

# Miu



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## Introduction

The Miu Top is a lightweight, feminine knit inspired by late 90s and early 2000s silhouettes. The top is worked from the bottom up, featuring a snug ribbed waist that transitions into a relaxed, slouchy upper body with drape at the bust! You can adapt the pattern for other yarns by adjusting your size or row counts to match the gauge. I would recommend using a wool or wool-cotton blend to keep the structure of your garment intact over time.

This is my first fully developed pattern! I'd like to thank my incredibly lovely and talented testers, **Joanna, Kellie, Yuxuan, Olivia, Alysse, Kee-Ri,**

**Corinne, Sabine, Rebecca, Esther, Nhu, and Gabby,** whose valuable time and effort helped bring this project to life! The photos in the Miu Lookbook showcase some of my testers' versions with a looser drape, but the fit is quite customizable to suit your personal style and how you prefer to wear your top :)

Please tag me on *Instagram* or *TikTok* **@unibanuni** with your knits - I'd love to see them! **#MiuTop**

love,  
Una ♡

# Pattern notes

## Materials

- Yarn A: (4) 4 (5) 5 (6) skeins of Friends Extra Fine Merino by Hobbii (50g/165 m) *or approx. 660–990 m of sport to light DK weight wool or wool blend*
- Yarn B: (4) 4 (5) 5 (6) skeins of Friends Kid Silk by Hobbii (25g/200 m), optionally held together with Yarn A *or approx. 800–1,200 m of lace weight kid silk or mohair*
- 3mm (US 2.5) circular needles, 60 cm (24 in)
- 4mm (US 6) circular needles, 60 cm (24 in)
- Stitch markers
- Scrap yarn
- Tapestry needle for seaming

## Gauge

22 stitches × 32 rows = 4 × 4 in in stockinette stitch on 4mm (US 6) circular needles = approx. 5.5 stitches and 8 rows per inch (measured after washing and blocking)

## Sizing

**(XS) S (M) L (XL)**

*To fit body measurements (approximate):*

**Bust:** (29-31) 31-33 (34-36) 37-40 (41-44) in

**Waist:** (21-23) 23-25 (26-29) 30-33 (34-36) in

## Fit

The Miu Top is designed with approximately 3-5 inches of positive ease at the bust for a roomy and relaxed silhouette. It features a snug, cinched ribbed waist and a relaxed, drapery upper body with generous room and bust ease. The boat neckline can be styled off one shoulder, both shoulders, or worn straight across for a classic look.

## Abbreviations

**K** = knit

**P** = purl

**kfb** = knit into front and back of stitch

**SSK** = slip slip knit

**K2tog** = knit 2 together

**SSP** = slip slip purl

**P2tog** = purl 2 together

**RS** = right side

**WS** = wrong side

**st(s)** = stitches

# Pattern notes

## Customization

Try on the top as you go to check the length of each section. The pattern is easy to customize!

- **For a cropped look**, you can shorten the ribbing section by knitting less rows.
- **For more coverage at the hip**, you can add extra ribbing rows.
- **To adjust for bust fit**, modify the Bust Section (after the increase row and before the armhole split). Testers reported a bit of bagginess so I have adjusted the pattern. You can add an inch or two for extra room if you have a fuller bust, or just want more drape!

*Fig 1. Size S in merino wool + kid silk. A couple more inches were added to ribbing for it to hit the hip.*

*Also added an inch more to the bust section for extra drape.*



*Fig 1. Size XS in merino wool and cotton blend (adapted to match size S dimensions based on new gauge.)*

*Decreased ribbing rows for a slightly more cropped fit. Not as much ribbing elasticity compared to 100% wool but still so cute!*



## Recommended yarn

To achieve the cinched waist effect, I recommend a yarn with bounce and memory, such as **100% wool or a wool blend**, so the ribbing stays snug and contrasts the drapery top section.

You can absolutely skip holding strands together or even experiment with other fibres (like cotton, bamboo, or plant-based blends), but be aware they may lose their shape over time or run a bit larger! In those cases, you might need to size down or use smaller needles to maintain the intended shape.

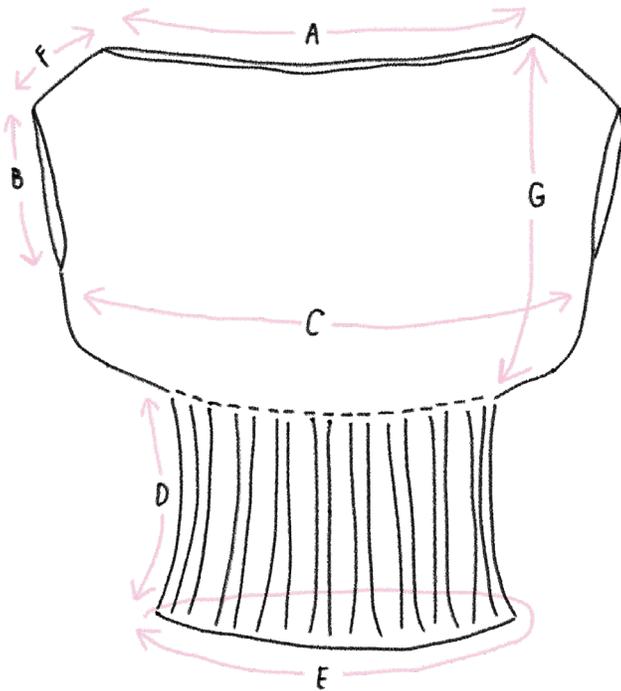
For example, I usually wear a size S, but when using a slightly heavier wool-cotton blend, I knit an XS and adjusted the row count to match the S dimensions based on my new gauge.

## Suggested yarns:

- *Hobbii Friends Extra Fine Merino* (sport weight merino wool + optionally held with Friends Kid Silk)
- *Sandnes Garn Duo* (Light DK weight merino wool and cotton blend)
- *Önling No. 14* (sport weight tencel/lyocell)
- *Fiddlesticks Cedar* (bamboo cotton blend)
- *Lana Grossa Campo* (sport weight cotton blend + optionally held with Friends Kid Silk)
- *Lang Aura* (sport weight viscose linen blend + optionally held with Mrs. Crosby Reticule & LL Lace)
- *Adriafil Alterego* (sport weight cotton nylon blend + optionally held with Lang Mohair Fancy)
- *CaMaRose Løvfald* (sport weight wool cotton blend + optionally held with CaMaRose Midnatssol)

# Structure

## Schematic



## Pattern overview

The Miu Top is worked bottom-up in the round.

**Ribbing** : Begin by knitting 2x2 ribbing using 3mm (US 2.5) needles.

**Bust shaping** : Switch to 4mm (US 6) needles. Increase by about 40% in a single round using kfb (knit front and back) to shape bust. Continue in stockinette until reaching the bottom of the armhole.

**Splitting off armholes/panels**: At the armhole, split the body into front and back panels. Place the back panel on hold while working the front, then mirror the same pattern for the back panel.

**Sleeve decreases**: Work each sleeve by shaping inward toward the neckline and repeat the same mirrored shaping for the back panel.

**Assembly**: With the garment inside out, seam the sleeves together at the shoulders. Weave in ends. Turn right side out, wash and block to measurements.

## Estimated dimensions

**A. Neckline width (flat)**: (11) 12 (13) 14.5 (15.5) in

**B. Armhole length (flat)**: (3.75) 4.75 (4.75) 5 (5.5) in

**C. Bust circumference** (3-5 inches of positive ease): (35) 37 (39) 45 (49) in

**D. Ribbing length (flat)**: (6.5) 6.5 (7) 7 (7.5) in

**E. Ribbing circumference**: (21) 23 (25) 28 (32.5) in

**F. Sleeve width (flat)**: (3.6) 3.6 (4) 4.5 (4.5) in

**G. Bust panel (flat)**: (10.25) 12 (12.75) 14.25 (16.5) in

*NOTE: These are estimates and may change depending on your gauge/yarn choice, but you can use this as a basis!*

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## Ribbing

**R1:** Using a German Twisted Cast On (or desired elastic cast on method), cast on (132) 144 (156) 180 (204) sts on 3mm (US 2.5) needles and place a stitch marker before joining in the round, being careful not to twist your work.

**Work 2x2 ribbing in the round for (60) 60 (65) 65 (70) rows** or to desired length.

*NOTE: You can reduce the amount of rows for a more cropped look, or add more rows to have it hit your hip. Try it on as you go!*

## Bust shaping

**Switch to 4mm (US 6) needles.**

**R1:** Knit all (132) 144 (156) 180 (204) sts in the round.

**R2: (Increase round)**

**XS:** Work [(K1, kfb) 5 times, then K1]; repeat 12 times - you should end up with 192 sts total.

**S:** [(K1, kfb), (K1, kfb), (K2, kfb), (K1, kfb), (K2, kfb)] repeat 12 times - you should end up with 204 sts total

**M:** Work [(K1, kfb), (K2, kfb)] 31 times, knit 1 - you should end up with 218 sts total

**L:** Work (K1, kfb, K1, kfb, K1) 36 times - you should end up with 252 sts total

**XL:** (K2, kfb) 66 times, then knit the last 6 stitches - you should end up with 270 sts total

**Knit all (192) 204 (218) 252 (270) sts for (30) 34 (38) 40 (50) rows** in the round.

*NOTE: If you have a smaller bust, or don't need as much room for the top section of the Miu Top, feel free to reduce the amount of rows by an inch!*

*Similarly, if you have a bigger bust or want extra drape, you can add an inch. It is a pretty customizable pattern :)*

## Splitting off armholes

**Divide stitches evenly for the front and back panels.**

**R1:** K(96) 102 (109) 126 (135) sts for the front panel. Place the remaining (96) 102 (109) 126 (135) sts for the back panel on spare yarn.

## Front panel

**Knit (29) 39 (39) 43 (53) rows in stockinette stitch** (K on RS, P on WS), approximately (3.75 in) 5 in (5 in) 5.5 in (6.75 in) in length.

Each row of the front panel will have (96) 102 (109) 126 (135) sts per row.

## Front panel sleeve decreases

**You will now begin decreasing at each outer edge of each row to shape the sleeves slightly.**

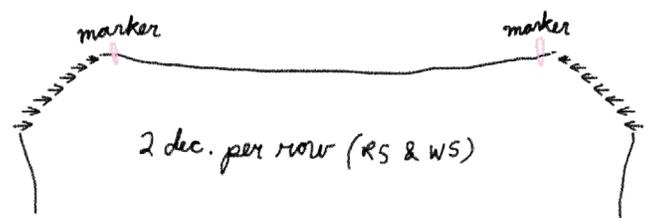
**Row 1 (RS):** K(17) 17 (19) 25 (25), add removable stitch marker, knit the centre (62) 68 (71) 76 (85) sts, add removable stitch marker, K(17) 17 (19) 25 (25).

**Row 2 (WS):** Purl across (96) 102 (109) 126 (135) sts.

**Begin sleeve shaping: Decrease 1 st at each outer edge (2 sts total per row) on every RS and WS row.**

**Row 3 (RS):** SSK, K to marker, slip marker, K to next marker, slip marker, K until last 2 stitches, K2tog

**Row 4 (WS):** P2tog, Purl to marker, slip marker, Purl until next marker, slip marker, SSP



# Pattern

**Repeat Row 3-4** until you can no longer decrease and you reach the stitch marker, ending with 1 st outside each marker.

**Bind off** all remaining stitches loosely using a regular bind off, leaving the stitch markers in place - we'll use them as a guide when seaming together the outermost stitches until the stitch marker at each shoulder later.

*NOTE: you can use an elastic bind off of your choice if you want a more slouchy feel.*

## Back panel

**Reattach your 4mm needles to the back panel.**

**Knit (30) 40 (40) 44 (54) rows in stockinette stitch** (K on RS, P on WS), approximately (3.5 in) 5 in (5 in) 5.5 in (6.5 in) in length.

Each row of the back panel will have (96) 102 (109) 126 (135) sts per row.

## Back panel sleeve decreases

**You will now repeat the decrease section you did at the front to shape the sleeves.**

**Row 1 (RS):** K(17) 17 (19) 25 (25), add removable stitch marker, knit the centre (62) 68 (71) 76 (85) sts, add removable stitch marker, K(17) 17 (19) 25 (25).

**Row 2 (WS):** Purl across (96) 102 (109) 126 (135) sts.

**Begin sleeve shaping: Decrease 1 st at each outer edge (2 sts total per row) on every RS and WS row.**

**Row 3 (RS):** SSK, K to marker, slip marker, K to next marker, slip marker, K until last 2 stitches, K2tog

**Row 4 (WS):** P2tog, Purl to marker, slip marker, Purl until next marker, slip marker, SSP

**Repeat Row 3-4** until you can no longer decrease and you reach the stitch marker, ending with 1 st outside each marker.

**Bind off** all remaining stitches using the same bind off as the front panel. We will now invert the top, then align and attach the panels together and seam from the outermost stitches to where the stitch markers were in order to complete the sleeves.

## Assembly

Turn the top inside out and seam from the outer edge inward, joining the outermost (17) 17 (19) 25 (25) stitches up to the stitch markers at the shoulder to complete the sleeves. Remove the stitch markers. Turn the top right side out, then wash and block, weave in your ends, and enjoy!

**NOTE: You may want to try on the top before seaming the sleeves to ensure your desired fit.**

*If you find the neckline a bit too wide or too "off-the-shoulder" for your liking, you can always seam up a few more stitches after the stitch marker to increase the sleeve width and make sure it doesn't fall.*

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# Miu Lookbook

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Yuxuan (@doudouyuzhang) wearing M, knitted in Lana Grossa Campo + Hobbii Friends Kid Silk.



Una (@unibanuni) wearing S, knitted in Hobbii Friends Extra Fine Merino + Hobbii Friends Kid Silk.



Joanna (@\_j0knits) wearing S, knitted in Fiddlesticks Cedar.



Sabine (@sabinekanTERS) wearing L, knitted in AdriaFil Alterego + Lang Mohair Fancy.

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Kee-Ri (@kindlykeeri) wearing XS, knitted in CaMaRose Løvfald + CaMaRose Midnatssol.



Corinne (@corinneworthington) wearing L, knitted in Little Fox Yarns Vixen + Sea Change Fibers Swale.



Kellie (@whatkellimade) wearing M, knitted in Hobbii Friends Extra Fine Merino + Hobbii Friends Kid Silk.



Olivia (@oliviayc\_) wearing XS, knitted in Lang Aura + Mrs. Crosby Reticule & LL Lace.