

GRETEL

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Gretel is a seamless, A-line tank with a flattering cowl neck. Quick, versatile and, like Gisela, a good value. For the medium size, Gretel required just 2 skeins of Habu's Cotton Gima. You may need to knit her in several colors!

Skills Needed

General knitting skills.

Sizes

small (medium, large, 1x, 2x, 3x)

To Fit

- Bust: 33-35 (36-38, 40-42, 44-46, 48-50, 52-54)"
- Length at center back: 20 (21, 22, 23, 24, 25)"

Finished Measurements

- Bust: 35 (38, 42, 46, 50, 54)"

Materials

Yarn

2 (2, 3, 3, 4, 4) skeins Habu Textiles A-174 cotton gima (100% cotton, 265 yds/1 oz)

Alternate Yarn

Any similar weight yarn which gets gauge.

Needles

#6 circ needles, 29" to 36" long depending on bust size or size needed to obtain gauge.

Gauge

19 sts and 25 rows = 4" square in St st.



Abbreviations

Mitered Decrease (MD)

slip 2 sts tog, as if to k2tog, k1,
pass the 2 slipped sts over.

Bias Bind-Off

See cocoknits.com for tutorial.

For a complete glossary of terms, see
cocoknits.com.

Directions

CO 220 (232, 252, 272, 292, 312) sts. Join, being careful not to twist.

Rnds 1 and 3: knit

Rnds 2 and 4: purl



hanging st marker

Switch to St st and in the first rnd place m as follows: *Mark the first st using a hanging marker (do not place m on needle, but rather hang it around the actual st), k109 (115, 125, 135, 145, 155) sts, mark the next st as the first one, k to 1 st before 1st marked st. (Note: Move the m's up as you go, always keeping the same st marked.)

Begin Dec for Body

Rnd 1: Beginning with the last st of the rnd, work a MD, k to 1 st before the 2nd marked st, MD, k to end of rnd.

Rnds 2 and 3: Knit.

Rnd 4: Knit to 1 st before first marked st in preparation for the MD of rnd 1.

Repeat rnds 1–4 twelve times until you have 172 (184, 204, 224, 244, 264) sts. Now move m's from around the st to the needle; place each m on the needle in front of marked st.

Cont in St st with no further dec until piece measures 13 (13, 13, 13, 14, 14)" at center back. Next rnd: k to 3 sts before 2nd m, BO next 6 sts, k to 3 sts before next (first) m, BO 6 sts.

Back

Place Front sts on hold and cont working back and forth on Back sts only.

Row 1: (RS) k, slipping the last st p-wise.

Cont in St st and using bias BO, BO 2 (2, 2, 2, 2, 3) st at beg next 2 (4, 8, 10, 14, 10) rows, 1 (1, 1, 1, 1, 1) st at beg next 2 (2, 4, 4, 4, 8) rows; 74 (76, 76, 82, 84, 88) sts. Cont in St st slipping the last st of each row until armhole measures 6 (7, 8, 9, 9, 10)" from underarm BO ending with a WS row.

Row 1 (RS): k2, sssk, k to last 5 sts,
k3tog, k2.

Row 2 (WS): p

Repeat rows 1 and two 8 (8, 8, 8, 9, 9, 10)
times, BO rem 42 (44, 44, 46, 48, 48) sts.

Front

Reattach yarn to begin with WS row, p first
row, slipping the last st. Using Bias BO, BO
2 sts at beg next 4 rows; 72 (78, 88, 98,
108, 118) sts.

Increase for Cowl Neck

Row 1 (RS): k2, m1, k to last 2 sts,
m1, k1, sl 1.

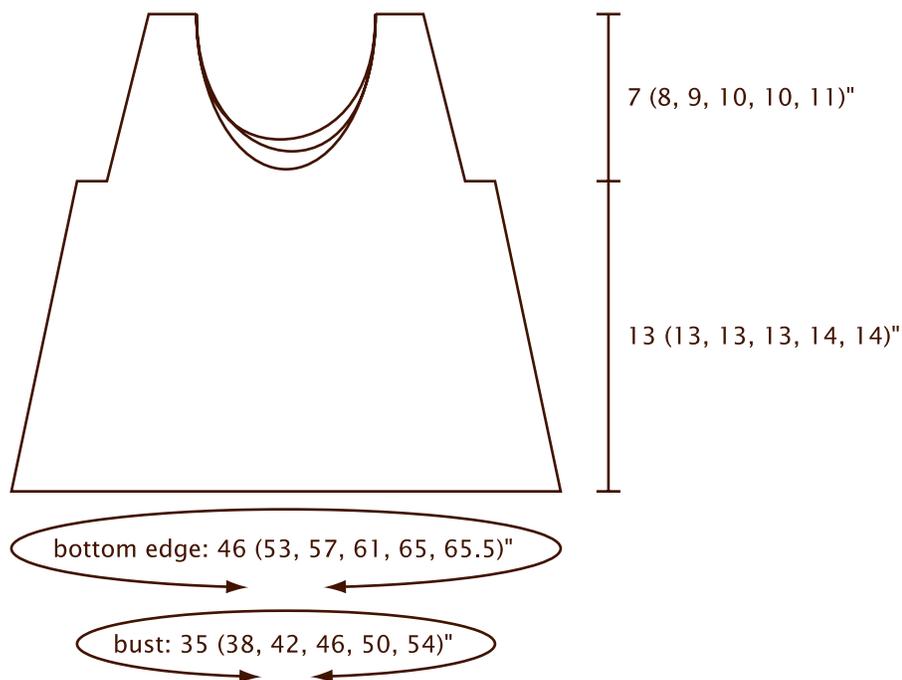
Row 2 (WS): p to last st, sl 1.

Repeat these two rows 20 times until you
have 112 (118, 128, 138, 148, 158) sts.
Cont in St st, slipping the last st of each
row until armhole measures 8 (9, 10, 11,
11, 12)" ending with a WS row. BO k-wise
on RS.

Finishing

Seam the first 16 (16, 16, 18, 18, 20) sts
of each front to the corresponding slanted
edge of back.

Block.



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