

Patterned tanktop



To fit: 32-34-36 inch chest

Materials: 300g to 400g Sirdar double knitting yarn;
3.25mm needles & 4mm needles

Tension: 22 stitches x 30 rows = 4 inches

BACK:

Using 3.25mm needles, cast on 98-102-108 stitches.
Work 18 rows in knit 1 purl 1 rib.

Change to 4mm needles, and continue in the following pattern:

- purl 3-5-3, knit 2 together but do not slip stitches off left needle, knit the first of these 2 stitches again, then slip both stitches off the needle, *(purl 4, knit 2 together but do not slip stitches off left needle, knit the first of these 2 stitches again, then slip both stitches off the needle), repeat from * to last 3-5-3 stitches, purl 3-5-3
- knit 3-5-3, *(purl 2, knit 4) repeat from * to last 5-7-5 stitches, purl 2, knit 3-5-3
- purl 3-5-3, take yarn to back of work, slip 2 stitches purl-ways, bring yarn to front of needle *(purl 4, take yarn to back of work, slip 2 stitches purl-ways, bring yarn to front of needle), repeat from * to last 3-5-3 stitches, purl 3-5-3
- knit 3-5-3, *(purl 2, knit 4) repeat from * to last 5-7-5 stitches, purl 2, knit 3-5-3

Continue until it measures 14½ from cast on edge.

Shape armholes:

Cast off 4 stitches at the beginning of next 2 rows then decrease 1 stitch at each end of every row until 66-70-74 stitches remain.**

Continue without shaping until the armhole measures 7½-8-8½ inches ending on a wrong side row.

Cast off 5-6-6 stitches at the beginning of the next 4 rows then 6-6-7 stitches at the beginning of the next 2 rows.

Break off yarn and leave the remaining 34-34-36 stitches on a holder.

FRONT:

Work as for back until **

Then continue until the armhole measures 5-5½-6 inches.

Divide for neck opening:

Pattern 25-27-28 stitches, turn and work on these 25-27-28 stitches:

Shape neck:

Decrease 1 stitch at the neck edge on every row until 16-18-19 stitches remain.

Work straight until front matches the back to start of shoulder shaping ending with right side facing for next row.

Shape shoulder:

Cast off 5-6-6 stitches at the beginning of next and following alternate row.

Work 1 row.

Cast off remaining 6-6-7 stitches.

With right side facing, slip centre 16-16-18 stitches on a safety pin, rejoin yarn to remaining stitches and work to end of row. Complete to match the first side.

NECKBAND:

Join right shoulder seam. With right side facing and using 3.25mm needles, pick up and knit 18-21-22 stitches down left side of neck, 16-16-18 stitches from the front, 18-21-22 stitches up the right side of neck and 34-34-36 stitches from the back - 86-92-98 stitches.

Work 7 rows of knit 1, purl 1 rib. Cast off using a larger needle.

Armhole borders:

With right side facing and using 3.25mm needles, pick up and knit 92-98-104 stitches round each armhole.

Work 7 rows in knit 1, purl 1 rib.

Cast off loosely in rib.

MAKING UP:

Join side seams and tidy up any loose yarn.

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