

OMBRE TANK REDUX

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This essential summer tank has all the details we love - a swingy A-line shape that's easy to wear, wide shoulders to cover bra straps, and no-fuss finishing details. Knit from the bottom up in our lace-weight linen, the ombre effect is achieved by holding the yarn double and slowly shifting through the colours.

YARN

Espace Tricot Petit Lin (100% linen); 600 yds (548 m)/100g

Colour A: 1 (1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 2, 2, 2) skeins

Colour B: 1 (1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 2, 2, 2) skeins

Colour C: 1 (1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1) skeins

Shown in Fairmount, Golden Square Mile, You Had Me At Tricot

Please note that adding length may affect yardage requirements.

TOOLS

4 mm (US 6) 24 or 32" circular needles

2 stitch markers

Stitch holders or scrap yarn for placing stitches on hold

Tapestry needle to weave in ends

GAUGE

21 sts and 27 rnds = 10 cm / 4" in stockinette with yarn held double.

SIZES

Chest Circumference: 32.25 (34.25, 36, 38, 40, 42, 45.75, 49.5, 53, 57, 61)" / 80.5 (85.5, 90, 95, 100, 106, 119.25, 123.75, 132.5, 142.5, 152.5) cm

Length: 24 (24.5, 25.25, 26, 26.75, 26.75, 27.25, 27.5, 27.5, 27.5, 27.5)" / 60 (61.25, 63, 65, 67, 67, 68, 68, 68, 68, 68) cm

Intended to be worn with approximately 0 - 2" / 0 - 5 cm of positive ease.

ABBREVIATIONS

BOR: beginning of round

CO: cast on

k: knit

k2tog: knit 2 stitches together

rep: repeat

rnd(s): round(s)

ssk: slip, slip, knit

sts: stitches

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PATTERN

BODY:

With A and yarn held double, CO 230 (240, 250, 260, 270, 280, 300, 320, 340, 360, 380) sts. Place marker and join to work in the round, being careful not to twist.

Purl 1 round.

Next rnd: K 115 (120, 125, 130, 135, 140, 150, 160, 170, 180, 190), place second marker, k to end of round.

Work in Stockinette Stitch until piece measures 2.5" / 6.25 cm.

Note: There are 6 decrease rounds, worked 2" (14 rows) apart. Switch colours as desired/needed at the same time as working the decreases. Refer to chart in schematic to see how colours are combined. (For size 36" we worked as follows: AA - 4", AB - 4", BB - 4", BC - 4", work remaining design in CC.)

1st dec rnd: *K 21 (22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 28, 30, 32, 34, 36), k2tog; rep from * to end of rnd - 220 (230, 240, 250, 260, 270, 290, 310, 330, 350, 370) sts.

Work even until piece measures 4" / 10 cm.

2nd dec rnd: *K 20 (21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 27, 29, 31, 33, 35), k2tog; rep from * to end of rnd - 210 (220, 230, 240, 250, 260, 280, 300, 320, 340, 360) sts.

Work even until piece measures about 6.5" / 16.25 cm.

3rd dec rnd: *K 19 (20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 26, 28, 30, 32, 34), k2tog; rep from * to end of rnd - 200 (210, 220, 230, 240, 250, 270, 290, 310, 330, 350) sts.

Work until piece measures 8.5" / 21.25 cm.

4th dec rnd: *K 18 (19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 25, 27, 29, 31, 33), k2tog; rep from * to end of rnd - 190 (200, 210, 220, 230, 240, 260, 280, 300, 320, 340) sts.

Work until piece measures about 10.5" / 26.25 cm.

5th dec rnd: *K 17 (18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 24, 26, 28, 30, 32), k2tog; rep from * to end of rnd - 180 (190, 200, 210, 220, 230, 250, 270, 290, 310, 330) sts.

Work until piece measures 12.5" / 31.25 cm

6th dec rnd: *K 16 (17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 23, 25, 27, 29, 31), k2tog; rep from * to end of rnd - 170 (180, 190, 200, 210, 220, 240, 260, 280, 300, 320) sts.

Work until piece measures 17 (17, 17.25, 17.25, 17.5, 17.5, 18, 18.5, 18.5, 18.5, 18.5)" / 42.5 (42.5, 43, 43, 43.75, 43.75, 45, 46.25, 46.25, 46.25, 46.25) cm

Add length here if desired.

ARMHOLE SHAPING:

At beg of next rnd, bind off 6 (7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 12, 14, 14, 16) sts. Work to next marker, remove marker, turn work. You will leave the unworked stitches on hold and work back and forth on the front only.



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FRONT:

Next row (WS): Bind off 6 (7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 12, 14, 14, 16) sts purlwise, purl to end.

Decrease Row (RS): K1, k2tog, k to last 3 sts, ssk, k1.

Next Row (WS): Purl.

Repeat Decrease Row every RS row 4 (4, 4, 6, 7, 8, 8, 9, 10, 13) times more.

Work even until piece measures 2.5 (2.75, 3, 3.25, 3.25, 3.75, 4, 4, 4, 4, 4)" / 6.25 (6.75, 7.5, 8, 8, 9.25, 10, 10, 10, 10, 10) cm from armhole, ending with a WS row.

Next row (RS): K 25 (26, 28, 27, 28, 28, 31, 35, 36, 39, 39), bind off next 13 (14, 13, 14, 15, 16, 16, 18, 20, 22, 22) sts, knit to end of row.

Work Right Front first:

Next Row (WS): Purl.

Next Row (RS): bind off 2 sts, knit to end of row.

Repeat these last two rows 3 more times.

Purl 1 row.

Decrease Row (RS): K 1, ssk, knit to end.

Next Row (WS): Purl

Repeat these two rows until 17 (18, 18, 19, 19, 22, 24, 24, 24, 24, 24) sts remain.

Work even until piece measures 7 (7.25, 7.5, 7.75, 8, 8.75, 9, 9, 9, 9, 9)" / 17.5 (18, 18.75, 19.25, 20, 22, 22.5, 22.5, 22.5, 22.5, 22.5) cm. Put sts on hold.

Left Front:

Rejoin yarn at neck edge, with WS facing.

Bind off 2 sts on neck edge on this on 3 following WS rows.

Decrease Row (RS): K to last 3 sts, k2tog, k1.

Next Row (WS): Purl

Repeat these two rows until 17 (18, 18, 19, 19, 22, 24, 24, 24, 24, 24) sts remain. Work even until piece measures 7 (7.25, 7.5, 7.75, 8, 8.75, 9, 9, 9, 9, 9)" / 17.5 (18, 18.75, 19.25, 20, 22, 22.5, 22.5, 22.5, 22.5, 22.5) cm. Put sts on hold.

BACK:

Put held stitches on needles, rejoin yarn. Work as for Front.

SHOULDERS:

Put held shoulder sts on needles. Hold right sides together and join shoulder seams using 3-needle bind off.

Armhole Finishing:

Beg at center underarm, pick up and knit sts around armhole (one st for each bound off st, 2 sts for every 3 rows). Do not join. Turn work.

Bind off on WS knitwise.

Neckline Finishing:

Beg at right shoulder seam, pick up and knit sts around armhole (one st for each bound off st, 2 sts for every 3 rows). Do not join. Turn work.

Bind off on WS knitwise.

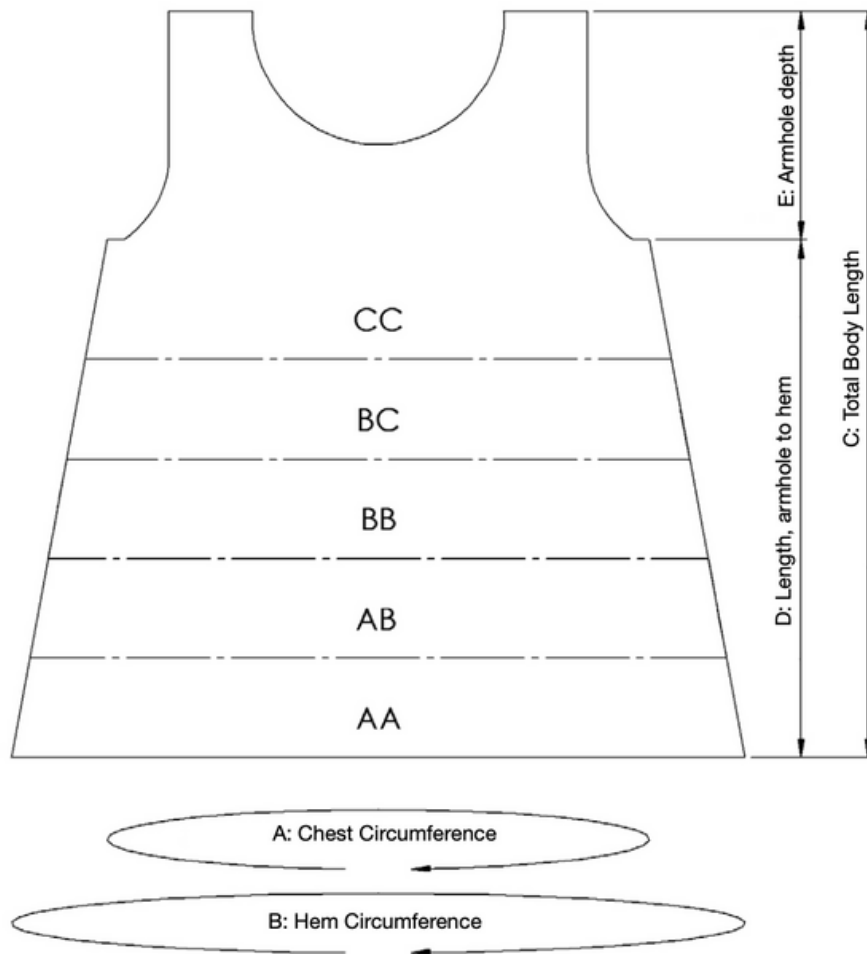
FINISHING:

Weave in ends, closing gaps of edgings at the same time. To block, turn garment inside out and use steam iron, pressing gently.



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SCHEMATIC



KEY MEASUREMENTS:

A: 32.25 (34.25, 36, 38, 40, 42, 45.75, 49.5, 53, 57, 61) / 80.5 (85.5, 90, 95, 100, 106, 119.25, 123.75, 132.5, 142.5, 152.5 cm
 B: 43.75 (45.75, 47.5, 49.5, 51.5, 53.25, 57, 61, 64.75, 68.5, 72.25)" / 109.25 (114.25, 118.75, 123.75, 128.75, 133, 142.5, 152.5, 161.75, 171.25, 180.5) cm
 C: 24 (24.5, 25.25, 26, 26.75, 26.75, 27.25, 27.5, 27.5, 27.5, 27.5)" / 60 (61.25, 63, 65, 67, 67, 68, 68, 68, 68) cm
 D: 17 (17, 17.25, 17.25, 17.5, 17.5, 18, 18.5, 18.5, 18.5, 18.5)" / 42.5 (42.5, 43, 43, 43.75, 43.75, 45, 46.25, 46.25, 46.25, 46.25) cm
 E: 7 (7.25, 7.5, 7.75, 8, 8.75, 9, 9, 9, 9, 9)" / 17.5 (18, 18.75, 19.25, 20, 22, 22.5, 22.5, 22.5, 22.5) cm