

Woolfest tanktop

Materials: 200g Araucania Ranco (luxury Merino Blend 4ply); 3mm & 3.75mm needles; cable needle

Sizes: 30-32-34 inch chest

Tension: 6.5 stitches x 8.5 rows = 1 inch using 3.75mm needles and stocking stitch



BACK:

Using 3mm needles cast on 112-118-124 stitches. Work in knit 1, purl 1 rib for 2½-2¾-3 inches.

Change to 3.75mm needles and commence in the following pattern:

30 inch size:

- * (knit 1, purl 1) 3 times, knit 1, purl 2, knit 4, purl 2, repeat from * to last 7 stitches, (knit 1, purl 1) 3 times, knit 1
- purl 7, (knit 2, purl 4, knit 2, purl 7) 7 times
- as first row
- as second row
- * (knit 1, purl 1) 3 times, knit 1, purl 2, slip 2 stitches onto cable needle and leave at the front, knit 2 stitches then knit 2 from the cable needle, purl 2, repeat from * to last 7 stitches, (knit 1, purl 1) 3 times, knit 1
- as second row

These 6 rows form the pattern.

32 inch size:

- knit 1, purl 2 * (knit 1, purl 1) 3 times, knit 1, purl 2, knit 4, purl 2, repeat from * to last 10

stitches, (knit 1, purl 1) 3 times, knit 1, purl 2, knit 1

- purl 1, knit 2, purl 7, (knit 2, purl 4, knit 2, purl 7) 7 times, knit 2, purl 1
- as first row
- as second row
- knit 1, purl 2 * (knit 1, purl 1) 3 times, knit 1, purl 2, slip 2 stitches onto cable needle and leave at the front, knit 2 stitches then knit 2 from the cable needle, purl 2, repeat from * to last 10 stitches, (knit 1, purl 1) 3 times, knit 1, purl 2, knit 1
- as second row

These 6 rows form the pattern.

34 inch size:

- knit 4, purl 2 * (knit 1, purl 1) 3 times, knit 1, purl 2, knit 4, purl 2, repeat from * to last 13 stitches, (knit 1, purl 1) 3 times, knit 1, purl 2, knit 4
- purl 4, knit 2, purl 7, (knit 2, purl 4, knit 2, purl 7) 7 times, knit 2, purl 4
- as first row
- as second row
- knit 4, purl 2 * (knit 1, purl 1) 3 times, knit 1, purl 2, slip 2 stitches onto cable needle and leave at the front, knit 2 stitches then knit 2 from the cable needle, purl 2, repeat from * to last 13 stitches, (knit 1, purl 1) 3 times, knit 1, purl 2, knit 4
- as second row

These 6 rows form the pattern.

Continue in the above pattern until the work measures 14½ inches from the beginning ending on a wrong side row.

Shape armholes:

With right side facing, cast off 5-6-7 stitches at the beginning of the next 2 rows.

Decrease 1 stitch at both ends of the next and every alternate row until 86-90-94 stitches remain.

Continue on these stitches until the armhole measures 7¼-7½-7¾ inches from the beginning of the armhole shaping.

Shape shoulders:

Cast off 14-15-16 stitches at the beginning of the next 4 rows.

Cast off.

FRONT:

Work as for back until the armhole shaping is reached.

Shape armholes:

- Cast off 5-6-7 stitches, pattern to end
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- *still shaping armhole divide for v neck* as follows: knit 2 together, pattern 49-51-53, turn

Continue on this group of 50-52-54 stitches.
Decrease 1 stitch at the armhole edge on every alternative row until 7 more decreases (**8 in total**) have been worked at the armhole edge. **AT THE SAME TIME** decrease 1 stitch at the neck edge on the second and every following third row until the armhole shaping is completed.
Continue decreasing on every third row at the neck edge **only** until 34-36-38 stitches remain, then on every following fourth row until 28-30-32 stitches remain.

Continue on these stitches until the work measures the same as the back up to the shoulder shaping, finishing at the armhole edge.

Shape shoulder:

Cast off 14-15-16 stitches at the beginning of the next and following alternate row.

Rejoin the yarn to the remaining stitches and complete to match the first half.

NECKBAND:

Using a back-stitch join the right shoulder of back & front.

With right sides facing and using 3mm needles, pick up and knit 160-166-172 stitches round the neck, including 1 stitch from the centre v.

Work in knit 1, purl 1 rib for 1 inch, decreasing 1 stitch on every row at each side of stitch knitted up at centre v.

Cast off loosely in rib.

ARMBANDS:

Using a back stitch join the left shoulder seam.

Using 3mm needles, and with right side facing, pick up and knit 114-118-122 stitches around each armhole.

Work in knit 1, purl 1 rib for 1 inch.

Cast off loosely in rib.

Using a back stitch join the side seams and darn in any stray yarn.

