

LILAS TOP

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FINISHED MEASUREMENTS

To fit a size S (M) - Europe 34-36 (38-40), UK 8-10 (12-14), USA 6-8 (10-12) - fitted.

- Bust 81-86 (91-97) cm / 32-34 (36-38) inch
- Waist 61-66 (71-76) cm / 24-26 (28-30) inch
- Hips 86-91 (97-102) cm / 34-36 (38-40) inch

In the pattern all instructions are given for both sizes, the number before the bracket is for the S size and the number into the brackets is for the M size, when there is only one number, this number is available for both sizes.

You can find the standard measurements I use on my website :

www.stefanina-knitting-design.com/p/useful.html.

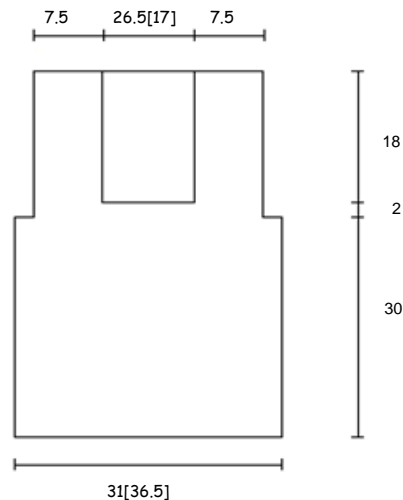
CONSTRUCTION

Top begins at the top back with a provisional cast-on; (I usually use The Judy's magic cast-on - demonstrated here: www.knitty.com/ISSUESpring06/FEATmagiccaston.html) and is worked back and forth to underarm back. Then, provisional cast on stitches are picked up to work front, back and forth, to underarm. After increasing for underarm shaping, remainder of top is worked in the round,

After the initial provisional cast-on, all additional stitches are increased using the cable cast-on method (demonstrated here: www.knittinghelp.com/videos/cast-on), you can also use the backward loop method, but I find difficult to pick-up stitches later with this method. These new stitches are worked following the continuity of stitch pattern.

SCHEMATIC

Knitted measurements in cm, lying flat without border.



YARN

- Luxor Trio Wolle (100% cotton, 112 m / 123 y per 50 g) 5 [6] balls color lilac

NEEDLES

- One circular needle size 3.00 mm / US 2.5, 60 cm / 24" long
- 2 dpns or straight needles size 3.00 mm / US 2.5

EXTRAS

- Stitch holder or waste of yarn
- Stitches Markers
- Tapestry needle

GAUGE

30 sts and 32 rows = 10cm/4" over stitch pattern lying flat using 3.00 mm needles

ABBREVIATION

- ❖ st: stitch, stitches
- ❖ k: knit
- ❖ p: purl
- ❖ inc: increase
- ❖ pm : place marker
- ❖ k2tog: knit 2 stitches together

RACK

Note: The edge stitches are knitted in Right side and purled in wrong side; they are not included in the chart pattern

With a waste yarn and circular needle 3.00mm, (or using Judy Magic cast-on and 2 circular needles) cast on provisionally 79 [95] st. (1 edge st, 21 left shoulder st, 35 [51] back neck st, 21 shoulder st, 1 edge st)

Set-up Rows:

(RS):K1, (p1, k3) 19 [23] times, p1, k1

(WS):p1, (k1, p3) 19 [23] times, k1, p1

Then begin Lilas top chart at row 1, work the black underlined section 9 [11] times, and then work the blue underlined section once.

Continue working back and forth following the Lilas top chart from row 1 to 16, until the back reach about 18 cm / 7 inch (58 rows worked , 2 rows set-up + 56 rows following the chart) You just have worked the row 8 of the chart..

UNDERARM INCREASES

Continue working following the chart and at the same time with the cable cast-on method, increase:

1. (RS) inc 1 st at the begin of the row, work to end following chart (row 9 of the chart)
2. (WS) inc 1 st at the begin of the row, work to end chart
3. (RS) same as row 1
4. (WS) same as row 2
5. (RS) inc 2 st at the begin of the row, work to end
6. (WS) inc 2 st at the begin of the row, work to end
7. (RS) inc 3 st inc 2 st at the begin of the row, work to end
8. (WS) inc 3 st at the begin of the row, work to end (row 16 of the chart)

You have increased 7 st on each side of the back and you have now 93 [109] st on the needle for the back. Leave these stitches on a stitch holder or on a waste of yarn. Break the yarn leaving a tail for waving in end. These stitches will be worked later, when joining front and back together.

LEFT FRONT

With Right side of the back facing, with circular or straight needle 3.00 mm, carefully remove the waste yarn on the last 23 st of the back cast-on. Leave the 23 right shoulder stitch and the 33 [49] center stitches on the waste yarn.

With a new ball of yarn, work these 2 set-up rows:

1. (RS) K1 (edge st), (p1, k3) 5 times, p1, k 1 (edge st)
2. (WS) P1 (edge st), (k1, p3) 5 times, k1, p1 (edge st)

Continue working following the Lilas top chart, as for the back being sure to make match the pattern between the back and the front. Continue in this manner until you reach about 17.5 cm from the cast-on (56 rows worked, 2 rows set-up + 54 rows following the chart). You just have worked the row 6 of the chart. On the next row (RS), just increase 33 [49] st at the begin of the left front, using the cable cast-on method. **Don't work the Right side row.** You have 56 [72] st on the needle. Break the yarn, leaving a tail for waving in end and transfer these stitches on a waste yarn or on a stitch holder.

RIGHT FRONT

With Right side of the back facing, with circular or straight needle 3.00 mm, carefully remove the waste yarn on the first 23 st of the back cast-on. The 33 center back stitches remains on a waste yarn or a stitch holder, they will be worked when picking up the neck collar stitches.

With a new ball of yarn, work these 2 set-up rows:

3. (RS) K1 (edge st), (p1, k3) 5 times, p1, k 1 (edge st)
4. (WS) P1 (edge st), (k1, p3) 5 times, k1, p1 (edge st)

Continue working following the Lilas top chart, as for the back being sure to make match the pattern between the back and the front. Continue in this manner until you reach about 17.5 cm from the cast-on (56 rows worked, 2 rows set-up + 54 rows following the chart) you just have worked the row 6 of the chart.

JOINING RIGHT AND LEFT FRONT

Place the left front stitches (56 [72] st) on the circular needle, ready to be worked after the right front stitches and then work over the 23 right front st following row 7 (RS) of the chart, continue working over the 56 [72] left front being careful not to twist the stitches and following the continuity of the chart. Work the wrong side following the row 8 of Lila's top chart. Now you are ready to increase for the underarm shaping. There are 79 [95] st on the needle.

UNDERARM INCREASES

Continue working following the chart and at the same time with the cable cast-on, increase as follow and working all the new stitches following the continuity of the chart:

9. (RS) inc 1 st at the begin of the row, work to end following chart (row 9)
10. (WS) inc 1 st at the begin of the row, work to end
11. (RS) inc 1 st at the begin of the row, work to end following chart (row 11)
12. (WS) inc 1 st at the begin of the row, work to end
13. (RS) inc 2 st at the begin of the row, work to end
14. (WS) inc 2 st at the begin of the row, work to end
15. (RS) inc 3 st inc 2 st at the begin of the row, work to end
16. (WS) inc 3 st at the begin of the row, work to end (row 16 of the chart)

You have increased 7 st on each side of the front and you have now 93 [109] st on the needle for the back. Now you are ready to join front and back and work in the round.

JOINING FRONT AND BACK

Place back stitches on the 3.00 mm circular needle, ready to be worked after the front stitches. Work the front stitches following row 1 of the Lilas top chart, repeating only the black underlined section until the last front st, k2tog (last front st and first back st), work the back stitches as for the front stitches following the chart until the last back stitch, k2tog, k1, pm (begin of the round). There are now 184 [216] st on the needle for the back and front.

Note that after this joining round, the bodice is worked in the round, following all rows underlined in black of the Lilas top chart from right to left. There are no more edge stitches, so **all the stitches are charted from this part.**

BODICE

Then continue Lila's top chart with row 2, working in the round as follows:

- Work 23 [27] times around the underlined section in black (pattern repeat), slip marker

Continue in this manner, until you reach 29 cm from the joining round; finishing after completing row 8 of the Lilas top chart for a nicer finish.

Then work the ribbing as follow:

- (P1, k3) 46 times around.

Work the ribbing for about 1 cm or more if preferred, then bind-off loosely in pattern all the stitches.

NECK EDGING

With 3.00 mm circular needle and a new ball of yarn knit the 33 [49] back neck st as follow:

K2, (p1, k3) 7 [11] times, p1, k2, pick-up 1 in the corner, Pick-up 40 st along the left neck side, pm(before the center st for decreasing the squared collar), pick-up 1 st in the corner, pick-up 34 [50] st along the front neck, pm (before the second center st for decreasing the squared collar), pick-up 1 st in the corner, pick-up 40 st along the right neck side, pm (begin of the round), 150 [172] st on the needle.

Next rows:

1. K2, (p1, k3) until 2 last st, p1, k1
2. k2, (p1,k3) until 1 st before 1st marker, slip 2 st as if to knit, k1, pass 2 slipped st over (centered decrease), work in pattern until 1 st before second marker, work 1 centered decrease, work to end

Repeat row 2, 3 more times and bind-off loosely in pattern.

BORDER SLEEVES

With right side facing, circular needle 3.00 mm and a new ball of yarn, begin at center underarm, pick-up and knit 108 st all around, pm for the begin of the round. Knit 2 more rounds and then purl 2 rounds, Bind-off loosely knitwise.

Repeat for the second border sleeve.

FINISHING

With a tapestry needle, wave in ends, wash and block.

ET voilà

Happy knitting ☺



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This pattern has been carefully reviewed, but if there is any questions, comments or mistakes please contact me : stefanina@stefanina-knitting-design.com



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Lilas top chart

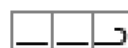
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Legend:



purl

RS: purl stitch
WS: knit stitch



Special cross

RS: Insert right needle into third stitch on left needle and pass this stitch over first 2 sts on left needle, then knit 1, yo, knit 1.



knit

RS: knit stitch
WS: purl stitch



Right Twist

RS: Skip the first stitch, knit into 2nd stitch, then knit skipped stitch. Slip both stitches from needle together.



Left Twist

RS: sl1 to CN, hold in front. k1, k1 from CN

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Notes:

Pattern repeat underlined in black

Last section to be worked once is underlined in blue