body

Now we will cast on new sts to start working in the round.

Work as follows

Row 1 (RS): k2tog, k1, pm, k to m, sm, k2, sm, chart B to m, sm, k2, k to 3 sts left, pm, k1, ssk = 2 sts dec'd.

Continue row 1 (RS): pm, CO (22, 22) 25, 25, 28 (28, 28, 28) 31, 31 sts using the cable CO method, place BOR m.

There are (140, 160) 178, 198, 216 (236, 252, 272) 290, 310 sts on the needles. The new sts for the center back are worked in chart B. Start with the same row that you are working on the front. **Note:** chart B is now worked in the round – always read from right to left.

Continue as follows

Round 1: sl2 wyib, sm, *k to m, sm, sl2 wyib, sm, chart B to m*, sm, sl2 wyib, sm, rep from *-*.

Round 2: k2, sm, *k to m, sm, k2, sm, chart B to m*, sm, k2, sm, rep from *-*.

Work in established pattern in the round as above until the work measures (22, 23) 23.5, 23, 23 (23.5, 23.5, 24) 23.5, 23.5 cm | (8.75, 9) 9.25, 9, 9 (9.25, 9.25, 9.5) 9.25, 9.25 inch measured from the underarm or as desired and ending with a even number of chart B rows. BO sts purlwise.

Underarm I-cords & ties

Next, we will continue working the I-cord sts along each underarm whilst working the back ties.

The left side (when worn) is started from casting on I-cord sts and then attaching them starting from the left back.

The right side (when worn) is started from the I-cord sts on the right front and worked towards the right back.

Left side

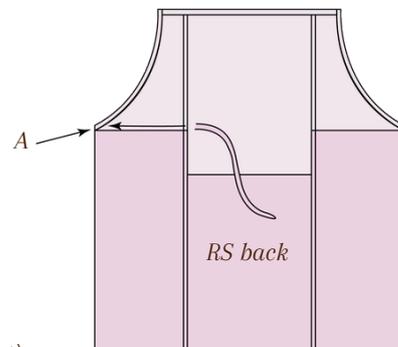
Work as follows

- CO 3 sts on your RH needle using the longtail CO method using 4 mm | US 6 needles.
- Slip the 3 sts to your LH needle as if to purl.
- K3.

Repeat steps 2-3 until the I-cord measures approx. 30.5 cm | 12 inch without stretching.

Continue as follows

- Slip the 3 sts to your LH needle as if to purl.
- K2, slip the next st as if to knit.
- Pick up and knit 1 st from the back underarm (*pick up rate: 1 st from every underarm CO st*).
- Work the slipped st together with the picked up st by knitting them together through the backloop.



Repeat steps 1-4 until you reach the 3 I-cord sts that were placed on hold on the left front at *point A* as **illustrated**.

Break yarn. Graft the two I-cords together using the Kitchener stitch.

Right side

Work as follows

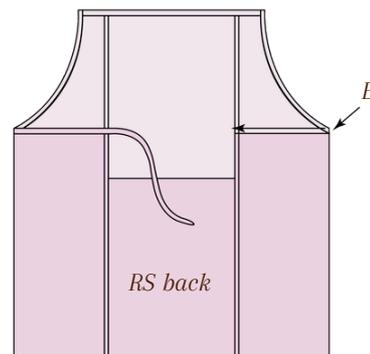
- Place the 3 I-cord sts at *point B* as **illustrated** back on the LH needle using 4 mm | US 6 needles.
- K2, slip the next st as if to knit.
- Pick up and knit 1 st from the underarm (*pick up rate: 1 st from every underarm CO st*).
- Work the slipped st together with the picked up st by knitting them together through the backloop.
- Slip the 3 sts back to the LH needle as if to purl.

Repeat steps 2-5 until you reach the end of the CO sts.

Continue as follows

- K3.
- Slip the 3 sts to your LH needle as if to purl.

Repeat steps 1-2 until the I-cord measures approx. 30.5 cm | 12 inch without stretching. BO sts knitwise.



Front neckline I-cord

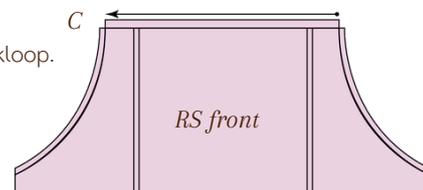
We will work an applied I-cord along the CO edge of the front neckline starting after the 3 I-cord sts and stopping before the 3 I-cord sts on the other side as [illustrated](#).

The 3 I-cord sts from the underarm on each side need to remain free to be used in the next step of adding the shoulder straps.

Work as follows

1. CO 3 sts on your RH needle using the longtail CO method using 4 mm | US 6 needles.
2. Slip the 3 sts on your LH needle as if to purl.
3. K2, slip the next st as if to knit.
4. Pick up and knit 1 st from the CO edge (*pick up rate: pick up and knit from every st*).
5. Work the slipped st together with the picked up st by knitting them together through the backloop.
6. Slip the 3 sts back to the LH needle as if to purl.

Repeat steps 3-6 until the applied I-cord has reached *point C* as [illustrated](#).
BO sts knitwise.

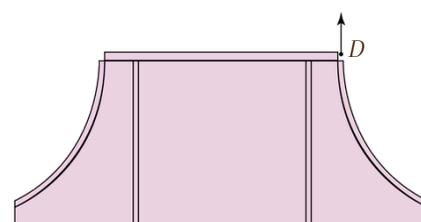


Shoulder strap | Left side

Finally, we will attach the shoulder strap on the left shoulder (when worn).

Work as follows

1. Pick up and knit 3 sts from the I-cord at *point D* as [illustrated](#) using 4 mm | US 6 needles.
2. Slip the 3 sts to your LH needle as if to purl.
3. K2, slip the next st as if to knit.
4. Pick up and knit 1 st from the front I-cord working from the bottom to the top (so starting at the CO edge).
5. Work the slipped st together with the picked up st by knitting them together through the backloop.
6. Work steps 2-5 a total of 3 times.

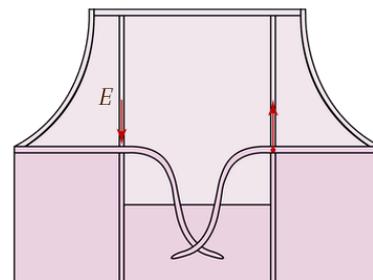


Continue as follows

1. Slip the 3 sts to your LH needle as if to purl.
2. K2, kfb = 1 st inc'd.
3. Slip the 4 sts to your LH needle as if to purl.
4. K4.

Repeat steps 3-4 until the I-cord measures approx. (24, 24.5) 25, 26.5, 27.5 (28, 29, 29.5) 30.5, 32 cm | (9.5, 9.75) 9.75, 10.5, 10.75 (11, 11.5, 11.5) 12, 12.5 inch without stretching.

Break yarn. Graft the two I-cords together at *point E* as [illustrated](#) using the Kitchener stitch.



Shoulder strap | Right side

The shoulder strap on the right shoulder is worked in the opposite direction.

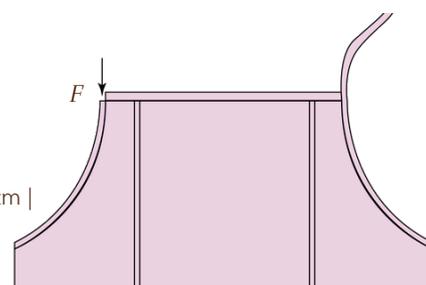
Work as follows

1. Pick up and knit 4 sts from the I-cord at *point F* as [illustrated](#) using 4 mm | US 6 needles.
2. Slip the 4 sts to your LH needle as if to purl.
3. K4.

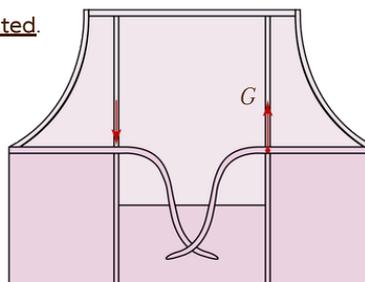
Repeat steps 2-3 until the I-cord measures approx. (24, 24.5) 25, 26.5, 27.5 (28, 29, 29.5) 30.5, 32 cm | (9.5, 9.75) 9.75, 10.5, 10.75 (11, 11.5, 11.5) 12, 12.5 inch without stretching.

Continue as follows

1. Slip the 4 sts to your LH needle as if to purl.
2. K2, slip the next 2 sts as if to knit.
3. Pick up and knit 1 st from the front I-cord working from the top edge to the bottom (so ending at the CO edge).
4. Work the 2 slipped sts together with the picked up st by knitting them together through the backloop = 1 st dec'd.
5. Slip the 3 sts to your LH needle as if to purl.
6. K2, slip the next st as if to knit.
7. Pick up and knit 1 st from the front I-cord.
8. Work the slipped st together with the picked up st by knitting them together through the backloop.
9. Work steps 5-8 once more.
10. Slip the 3 sts to your LH needle as if to purl.



Graft the two I-cords together using the Kitchener stitch at *point G* as illustrated.



Finishing

Weave in all ends.

Block the top to desired measurements.

And enjoy!



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