

MSD BANDEAU TOP



MATERIALS:

#10 crochet thread – example made with Bernat Handicrafter Crochet Thread in color “Seashore”
#0 (2mm) knitting needles
4/0 snap
Sewing thread and needle (for sewing on snap)

ABBREVIATIONS:

This pattern uses [Knitty standard abbreviations](#).

MIL - (Make 1 Left) Insert left needle, from front to back, under strand of yarn which runs between next stitch on left needle and last stitch on right needle; knit this stitch through back loop.

MIR - (Make 1 Right) Insert left needle, from back to front, under strand of yarn which runs between next stitch on left needle and last stitch on right needle; knit this stitch through front loop.

LLI - (Left Lifted Increase) With left needle lift the stitch below the stitch just worked, and knit it.

RLI - (Right Lifted Increase) With right needle lift the stitch below the next stitch, and knit it.

INSTRUCTIONS:

Cast on 4 stitches

Row 1: (WS) purl

Row 2: k1, M1R, k2, M1L, k1

Row 3: purl

Work 5 rows in stockinette stitch as established.

Row 9: (WS) knit

Maintaining the first 2 and last 2 stitches in garter stitch, work 14 rows.

At this point the strap should reach from the center back (with the stockinette tab snap location at the center) to the side of the breast when stretched.

Increases:

Row 1: k2, RLI, k1, pm, k1, LLI, k2

Row 2: k2, purl to last 2 sts, k2

Continue, increasing one stitch before and one stitch after the center marker on every right side row 5 more times ending with a WS row. (18 sts)

The work should stretch from the center back to just outside the bust point and be wide enough to cover the breast.

Work 18 rows even. The work should now stretch to the outside of the second bust point.

Decreases:

Row 1: knit to 2 sts before marker, k2tog, ssk, knit to end

Row 2: k2, purl to last 2 sts, k2

Continue, decreasing before and after the marker on every right side row, until 6 stitches remain. End with a WS row.

Work 20 rows even.

Next row: k1, ssk, k2tog k1

Last row: (WS) knit

Bind off.

FINISHING:

Weave in ends.

Sew the female half of the snap to the center of the stockinette tab at the cast on end of the top.
Sew the male half of the snap to the bind off end within the garter stitch margins.

