

*Clean lines let the slightly dramatic one-shoulder detail steal the spotlight, making Fortuna the star of the show. This top exudes effortless elegance with its classic design. Adding a touch of playfulness, the top features a simple crochet edge in a contrasting color around the neckline and armhole, bringing a delightful twist to the otherwise minimalistic style.*

# FORTUNA







## Sizes

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

## Finished garment measurements

**Bust circumference:** 71.5 (76, 85.5, 93.5)  
(105, 114.5, 124) (133.5, 146.5) cm /  
28.25 (30, 33.75, 36.75) (41.25, 45, 48.75)  
(52.5, 57.75)”

### **Length from underarm to hem:**

33.5 (34.5, 34.5, 35.5) (36.5, 36.5, 36.5)  
(38.5, 38.5) cm / 13.25 (13.5, 13.5, 14)  
(14.25, 14.25, 14.25) (15.25, 15.25)”

The Fortuna top is designed to have about 10–15 cm / 4–6” negative ease for a tight fit.

Sample shown in size S (Kika has a bust of approx. 89 cm / 35”).

## Gauge

21 sts × 31 rows/rnds = 10 cm / 4” in  
Stockinette st on 3.5 mm / US 4 needles,  
after blocking.

## Needles

2.5 mm / US1.5: circular needles  
40–60 cm / 16–24” for hem rib.

3.5 mm / US 4: circular needles  
60–100 cm / 24–40” for shoulder  
strap and body.

## Notions

4 mm / G-6 crochet hook, tapestry  
needle, stitch holder or scrap yarn.

## Suggested yarn

The top is worked with a sport weight yarn, you need approx.:

**MC:** 500 (580, 660, 710) (745, 825, 875)  
(910, 960) m / 547 (635, 723, 776) (815, 902,  
956) (995, 1049) yds of sport weight yarn.

**CC:** 33 m / 37 yds of sport weight yarn.

## Sample knitted with yarns

**MC:** 150 (150, 175, 200) (225, 250, 275)  
(300, 325) g of Hjertegarn Cotton nr. 8  
(100% cotton – 165 m / 180 yds per 50 g)  
in the color 199.

**CC (crochet edge):** 10 g of Hjertegarn  
Cotton nr. 8 in the color 201.

## DIRECTIONS

This top is worked seamlessly from the top down. You’ll start by knitting the back of the shoulder strap flat, then pick up stitches from the top of the shoulder to work the front strap flat. Once the front and back straps are joined, additional stitches are cast on to shape the body, which is worked in the round. To finish, a contrasting crochet edge is added along the neckline and armhole, completing the look with a chic flourish.

### Back Shoulder Strap

The Back Shoulder strap is worked flat in Stockinette st, then sts are picked up from the cast-on edge to work the Front Shoulder strap.

Cast on 12 (14, 14, 14) (16, 16, 16) (18, 18)  
sts using the Backwards Loop Cast-On  
method with 3.5 mm / US 4 circular  
needles or double pointed needles.

Work one set-up row as follows:

**Set-up row (WS):** P all sts.

Continue working in Stockinette st until the shoulder strap measures 10 cm / 4" from the cast-on edge, ending with the RS facing for the next row.

Start shaping the neckline of the shoulder strap as follows:

**Row 1 (RS):** K2, M1L, k to end.

1 st increased.

**Row 2 (WS):** P to end.

**Row 3:** K to end.

**Row 4:** P to end.

**Rows 5-8:** Repeat rows 1-4 once more.

There are 14 (16, 16, 16) (18, 18, 18) (20, 20) sts in total.

Continue shaping the neckline as follows:

**Row 9 (RS):** K2, M1L, k to end. 1 st increased.

**Row 10 (WS):** P to end.

**Rows 11-16:** Repeat rows 9-10, 3 more times.

There are 18 (20, 20, 20) (22, 22, 22) (24, 24) sts in total.

Continue shaping the neckline as follows:

**Row 17 (RS):** K2, M1L, k to end. 1 st increased.

**Row 18 (WS):** P to last 2 sts, M1Lp, p2. 1 st increased.

**Rows 19-24:** Repeat rows 17-18, 3 more times.

There are 26 (28, 28, 28) (30, 30, 30) (32, 32) sts in total.

Continue shaping the neckline and begin shaping the armhole as follows:

**Row 25 (RS):** K2, M1L, k to last 2 sts, M1R, k2. 2 sts increased.

**Row 26 (WS):** P2, M1Rp, p to last 2 sts, M1Lp, p2. 2 sts increased.

**Rows 27-28:** Repeat rows 25-26 once more.

There are 34 (36, 36, 36) (38, 38, 38) (40, 40) sts in total.

Cut the yarn and leave the sts on hold while working the front of the shoulder strap next.

### Front Shoulder Strap

Facing the RS, pick up and k12 (14, 14, 14) (16, 16, 16) (18, 18) sts with 3.5 mm / US 4 circular needles from the cast-on edge of the Back Shoulder strap.

Work one set-up row as follows:

**Set-up row (WS):** P all sts.

Work in Stockinette st until the shoulder strap measures 10 cm / 4" from the cast-on edge.

Start shaping the neckline of the shoulder strap as follows:

**Row 1 (RS):** K to last 2 sts, M1R, k2. 1 st increased.

**Row 2 (WS):** P to end.

**Row 3:** K to end.

**Row 4:** P to end.

**Rows 5-8:** Repeat rows 1-4 once more.

There are 14 (16, 16, 16) (18, 18, 18) (20, 20) sts in total.

Continue shaping the neckline as follows:

**Row 9 (RS):** K to last 2 sts, M1R, k2. 1 st increased.

**Row 10 (WS):** P to end.

**Rows 11-16:** Repeat Rows 9-10, 3 more times.

There are 18 (20, 20, 20) (22, 22, 22) (24, 24) sts in total.

Continue shaping the neckline as follows:

**Row 17 (RS):** K to last 2 sts, M1R, k2. 1 st increased.

**Row 18 (WS):** P2, M1Rp, p to end. 1 st increased.

**Rows 19-24:** Repeat rows 17-18, 3 more times.

There are 26 (28, 28, 28) (30, 30, 30) (32, 32) sts in total.

Continue shaping the neckline and begin shaping the armhole as follows:

**Row 25 (RS):** K2, M1L, k to last 2 sts, M1R, k2. 2 sts increased.

**Row 26 (WS):** P2, M1Rp, p to last 2 sts, M1Lp, p2. 2 sts increased.

**Rows 27-28:** Repeat rows 25-26 once more.

There are 34 (36, 36, 36) (38, 38, 38) (40, 40) sts in total.

Don't cut the yarn yet.

## Body

Next, join the Back and Front Shoulder straps and cast on new sts for the lower body.

Work as follows:

**Row 1 (RS):** K34 (36, 36, 36) (38, 38, 38) (40, 40) Front Shoulder Strap sts, cast on 64 (68, 86, 100) (118, 138, 156) (172, 198) sts with the Backwards Loop Cast-On method for the neckline, connect the Back Shoulder Strap sts that were on hold and k34 (36, 36, 36) (38, 38, 38) (40, 40) sts, cast on 18 (20, 22, 24) (26, 26, 28) (28, 30) sts with the Backwards Loop Cast-On method for the underarm. Place marker to indicate beginning of rnd (=BOR-m).

There are 150 (160, 180, 196) (220, 240, 260) (280, 308) sts in total.

Work in Stockinette st in the rnd until the top measures 31 (32, 32, 33) (34, 34, 34) (36, 36) cm / 12.25 (12.5, 12.5, 13) (13.5, 13.5, 13.5) (14, 14)" from the cast-on edge (or until the top measures 2.5 cm / 1" less than total desired length).

Change to 2.5 mm / US 1.5 circular needles and work \*k1 tbl, p1\* rib until the hem measures 2.5 cm / 1".

Bind off using the Standard Bind-Off method (or your preferred stretchy bind-off method).

## Crochet edges

A crochet edge is worked around the neckline and the armhole.

With crochet hook 4 mm / G-6 and the contrasting-colored yarn: work a rnd of single crochet sts as follows: work 1 single crochet in approx. every second row along the shoulder straps and 1 single crochet in every knitted st along the neckline and armhole.

## Finishing

Weave in all ends.

**STYLING TIP #14**

*Add a touch of glitz to your outfit by wearing a statement piece of jewelry that instantly catches the eye. Whether it's a bold necklace or sparkling earrings, it's like the cherry on top that transforms your look from simple to simply stunning.*

