

Knitting Pattern

Nina Top

Difficulty: Intermediate

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Construction:

This top starts with casting on stitches at the collar edge and knitting down to the yoke section. Then, the left and right fronts are knitted separately and joined together, knitting flat until reaching the underarm length, then set aside. Next, the back is knitted flat until reaching the underarm length, and then joined with the front to knit in the round until the hem.

Pattern overview: <https://youtu.be/jvbWIY3uL4M?si=AvcXRx-AJURM4gwd>

Gauge

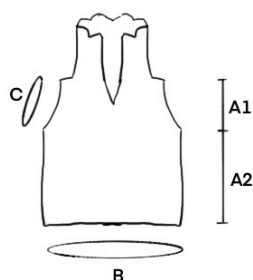
25 sts x 27 rows = 10 x 10 cm / 4 x 4" in twisted rib with 4 mm needle after blocking
24 sts x 36 rows = 10 x 10 cm / 4 x 4" in color work with 4.5 mm needle after blocking
(Please refer to page 8 for the color work section)

Recommended ease: 0~20 cm / 0~8".

To pick your size, I recommend making a swatch with your yarn, then check your gauge and adjust needle size accordingly, measure around your full bust, then add your desired ease. Pick the closest size from the finished bust circumference.

Size:

1 (2, 3, 4)(5, 6, 7, 8) Sample shown in Size 1 with 17 cm/6.75" positive ease.



Finished measurements:

	A1	A2	B	C
1	21cm/8.25"	23cm/9"	100cm/39.5"	52cm/20.5"
2	21cm/8.25"	23cm/9"	103cm/40.5"	52cm/20.5"
3	22.5cm/8.75"	23cm/9"	110cm/43.5"	55cm/21.75"
4	25.5cm/10"	23cm/9"	120cm/47.25"	63cm/24.75"
5	28.5cm/11.25"	23cm/9"	130cm/51.25"	70cm/27.5"
6	31.5cm/12.5"	23cm/9"	140cm/55.25"	77cm/30.25"

	A1	A2	B	C
7	34.5cm/13.5"	23cm/9"	150cm/59"	84cm/33"
8	37.5cm/14.75"	23cm/9"	160cm/63"	91cm/35.75"

Yarn:

Itobatake, Washi Lily, 60% Washi, 40% Cotton, 100g=400m.

MC: Natural

2 (2, 2.5, 2.5)(3, 3, 3.5, 3.5) skeins. Approx. 680 (780, 880, 980)(1080, 1180, 1280, 1380) m / 744 (853, 962, 1072)(1181, 1290, 1400, 1509) yards.

CC: Navy

1 (1, 1.5, 1.5)(2, 2, 2.5, 2.5) skeins. Approx. 280 (380, 480, 580)(680, 780, 880, 980) m / 306 (437, 416, 525)(744, 853, 962, 1072) yards.

Note: You may need more yardage when extending the length of body.

Needles:

3.5 mm (US 4), 40 ~60 cm circular needle for the collar

4 mm (US 6), 40 ~60 cm circular needle for the yoke

4.5 mm (US 7), 40 ~120 cm circular needle for the body

Other Materials:

Stitch markers, stitch holder cords or waste yarn.

Abbreviations:

approx.	approximately
BO	Bind off
BOR	Beginning of the round
CC	Contrast color
CO	Cast on
k	Knit
ktbl	Knit 1 stitch through the back loop
k2tog	Knit 2 stitches together
k2tog-tbl	Knit 2 stitches together through the back loop Video support: https://youtu.be/z5uZwQeI9Sc?si=_VC-sMPR5yC4du-5
M	Marker

M1L	Make one left. With the left hand needle lift loop between stitches from front, and knit through the back loop. (Increase)
M1pL	Make one purl stitch left. With the left hand needle lift loop between stitches from front, and purl through the back loop. (Increase)
M1R	Make one right. With the left hand needle lift loop between stitches from back, and knit through the front loop. (Increase)
M1pR	Make one purl stitch right. With the left hand needle lift loop between stitches from back, and purl through the front loop. (Increase)
MC	Main color
p	Purl
ptbl	Purl 1 stitch through the back loop
PM	Place marker
RM	Remove marker
rep	Repeat
rnd(s)	Round(s)
RS	Right side
sl1-wyif	Slip 1 stitch purlwise with yarn in front
sl1-wyib	Slip 1 stitch purlwise with yarn in back
ssk-tbl	Slip 2 stitches twisted from back loop, once at a time, return them to left hand needle, knit these 2 stitches together. Video support: https://youtu.be/z5uZwQeI9Sc?si=VC-sMPR5yC4du-5
st(s)	Stitch(es)
SM	Slip marker
TS	Total stitches
WS	Wrong side
rep *~**	Repeat from * to **
[]	Repeat stitches within brackets

Backwards loop cast-on method:

<https://youtu.be/kNMCDTINaRQ?si=i94pRvYRgCMJ5OYb>

I-Cord Bind Off in the round and grafting:

https://youtu.be/pKe i_rFzmA?si=MQe5MknOBbs33M4L

Instructions

Collar

With 3.5 mm (US 4) needle and MC, use long tail cast on method, CO 119 sts.

Next Row (WS): sl1-wyif, k1, sl1-wyif, k1, [ptbl, k1] rep to last 3 sts, sl1-wyif, k1, sl1-wyif.

Note: Please refer to the Chart on page 11 for the following Rows 1~12.

- Row 1 (RS): k1, sl1-wyif, k1, p1, *yo, ktbl, [p1, ktbl] 2 times, ssk-tbl, p1, k2tog-tbl, ktbl, [p1, ktbl] 2 times, yo, p1**, rep *~** to last 3 sts, k1, sl1-wyif, k1.
- Row 2 (WS): sl1-wyif, k1, sl1-wyif, *k1, ptbl, ptbl, k1, ptbl, [k1, ptbl, ptbl] 2 times, k1, ptbl, k1, ptbl, ptbl**, rep *~** to last 4 sts, k1, sl1-wyif, k1, sl1-wyif.
- Row 3 (RS): k1, sl1-wyif, k1, p1, *ktbl, yo, [ktbl, p1] 2 times, ssk-tbl, p1, k2tog-tbl, [p1, ktbl] 2 times, yo, ktbl, p1**, rep *~** to last 3 sts, k1, sl1-wyif, k1.
- Row 4 (WS): sl1-wyif, k1, sl1-wyif, k1, [ptbl, k1] rep to last 3 sts, sl1-wyif, k1, sl1-wyif.
- Row 5 (RS): k1, sl1-wyif, k1, p1, *ktbl, p1, yo, ktbl, p1, ktbl, ssk-tbl, p1, k2tog-tbl, ktbl, p1, ktbl, yo, p1, ktbl, p1**, rep *~** to last 3 sts, k1, sl1-wyif, k1.
- Row 6 (WS): sl1-wyif, k1, sl1-wyif, *k1, ptbl, [k1, ptbl, ptbl] 4 times, k1, ptbl**, rep *~** to last 4 sts, k1, sl1-wyif, k1, sl1-wyif.
- Row 7 (RS): k1, sl1-wyif, k1, p1, *ktbl, p1, ktbl, yo, ktbl, p1, ssk-tbl, p1, k2tog-tbl, p1, ktbl, yo, ktbl, p1, ktbl, p1**, rep *~** to last 3 sts, k1, sl1-wyif, k1.
- Row 8 (WS): sl1-wyif, k1, sl1-wyif, k1, [ptbl, k1] rep to last 3 sts, sl1-wyif, k1, sl1-wyif.
- Row 9 (RS): k1, sl1-wyif, k1, p1, *ktbl, p1, ktbl, p1, yo, ktbl, ssk-tbl, p1, k2tog-tbl, ktbl, yo, p1, ktbl, p1, ktbl, p1**, rep *~** to last 3 sts, k1, sl1-wyif, k1.
- Row 10 (WS): sl1-wyif, k1, sl1-wyif, *[k1, ptbl] 2 times, [k1, ptbl, ptbl, ptbl] 2 times, [k1, ptbl] 2 times**, rep *~** to last 4 sts, k1, sl1-wyif, k1, sl1-wyif.
- Row 11 (RS): k1, sl1-wyif, k1, p1, *ktbl, [p1, ktbl] 2 times, yo, ssk-tbl, p1, k2tog-tbl, yo, [ktbl, p1] 3 times**, rep *~** to last 3 sts, k1, sl1-wyif, k1.
- Row 12 (WS): sl1-wyif, k1, sl1-wyif, k1, [ptbl, k1] rep to last 3 sts, sl1-wyif, k1, sl1-wyif.
- Rep Rows 1~12, 2 more times until you have completed Row 36.
- Row 37 (RS): k1, sl1-wyif, k1, [p1, ktbl] 11 times, PM, p1, [ktbl, p1] 6 times, PM, ktbl, [p1, ktbl] 21 times, PM, p1, [ktbl, p1] 6 times, PM, [ktbl, p1] rep to last 3 sts, k1, sl1-wyif, k1.

The collar section ends here at Row 37 (RS).

Next, turn your work, and we will begin knitting the Row 1 (RS) of the Yoke section.

Note: Since the collar is designed to fold over, the RS of the collar is the opposite of the Yoke.

Yoke:

Switch to 4 mm (US 6) needle and still with MC:

Row 1 (RS): sl1-wyif, k1, sl1-wyif, [ktbl, ptbl] rep to M, M1R, SM, k13, SM, M1L, ptbl, [ktbl, ptbl] rep to M, M1R, SM, k13, SM, M1L, [ptbl, ktbl] rep to last 3 sts, sl1-wyif, k1, sl1-wyif.
TS: 123

Row 2 (WS): k1, sl1-wyif, k1, ptbl, [ktbl, ptbl] rep to M, M1L, SM, p13, SM, M1R, ptbl, [ktbl, ptbl] rep to M, M1L, SM, p13, SM, M1R, ptbl, [ktbl, ptbl] rep to last 3 sts, k1, sl1-wyif, k1.
TS: 127

Rep Rows 1~2, 7 (8, 9, 10)(11, 12, 13, 14) more times, until you have completed Row 16 (18, 20, 22)(24, 26, 28, 30).

TS: 183 (191, 199, 207)(215, 223, 231, 239);

There are 41 (43, 45, 47)(49, 51, 53, 55) sts for each front ;13 sts for each shoulder; 75 (79, 83, 87)(91, 95, 99, 103) sts for the back.

Don't need to cut the working yarn, slip the first 41 (43, 45, 47)(49, 51, 53, 55) sts to your right hand needle, RM, slip the next 13 sts to stitch holder cord or waste yarn for the left-shoulder, RM, slip the next 75 (79, 83, 87)(91, 95, 99, 103) sts to stitch holder cord or waste yarn for the back, RM, slip the next 13 sts to stitch holder cord or waste yarn for the right-shoulder, RM, slip the next 41 (43, 45, 47)(49, 51, 53, 55) sts to stitch holder cord or waste yarn for the right-front.

Now you have 41 (43, 45, 47)(49, 51, 53, 55) sts on your needle for the left-front.

Left front:

With 4 mm (US 6) needle and MC:

Row 1 (RS): sl1-wyif, k1, sl1-wyif, ktbl, [ptbl, ktbl] rep to last 1 st, k1.

Row 2 (WS): p1, ptbl, [ktbl, ptbl] rep to last 3 sts, k1, sl1-wyif, k1.

Row 3 (RS): sl1-wyif, k1, sl1-wyif, [ktbl, ptbl] rep to last 2 sts, M1R, ktbl, k1.
TS: 42 (44, 46, 48)(50, 52, 54, 56)

Row 4 (WS): p1, ptbl, [ptbl, ktbl] rep to last 4 sts, ptbl, k1, sl1-wyif, k1.

Row 5 (RS): sl1-wyif, k1, sl1-wyif, ktbl, [ptbl, ktbl] rep to last 2 sts, M1pR, ktbl, k1.
TS: 43 (45, 47, 49)(51, 53, 55, 57)

Row 6 (WS): p1, [ptbl, ktbl] rep to last 4 sts, ptbl, k1, sl1-wyif, k1.

Rep Rows 3~6, 3 (3, 3, 3)(4, 4, 4, 4) more times, until you have completed Row 18 (18, 18, 18) (22, 22, 22, 22). TS: 49 (51, 53, 55)(59, 61, 63, 65)

Cut the working yarn and leave the sts on hold.

Right front:

With 4 mm (US 6) needle and MC:

Row 1 (RS): k1, ktbl, [ptbl, ktbl] rep to last 3 sts, sl1-wyif, k1, sl1-wyif.

Row 2 (WS): k1, sl1-wyif, k1, [ptbl, ktbl] rep to last 2 sts, ptbl, p1.

Row 3 (RS): k1, ktbl, M1L, [ptbl, ktbl] rep to last 3 sts, sl1-wyif, k1, sl1-wyif.
TS: 42 (44, 46, 48)(50, 52, 54, 56)

Row 4 (WS): k1, sl1-wyif, k1, ptbl, [ktbl, ptbl] rep to last 2 sts, ptbl, p1.

Row 5 (RS): k1, ktbl, M1pL, ktbl, [ptbl, ktbl] rep to last 3 sts, sl1-wyif, k1, sl1-wyif.
TS: 43 (45, 47, 49)(51, 53, 55, 57)

Row 6 (WS): k1, sl1-wyif, k1, [ptbl, ktbl] rep to last 2 sts, ptbl, p1.

Rep Rows 3~6, 3 (3, 3, 3)(4, 4, 4) more times, until you have completed Row 18 (18, 18, 18) (22, 22, 22, 22). TS: 49 (51, 53, 55)(59, 61, 63, 65)

Continue to the next row of the Right Front then join the Left Front as follows:

Join Row (RS): k1, ktbl, M1L, [ptbl, ktbl] rep to last 7 sts of the Right Front piece, place the 7 sts to a spare needle, and lay on top of the Left Front piece, *k the first st on the needle held in front together with the first st on the needle held in back**, rep *~**, 6 more times, [ktbl, ptbl] rep to last 2 sts, M1R, ktbl, k1. TS: 93 (97, 101, 105)(113, 117, 121, 125)

Next Row (WS): p1, ptbl, [ptbl, ktbl] rep to last 3 sts, ptbl, ptbl, p1.

Row 1 (RS): k1, ktbl, M1pL, ktbl, [ptbl, ktbl] rep to last 2 sts, M1pR, ktbl, k1.
TS: 95 (99, 103, 107)(115, 119, 123, 127)

Row 2 (WS): p1, ptbl, [ktbl, ptbl] rep to last 1 st, p1.

Row 3 (RS): k1, ktbl, M1L, ptbl, [ktbl, ptbl] rep to last 2 sts, M1R, ktbl, k1.
TS: 97 (101, 105, 109)(117, 121, 125, 129)

Row 4 (WS): p1, ptbl, [ptbl, ktbl] rep to last 3 sts, ptbl, ptbl, p1.

Row 5 (RS): k1, ktbl, M1pL, ktbl, [ptbl, ktbl] rep to last 2 sts, M1pR, ktbl, k1.
TS: 99 (103, 107, 111)(119, 123, 127, 131)

Row 6 (WS): p1, ptbl, [ktbl, ptbl] rep to last 1 st, p1.

Rep Rows 3~6, 0 (0, 1, 1)(2, 2, 2) more time(s), until you have completed Row 6 (6, 10, 10) (14, 14, 14, 14). TS: 99 (103, 111, 115)(127, 131, 135, 139)

Color work section:

Switch to 4.5 mm (US 7) needle:

With CC:

Row 1 (RS): k2, M1L, k3, [sl1-wyib, k3] rep to last 2 sts, M1R, k2.
TS: 101 (105, 113, 117)(129, 133, 137, 141)

Row 2 (WS): p6, [sl1-wyif, p3] rep to last 3 sts, p3.

With MC:

Row 3 (RS): k2, M1L, k2, sl1-wyib, [k3, sl1-wyib] rep to last 4 sts, k2, M1R, k2.
TS: 103 (107, 115, 119)(131, 135, 139, 143)

Row 4 (WS): p5, [sl1-wyif, p3] rep to last 2 sts, p2.

With CC:

Row 5 (RS): k2, M1L, k1, sl1-wyib, [k3, sl1-wyib] rep to last 3 sts, k1, M1R, k2.
TS: 105 (109, 117, 121)(133, 137, 141, 145)

Row 6 (WS): p4, [sl1-wyif, p3] rep to last 1 st, p1.

With MC:

Row 7 (RS): k2, M1L, sl1-wyib, [k3, sl1-wyib] rep to last 2 sts, M1R, k2.
TS: 107 (111, 119, 123)(135, 139, 143, 147)

Row 8 (WS): p3, [sl1-wyif, p3] rep to end.

Rep Rows 1~8, 1 (1, 1, 2)(2, 3, 4, 5) more time(s), until you have completed Row 16 (16, 16, 24) (24, 32, 40, 48). TS: 115 (119, 127, 139)(151, 163, 175, 187)

Cut the working yarn and leave the stitches on hold.

Back

With 4 mm (US 6) needle and MC:

Row 1 (RS): k1, ktbl, [ptbl, ktbl] rep to last 1 st, k1.

Row 2 (WS): p1, ptbl, [ktbl, ptbl] rep to last 1 st, p1.

Rep Rows 1~2, 5 more times, until you have completed Row 12.

Row 13 (RS): k1, ktbl, M1L, ptbl, [ktbl, ptbl] rep to last 2 sts, M1R, ktbl, k1.
TS: 77 (81, 85, 89)(93, 97, 101, 105)

Row 14 (WS): p1, ptbl, [ptbl, ktbl] rep to last 3 sts, ptbl, ptbl, p1.

Row 15 (RS): k1, ktbl, M1pL, ktbl, [ptbl, ktbl] rep to last 2 sts, M1pR, ktbl, k1.
TS: 79 (83, 87, 91)(95, 99, 103, 107)

Row 16 (WS): p1, ptbl, [ktbl, ptbl] rep to last 1 st, p1.

Rep Rows 13~16, 5 (5, 6, 6)(8, 8, 8, 8) more times, until you have completed Row 36 (36, 40, 40)(48, 48, 48, 48). TS: 99 (103, 111, 115)(127, 131, 135, 139)

Color work section:

Switch to 4.5 mm (US 7) needle:

With CC:

Row 1 (RS): k2, M1L, k3, [sl1-wyib, k3] rep to last 2 sts, M1R, k2.
TS: 101 (105, 113, 117)(129, 133, 137, 141)

Row 2 (WS): p6, [sl1-wyif, p3] rep to last 3 sts, p3.

With MC:

Row 3 (RS): k2, M1L, k2, sl1-wyib, [k3, sl1-wyib] rep to last 4 sts, k2, M1R, k2.
TS: 103 (107, 115, 119)(131, 135, 139, 143)

Row 4 (WS): p5, [sl1-wyif, p3] rep to last 2 sts, p2.

With CC:

Row 5 (RS): k2, M1L, k1, sl1-wyib, [k3, sl1-wyib] rep to last 3 sts, k1, M1R, k2.
TS: 105 (109, 117, 121)(133, 137, 141, 145)

Row 6 (WS): p4, [sl1-wyif, p3] rep to last 1 st, p1.

With MC:

Row 7 (RS): k2, M1L, sl1-wyib, [k3, sl1-wyib] rep to last 2 sts, M1R, k2.
TS: 107 (111, 119, 123)(135, 139, 143, 147)

Row 8 (WS): p3, [sl1-wyif, p3] rep to end.

Rep Rows 1~8, 1 (1, 1, 2)(2, 3, 4, 5) more time(s), until you have completed Row 16 (16, 16, 24) (24, 32, 40, 48). TS: 115 (119, 127, 139)(151, 163, 175, 187)

Continue to the next Row of the Back and join the Front for working in the round

With CC:

Join Rnd: *k1, sl1-wyib, [k3, sl1-wyib] rep to last 1 st, k1, **PM**, use backwards loop cast on method CO 5 sts for the underarm**, **PM**, rep *~**, **PM** for BOR.
TS: 240 (248, 264, 288)(312, 336, 360, 384)

Next Rnd: *k1, sl1-wyib, [k3, sl1-wyib] rep to 1 st before M, k1, **RM**, k5**, **RM**, rep *~**.
(Keep the BOR marker)

Body

With MC:

Rnd 1: [k3, sl1-wyib] rep to end.

Rnd 2: Same as Rnd 1.

With CC:

Rnd 3: k1, sl1-wyib, [k3, sl1-wyib] rep to last 2 sts, k2.

Rnd 4: Same as Rnd 3.

Rep Rnds 1~4, until the body length measures 23 cm/9" from the underarm. (Or until your desired length)

Then switch to 4 mm (US 6) needle and with MC, decrease as follows:

Decrease Rnd: [k2tog, k6] rep to end. TS: 210 (217, 231, 252)(273, 294, 315, 336)

Bind off with 3 stitches' I-Cord bind off method.

Armhole

Armhole for the right side:

With 4 mm (US 6) needle and right side facing, beginning at the center underarm, pick up and knit 3 sts from the CO edge of the underarm, then pick up and knit 39 (39, 42, 48)(54, 60, 66, 72) sts (3 sts for every 4 rows) up the armhole edge, then knit the held 13 sts of the shoulder, then pick up and knit 32 (32, 35, 41)(47, 53, 59, 65) sts (3 sts for every 4 rows) down the armhole edge, then pick up and knit 2 sts from the leftover CO edge of the underarm.

TS: 89 (89, 95, 107)(119, 131, 143, 155)

Bind off with 3 stitches' I-Cord bind off method.

Armhole for the left side:

With 4 mm (US 6) needle and right side facing, beginning at the center underarm, pick up and knit 3 sts from the CO edge of the underarm, then pick up and knit 32 (32, 35, 41)(47, 53, 59, 65) sts (3 sts for every 4 rows) up the armhole edge, then knit the held 13 sts of the shoulder, then pick up and knit 39 (39, 42, 48)(54, 60, 66, 72) sts (3 sts for every 4 rows) down the armhole edge, then pick up and knit 2 sts from the leftover CO edge of the underarm.

TS: 89 (89, 95, 107)(119, 131, 143, 155)

Bind off with 3 stitches' I-Cord bind off method.

Finishing

Weave in ends and wet block to measurements.

The chart displays the right side of the fabric, with rows read from bottom to top.
Odd-numbered rows read from right to left and even-numbered rows read from left to right.

- ☐ knit on RS / purl on WS
- ☒ purl on RS / knit on WS
- ☒ ktbl on RS / ptbl on WS
- ☒ ssk-tbl
- ☒ k2tog-tbl
- ☒ yo
- ☒ sl1-wyif on WS
- ☒ sl1-wyif on RS

Chart

V	V	-	Q	-	Q	-	Q	-	Q	-	Q	-	Q	-	Q	-	Q	-	V	V	12
∇	∇	-	Q	-	Q	-	Q	○	∧	-	∧	○	Q	-	Q	-	Q	-	∇	∇	11
V	V	-	Q	-	Q	-	Q	Q	Q	-	Q	Q	-	Q	-	Q	-	V	V	10	
∇	∇	-	Q	-	Q	-	○	Q	∧	-	∧	Q	○	-	Q	-	Q	-	∇	∇	9
V	V	-	Q	-	Q	-	Q	-	Q	-	Q	-	Q	-	Q	-	Q	-	V	V	8
∇	∇	-	Q	-	Q	○	Q	-	∧	-	∧	-	Q	○	Q	-	Q	-	∇	∇	7
V	V	-	Q	-	Q	Q	-	Q	Q	-	Q	Q	-	Q	Q	-	Q	-	V	V	6
∇	∇	-	Q	-	○	Q	-	Q	∧	-	∧	Q	-	Q	○	-	Q	-	∇	∇	5
V	V	-	Q	-	Q	-	Q	-	Q	-	Q	-	Q	-	Q	-	Q	-	V	V	4
∇	∇	-	Q	○	Q	-	Q	-	∧	-	∧	-	Q	-	Q	○	Q	-	∇	∇	3
V	V	-	Q	Q	-	Q	-	Q	Q	-	Q	Q	-	Q	-	Q	Q	-	V	V	2
∇	∇	-	○	Q	-	Q	-	Q	∧	-	∧	Q	-	Q	-	Q	○	-	∇	∇	1

16 sts repeat