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## The Super Basic Tee

### Description

The Super Basic Tee is an oversized and slightly cropped t-shirt. It is worked from the top down in stockinette stitch. First the back is worked with increases until the needed width is reached, then you work flat until you reach the armholes. Next the fronts are worked separately by picking up stitches along the shoulders, increases are forming the neckline until the two parts can be joined. As soon as the armholes are reached, the front and the back can be joined to work in rounds until the body has the desired length. Then the neckline is worked by picking up stitches from the wrong side to work stockinette stitch in rounds and to be folded and sewn down on the right side. The sleeves are worked by picking up stitches along the armholes and knitted in rounds with some decreases.



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## Difficulty

Intermediate

## Sizes

1 / (2) / 3 / (4) / 5

## Size Guide

The tee should have a positive ease of 25-30 cm.  
Measure yourself to choose the right size.

### Recommendation:

If your bust is 81 cm or less, I suggest size 1

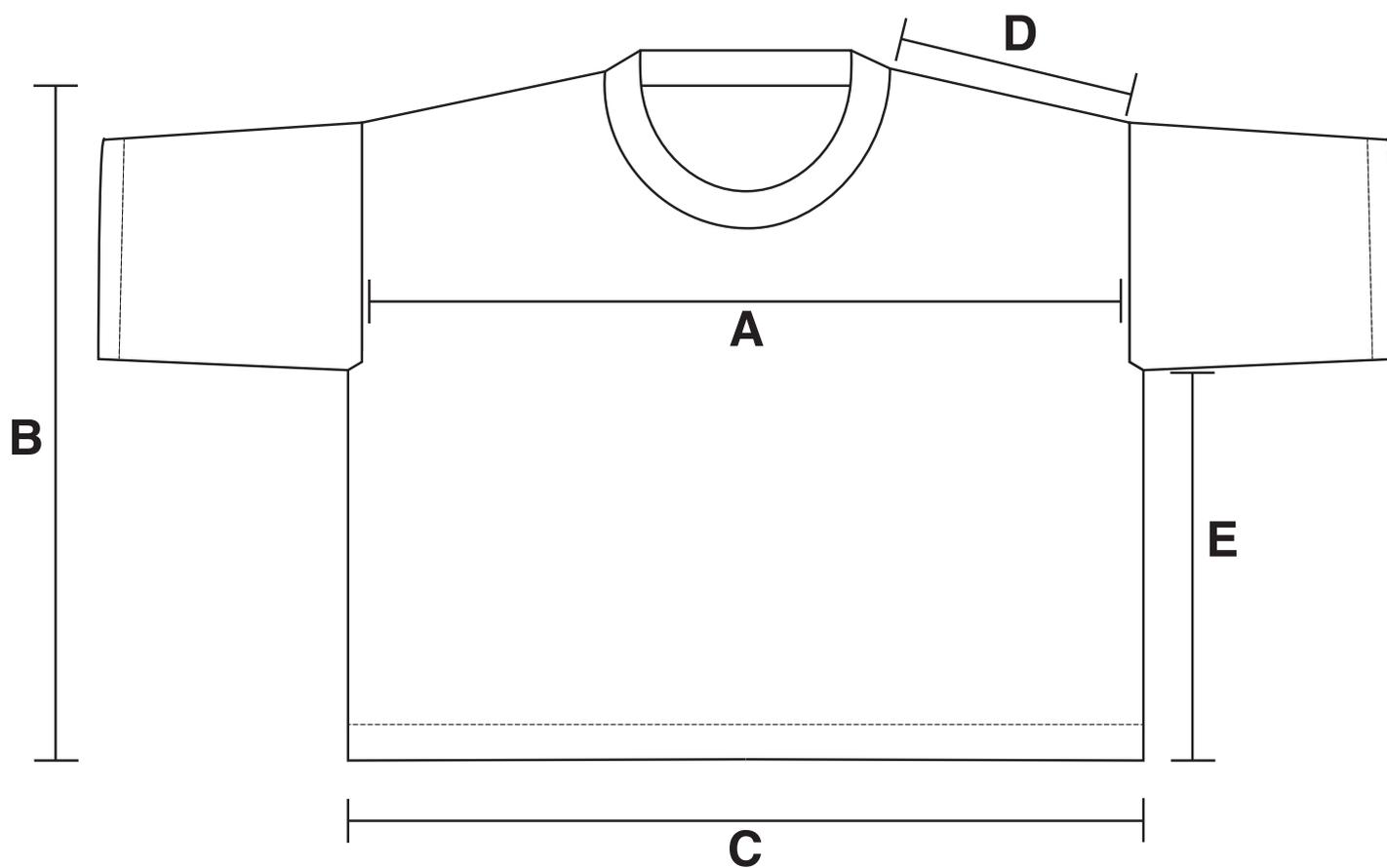
If your bust is 82 - 88 cm I suggest size 2

If your bust is 89 - 97 cm I suggest size 3

If your bust is 98 - 104 cm I suggest size 4

If your bust is 105 - 118 cm I suggest size 5

## Finished Measurements



### **A**

Bust: 54 / (56) / 58 / (62) / 64 cm

### **B**

Length (without neckline): 55 / (56) / 57,5 / (59) / 60,5 cm

### **C**

Width body: 55 / (57) / 59 / (64) / 66 cm

### **D**

Shoulder: 20,5 / (21) / 22 / (23) / 24,5 cm

### **E**

Length under arm: 28 / (28) / 28 / (28) / 28 cm

## **Gauge**

Stockinette stitch on 3 mm needles after washing and blocking:  
30 sts / 37 rows for a square of 10 x 10 cm.

## **Needles**

2 mm circular needles  
2,5 mm circular needles  
3 mm circular needles  
3,5 mm double pointed needle

stitch markers  
tapestry needle  
pins

## **Suggested Yarn**

Knitting for Olive Merino 50g / 250m  
250g / (300g) / 300g / (350g) 350g

Colour of the light tee shown on the fotos is Cream.

Woolfolk Yarn Tynd 50g / 204m  
300g / (300 g) / 350 g / (350 g) 400 g

Colour of the dusty pink tee is no. 18.

### **Note:**

If you would like to use a yarn with less elasticity like Knitting for Olive's Pure Silk, I recommend to use 2,5 mm neddles instead of 3 mm.

## Abbreviations

st/ sts - stitch/ stitches

RS/ WS - Right Side / Wrong Side

k - knit

p - purl

M1L - Make 1 Left (left-leaning increase)

M1R - Make 1 Right (right-leaning increase)

M1LP - Make 1 Left Purl (left-leaning increase)

M1RP - Make 1 Right Purl (right-leaning increase)

K2TOG - Knit Two Together (right-leaning decrease)

P2TOG - Purl Two Together (right-leaning decrease)

SSK - Slip, Slip, Knit (left-leaning decrease)

BOR - Beginning Of Round

SM - Stitch Marker

## Techniques

**M1R** - Lift with the right-hand needle the strand between the stitch you just knitted and the one you are about to knit from the back and place it on your left needle. Insert the tip of your right needle knitwise into the front leg and knit as usual.

**M1L** - Lift with the right-hand needle the strand between the stitch you just knitted and the one you are about to knit from the front and place it on your left needle. Insert the tip of your right needle knitwise into the back leg and knit as usual.

**M1RP - WS:** Lift with the right-hand needle the strand between the stitch you just purlled and the one you are about to purl from the back and place it on your left needle. Insert the tip of your right needle purl wise into the front leg and purl as usual.

**M1LP - WS:** Lift with the right-hand needle the strand between the stitch you just purlled and the one you are about to purl from the front and place it on your left needle. Insert the tip of your right needle purl wise into the back leg and purl through the back loop.

**SSK** - insert your right hand needle knitwise as if you want to knit, but you don't, you just slip the stitch on your needle. the following stitch you slip, too but you insert the needle purlwise (from the back of the stitch) and slip the stitch on the right hand needle. Next you insert the left hand needle through both slipped stitches and knit them.

## Videos

K2TOG and SSK in the round:

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MhdAY6Hmq\\_o](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MhdAY6Hmq_o)

You will need these techniques for the decreases to shape the sleeves and to shape the bottom of your tee.

Pinning the neckline before sewing on:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IEPMWt9Jjl8>

Sewing on the neckline:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=q99RnhCcKHg>

Sewing on the hem:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5RZ6GuPoZnQ>

**Note:**

If there is a technique you are not sure about and would like to see a video, you can check my YouTube channel, if there is already a video or send me an email to [hello.ohwhataknit@gmail.com](mailto:hello.ohwhataknit@gmail.com)

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<https://www.youtube.com/@ohwhataknit.tutorials>

## Let's go



### The back.

The back is worked back and forth in stockinette stitch using 3 mm circular needles with increases on both sides to form the shoulders (on the right (RS) AND on the wrong side (WS) of your work).

Cast on 46 / (48) / 48 / (50) / 50 sts on 3 mm circular needles (80 or 100 cm) and purl the first row.

RS: k1, M1L, k to last st, M1R, k1

WS: p1, M1LP, p to last st, M1RP, p1

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Repeat these two rows a total of 29 / (30) / 32 / (34) / 36 times until there are 162 / (168) / 176 / (186) / 194 sts on the needles.

RS: knit across

WS: purl across

Repeat these two rows a total of 20 / (21) / 22 / (22) / 23 times until you have worked 40 / (42) / 44 / (44) / 46 rows. .

Now work increases for the armholes:

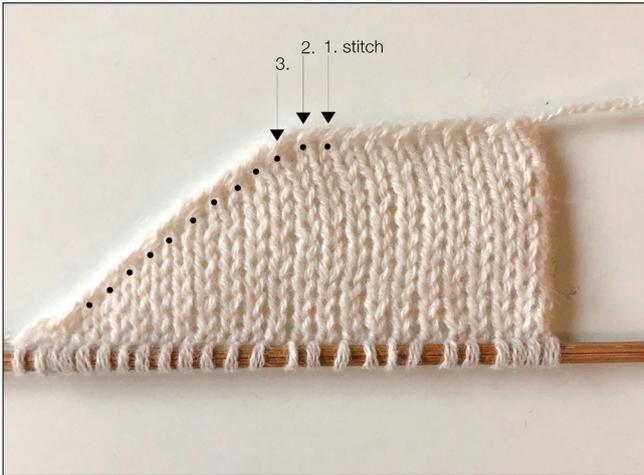
RS: k3, M1L, k to last 3 sts, M1R, k3 (two increases are made)

WS: purl across

Repeat these two rows 1 / (1) / 1 / (2) / 2 more time(s).

Now you have 166 / (172) / 180 / (192) / 200 sts on the needles.  
Cut the yarn and put the stitches on hold.

## The front.



## Left.

With 3 mm circular needles ( 60 or 80 cm) pick up and knit 60 / (62) / 66 / (70) / 74 sts along the left shoulder starting two stitches before the shoulder line begins and work along the shoulder.

Note: I recommend to pick up and knit the stitches between two stitches of the shoulder line in order to get an almost invisible seam.

WS: purl across

RS: SSK, knit across

Repeat these two rows one more time until there are 58 / (60) / 64 / (68) / 72 sts on the needles.

Purl one row.

Place a SM in the first stitch. The next rows should be counted from here.

Work 28 rows in stockinette stitch.

Then work increases to shape the neckline as follows:

RS: k1, M1L, knit across

WS: purl across

Repeat these two rows a total of 10 / (10) / 10 / (12) / 12 times until there are 68 / (70) / 74 / (80) / 84 sts on the needles.

Cut the yarn und put the sts on hold.

Continue with the right shoulder part.

## **Right.**

With 3 mm circular needles ( 60 or 80 cm) pick up and knit 60 / (62) / 66 / (70) / 74 sts along the right shoulder starting at the side in the direction of the neck. Note: the last two stitches are picked up and knitted along the cast on edge of the neck to form a nice neckline.

WS: purl across

RS: knit to last 2 sts, K2TOG

Repeat these two rows one more time until there are 58 / (60) / 64 / (68) / 72 sts on the needles.

Purl one row.

Place a SM in the first stitch. The next rows should be counted from here.

Work 28 rows in stockinette stitch.

Then work increases to shape the neckline as follows:

RS: k to last st, M1R, k1

WS: purl across

Repeat these two rows a total of 10 / (10) / 10 / (12) / 12 times until there are 68 / (70) / 74 / (80) / 84 sts on the needles.

Do not cut the yarn.

## **Front.**

Now join the right front with the left front as follows:

RS: knit across right front sts, place SM 1, cast on 28 / (30) / 30 / (28) / 28 sts, place SM 2, knit across left front sts.

WS: purl to 1 sts before SM 2, slip the st on the right hand needle, remove SM 2, put the st back on the left hand needle and P2TOG, purl to 1 st before SM 1, slip the st on the right hand needle, remove SM 1, put the st back on the left hand needle and P2TOG, purl across

Now you have 162 / (168) / 176 / (186) / 194 sts on the needles.

Work 56 / (58) / 62 / (70) / 74 rows stockinette stitch:

RS: knit across.

WS: purl across.

Now work increases for the armholes:

RS: k3, M1L, k to last 3 sts, M1R, k3 (two increases are made)

WS: purl across

Repeat these two rows 1 / (1) / 1 / (2) / 2 more time(s).

Now you have 166 / (172) / 180 / (192) / 200 sts on the needles.

## **The body.**

Now the front and the back are joined to work in rounds.

Knit across all sts of the front, cast on 1 st, place SM 1, cast on 1 st, knit across all sts of the back, cast on 1 st, place SM 2 (that will be your BOR), cast on 1 st.

Join your work to continue knitting in rounds.

Now you have 336 / (348) / 364 / (388) / 404 sts on your needles.

Work 80 rounds of stockinette stitch.

Note:

Try your t-shirt to check, if you like the length. You will knit 24 rounds from here, that's approximately 6 to 6,5 cm.

If you wish to knit your t-shirt longer, add more rounds but keep in mind, that this will require more yarn.

Start shaping the bottom seam with decreases as follows:

Round 1: K2TOG, knit to 3 sts before SM 1, SSK, k1, slip SM 1, K2TOG, knit to 3 sts before SM 2/BOR, SSK, k1, slip SM 2

Round 2-6: knit across.

Four decreases are made. You have 332 / (344) / 360 / (384) / 392 sts on your needles.

Knit round 1-6 one more time, so you have 328 / (340) / 356 / (380) / 388 sts on your needles.

Work another decrease round:

K2TOG, knit to 3 sts before SM 1, SSK, k1, slip SM 1, K2TOG, knit to 3 sts before SM 2/BOR, SSK, k1, slip SM 2

There are 324 / (336) / 352 / (376) / 384 sts on your needles.

Now shape the folded hem by using gradually smaller needles in order to avoid a flared effect:

Knit 3 rounds on 3 mm.

Switch to 2,5 mm needles and knit 5 rounds.

Switch to 2 mm needles and knit 3 rounds.

Purl one round.

Knit 3 rounds.

Switch back to 2,5 mm needles and knit 5 rounds.

Switch back to 3 mm needles and knit 3 rounds.

Cast off all sts using a 3,5 mm needle and leave a 3 m long tail of yarn to sew on the hem.

Fold the hem along the purlled round to the inner side and fix it with pins to make it easier to sew it on from the wrong side of your tee. Choose the correct arch to start and take care to stay in that row while sewing the bind off edge stitch by stitch on, but always stay on the wrong side with the tapestry needle to ensure an invisible seam from the right side.

You can have a look at how I do that here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5RZ6GuPoZnQ>

## The neckline.



With the wrong side of your work facing pick up and knit 148 / (152) / 152 / (156) / 156 sts with 2,5 mm circular needles (40 cm) along the neckline edge:

Start at the back along the cast on edge and pick up and knit 42 / (44) / 44 / (46) / 46 sts (one st for every st along the edge), 26 / (26) / 26 / (26) / 26 sts along the left front side (pick up 3 sts,

skip one), 14 / (14) / 14 / (16) / 16 sts along the increase edge, 26 / (28) / 28 / (26) / 26 sts along the front, 14 / (14) / 14 / (16) / 16 sts along the increase edge, 26 / (26) / 26 / (26) / 26 sts along the right front side, place a SM to mark BOR and join to work in rounds.

There are two options to knit the neckline, one is with slipped stitches to mark the folding line, and the other one is worked with smaller needles.

Option 1:

Knit 12 rounds stockinette stitch.

The folding round is knitted as follows: \*k1, slip 1 st purlwise with yarn behind your work\*, repeat these two stitches for the whole round.

Knit 12 rounds stockinette stitch.

Bind off using a 3,5 mm needle and leave a 2 m long tail of yarn.

Option 2:

Knit 11 rounds stockinette stitch on 2,5 mm needles,

switch to 2 mm needles and knit 3 rounds,

than switch back to 2,5 mm needles and knit 11 rounds.

Bind off using a 3,5 mm needle and leave a 2 m long tail of yarn.

Note:

If you tend to bind off too tightly use a 4 mm needle, but take care to work an even and nice bind off edge.

Fold the seam to the front and fix it with pins along the first knitted row (3 mm below the edge).

You can see how I do that here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IEPMWt9Jjl8>

With a tapestry needle sew the neckline on stitch by stitch along the bind off edge. Do not pull the yarn too tightly.

I do it like that:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=q99RnhCckHg>

## The sleeves.

Starting under the right arm between the two new stitches you've cast on when you've joined the front with the back part and with 3 mm circular needles (40 cm) pick up and knit 4 stitches for every 5 rows: that should be 39 / (40) / 42 / (44) / 46 sts along the back until you reach the shoulder seam and 94 / (95) / 95 / (99) / 112 sts up the shoulder and along the front, place a SM to mark BOR. You should have a total of 133 / (135) / 137 / (143) / 158 sts on your needles.

For sizes 1 - 3:

Knit 7 rounds stockinette sts.

Round 8 will be a decrease round:

K2TOG, knit across to 3 sts before BOR, SSK, k1

For sizes 4 & 5:

Knit 6 rounds stockinette sts.

Round 7 will be a decrease round:

K2TOG, knit across to 3 sts before BOR, SSK, k1

Have a look at my video, if you are not sure how to work the decreases:

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MhdAY6Hmq\\_o](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MhdAY6Hmq_o)

Repeat these 8 / (8) / 8 / (7) / 7 rounds a total of 7 times.

That means that you have a decrease of 14 stitches in total and there are 119 / (121) / 123 / (129) / 144 sts on your needles.

To start the hem knit 2 more rounds.

Switch to 2,5 mm needles and knit 4 rounds.

Switch to 2 mm needles and knit 3 rounds.

Purl one round,

knit 3 rounds.

Switch to 2,5 mm needles and knit 4 rounds.

Switch to 3 mm needles and knit 2 rounds.

Bind off using a 3,5 mm needle and leave a 1,5 m long tail of yarn.

Fold the hem along the purled round and fix it with pins to make it easier to sew. Do the sewing the way it is described for the hem of the body.

See here how I do that:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5RZ6GuPoZnQ>

Repeat this equivalent to the left arm.



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## **Finishings.**

### **Blocking.**

Fold the wet tee two times vertically, hold the neck part with one hand the hem of the body with the other and pull the tee to extend the length. That way the stitches become more dense and longer so the fabric falls nicely and smooth.

Unfold the tee and pull also the arms gently while holding only the part with the arm (not at the neckline).

The shoulderlines should also be extended. Then lay the tee evenly on your blocking mat or a towel and make sure all lines are straight.

When the tee is dry feel free to embroider your favorite icon, statement, smiley etc. or leave it just as clean and minimalistic as it is.

I hope you enjoyed knitting!

I'd be happy to see your results on Instagram  
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or check my ravelry-shop for more 😊