



Helle Top

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SIZES:

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

Recommended ease: 2.5" / 6.5 cm of positive ease.

FINISHED MEASUREMENTS:

Bust circumference:

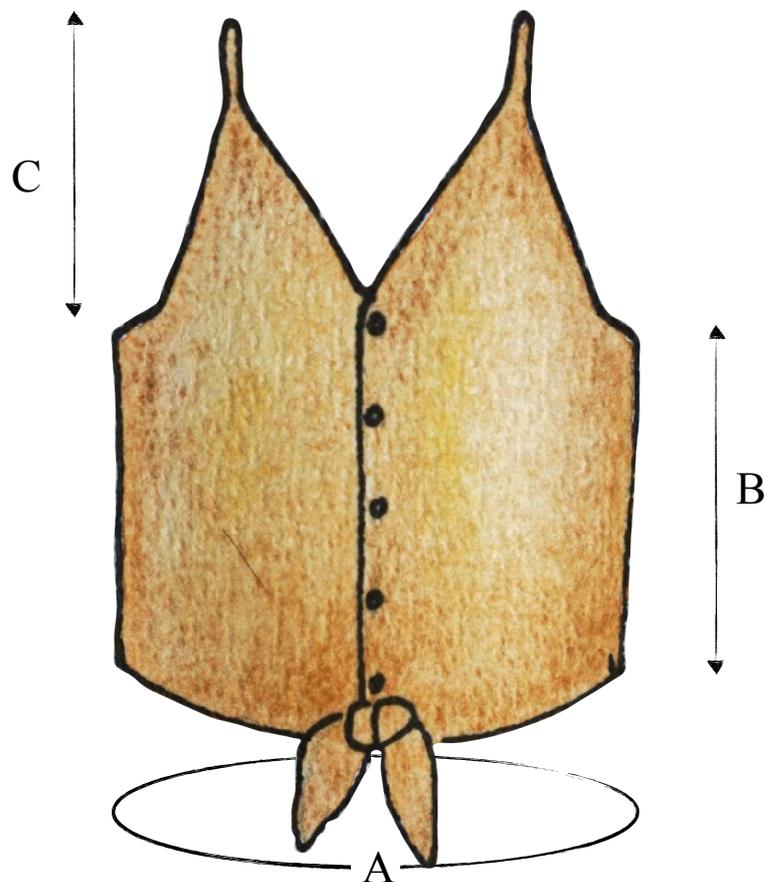
33 (37, 41, 45, 48.75, 52.75, 56.75, 60.75)" / 84 (94, 104, 114, 124, 134, 144, 154) cm

Length from underarm to hem:

10 (10.75, 10.75, 11.5, 11.5, 12.5, 12.5, 13.25)" / 25 (27, 27, 29, 29, 31, 31, 33) cm

Length from underarm to shoulder:

7.25 (7.75, 8, 8.25, 8.5, 8.75, 9, 9.5)" / 18.5 (19.5, 20, 21, 21.5, 22.5, 23, 24) cm



MATERIALS:

Yarn: Kremke Soul Wool Reborn Denim Uni (95% Cotton, 5% Other fibers, 170 yds / 155 m per 50 grams). You need approx. 3 (4, 4, 5, 5, 6, 6, 7) skeins.

Needles: US 5 / 3.75mm, 24" / 60 cm or longer circular needle and DPNs.
If necessary, adjust the needle size to achieve the correct gauge.

Notions: 2 stitch markers, tapestry needle, waste yarn, 5 buttons with a diameter of approximately 0.5" / 1 cm

GAUGE:

22 stitches and 35 rows = 4" / 10 cm in stockinette stitch worked flat (after blocking).

STITCH PATTERNS:

1x1 ribbing worked flat: *P1, k1; repeat from * to end. On the wrong side rows, knit the knit sts and purl the purl sts.

Stockinette Stitch worked flat: Knit the right side rows, purl the wrong side rows



ABBREVIATIONS

BO = Bind off

CO = Cast on (Backwards Loop Cast On)

k2tog = Knit 2 stitches together (1 st decreased)

M1L = Make 1 left = left leaning increase: same as M1 (1 st increased)

M1R = Make 1 Right = right leaning increase: Lift the horizontal bar between stitches inserting the left hand needle from back to front, knit into the front loop of the stitch (1 st increased)

pm = Place marker

RS = Right side of fabric

s11 = Slip 1 st (purlwise)

ssk = Slip, slip, knit = Slip two stitches one at a time as if to knit, insert left needle into these stitches and knit them together through back loops = decrease

st(s) = Stitch(es)

tbl = Through the back loop

WS = Wrong side of fabric

wyib = With yarn held in back of work

wyif = With yarn held in front of work

This top is knitted flat from the top down starting from the shoulder straps and using a provisional cast on method.

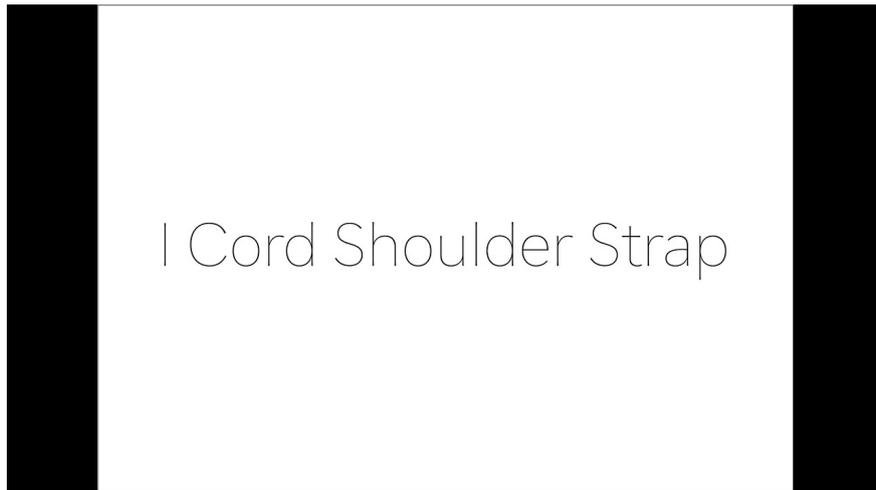
DIRECTIONS

I-cord Strap & Top of Front

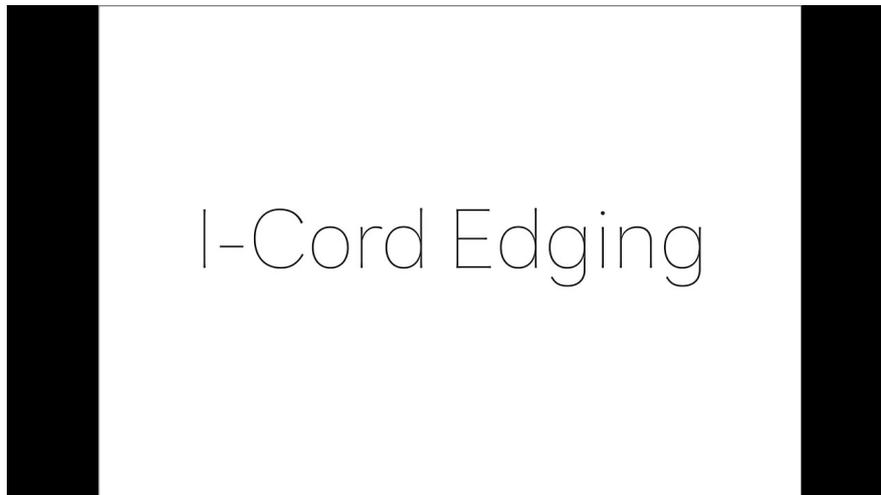
Using waste yarn, cast on 5 sts onto DPN or circular needle, knit row with the project yarn and then start knitting i-cord shoulder strap with the project yarn.

1. Slide your stitches from one end of the DPN (or circular needle) to the other. Your working yarn will be coming from the 5th stitch cast on.
2. Knit those 5 stitches.

Repeat instructions 1-2 until your i-cord is 4.75" / 12 cm long.



Start increasing for the front piece and continue working an applied i-cord at the edges. You will be working flat in rows:



Row 1 (RS): K2, M1L, k2, p1 (= 6 sts).

Row 2 (WS): S11 wyib, k1, sl2 wyif, k1, p1.

Row 3: S11 wyib, sl1 wyif, k1, M1L, k1, sl1 wyif, p1 (= 7sts).

Row 4: S11 wyib, k1, sl1 wyif, p1, sl1 wyif, k1, p1.

Row 5: S11 wyib, sl1 wyif, k2, M1L, k1, sl1 wyif, p1 (= 8sts).

Row 6: S11 wyib, k1, sl1 wyif, p2, sl1 wyif, k1, p1.

Row 7: S11 wyib, sl1 wyif, k1, M1L, k until 3 sts left, M1R, k1, sl1 wyif, p1 (= 10sts).

Row 8: S11 wyib, k1, sl1 wyif, p until 3 sts left, sl1 wyif, k1, p1.

Row 9: S11 wyib, sl1 wyif, k until 2 sts left, k1, sl1 wyif, p1.

Row 10: Repeat Row 8.

Repeat **Rows 7-10**, 14 (15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21) more times. After the increases you'll have 38 (40, 42, 44, 46, 48, 50, 52) sts.

Next, repeat **Rows 7-8**, twice (= 42 (44, 46, 48, 50, 52, 54, 56) sts).

Leave the sts on hold on scrap yarn. Make another to match.

Top of Right Back

With the RS facing, unravel the waste yarn cast-on from the i-cord strap and pick up the 5 sts onto the needle. Work **Rows 1-10** shown for the front pieces and then repeat **Rows 7-10**, 14 (15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21) times more. After the increases you have 38 (40, 42, 44, 46, 48, 50, 52) sts.

Next, work **Rows 11-12**, twice (= 40 (42, 44, 46, 48, 50, 54) sts).

Row 11 (RS): S11 wyib, s11 wyif, k1, M1L, k until 3 sts left, k1, s11 wyif, p1.

Row 12 (WS): S11 wyib, k1, s11 wyif, p until 3 sts left, s11 wyif, k1, p1.

Leave the sts on hold on a scrap yarn.

Top of Left Back

Knit the top of right back in the same manner as the left one, work **Rows 11-12** twice (= 40 (42, 44, 46, 48, 50, 54) sts).

Row 11 (RS): S11 wyib, s11 wyif, k until 3 sts left, M1R, k1, s11 wyif, p1.

Row 12 (WS): S11 wyib, k1, s11 wyif, p until 3 sts left, s11 wyif, k1, p1.

Body

Begin working the body by transferring all stitches onto one circular needle in the following way:

Joining Row: With RS facing, pick up the **top right front** sts onto circular needle, s11 wyib, s11 wyif, k until 3 sts left, leave the next 3 sts on hold on scrap yarn, CO 10 (14, 17, 21, 24, 28, 31, 35) sts, pm, CO another 10 (14, 17, 21, 24, 28, 31, 35) sts, transfer the **top right back** sts onto the needle and leave the first 3 sts on hold on scrap yarn, k the sts,

transfer the **top left back** sts onto the needle, k until 3 sts left, leave the next 3 sts on hold on scrap yarn,

CO 10 (14, 17, 21, 24, 28, 31, 35) sts, pm, CO another 10 (14, 17, 21, 24, 28, 31, 35) sts, transfer the **top left front** sts onto the needle and leave the first 3 sts on hold on scrap yarn, k until 3 sts left, k1, sl1 wyif, p1. You now have 192 (216, 236, 260, 280, 304, 324, 348) sts on needle.

Next row (WS): Sl1 wyib, k1, sl1 wyif, p until 3 sts left, sl1 wyif, k1, p1.

Buttonhole Row (RS): Sl1 wyib, sl1 wyif, k until 5 sts left, k2tog, yo, k1, sl1 wyif, p1.

Continue working in Stockinette Stitch with applied i-cord edges and **at the same time** work 4 more buttonholes at 2 (2.25, 2.25, 2.5, 2.5, 2.5, 2.5, 2.75)'' / 5 (5.5, 5.5, 6, 6, 6.5, 6.5, 7) cm intervals.

When the piece measures 8 (8.25, 8.5, 9, 9.5, 10, 10.25, 10.5)'' / 20 (21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27) cm from underarm and you are about to start a RS row, work as established until the first stitch marker, then work in 1x1 ribbing until the next marker and work as established to end. Continue like this for 1.25'' / 3 cm and work the buttonholes at the same time.

Next Row (RS): Work as established until the first stitch marker, BO next 94 (106, 116, 128, 138, 150, 160, 172) sts and work as established to end. Turn work.

Left Front Tie

Row 1 (WS): Sl1 wyib, k1, sl1 wyif, p until 3 sts left, sl1 wyif, k1, p1.

Row 2 (RS): Sl1 wyib, sl1 wyif, k1, k2tog tbl, k until 3 sts left, k1, sl1 wyif, p1.

Repeat **Rows 1-2** until you have 6 sts left.

BO all sts.

Right Front Tie

Row 1 (WS): Sl1 wyib, k1, sl1 wyif, p until 3 sts left, sl1 wyif, k1, p1.

Row 2 (RS): Sl1 wyib, sl1 wyif, k until 5 sts left, k2tog, k1, sl1 wyif, p1.

Repeat **Rows 1-2** until you have 6 sts left. BO all sts.

I-Cord Edge for the Underarm

With RS facing, using a DPN and starting immediately after the 3 held sts on the left side of the underarm cast-on edge, pick up 20 (27, 34, 41, 48, 55, 62, 69) sts from left to right along the underarm cast-on edge and finally, pick up the 3 held sts on the right side of the underarm cast-on edge.

Attach yarn and start working an applied i-cord edge: *K2, ssk, slip those three worked sts back onto left needle; repeat from * until you have 3 sts on the needle. Then, using Kitchener stitch craft those 3 sts together with the 3 held sts.

Repeat for the other underarm.



FINISHING

Weave in all yarn ends. Place the top in lukewarm water and let it soak thoroughly. Gently squeeze out the excess water. Place the top on a towel and roll in to remove further moisture. Pin to measurements and allow to dry flat. Sew the buttons.