

Tip To make sure the crossover straps fit correctly, try placing the strap stitches on a holder when you reach the length stated in the pattern, then tacking or pinning the straps in place and trying the top on. You can now adjust the fit by adding or removing rows of knitting.



YOU WILL NEED

■ Rico Design, Fashion Pixel DK (65% cotton, 35% polyester, 50g/115m)

■ A pair of 4mm needles
■ 16 buttons, 15mm in diameter
■ Stitch holders

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TENSION

Yarn used knits as DK to this tension: 22 sts and 28 rows to measure 10x10cm (4x4in) over st st using 4mm needles
1 cable pattern repeat (16 rows) measures 6.5cm

ABBREVIATIONS

Dec5 P2tog, P3togtbl, pass the first of these sts on RH needle over the second
Kfbf Knit in the front, back and then the front again of the stitch

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Let your festival goddess out with this crossover crop top. With challenging cables and fun tassels, this is a must-knit for summer. For a bit of a twist, try making both the straps and the tassels in a contrasting colour. It looks perfect with a breezy white skirt!



CABLED BAND

Cast on 30 sts using 4mm needles.

Work cable band as follows:

Row 1 (WS) K13, P4, K13.

Row 2 K2, P11, C4B, P11, K2.

Row 3 and all alt (WS) rows except

row 13 K2, knit the purl and purl the knit sts of prev row to last 2 sts, K2.

Row 4 K2, P9, T4B, T4F, P9, K2.

Row 6 K2, P2, M1, kfbf, M1, P4, T4B, P4, T4F, P4, M1, kfbf, M1, P2, K2.

Row 8 K2, T4B, P1, T4F, T4B, P8, T4F, T4B, P1, T4F, K2.

Row 10 K4, P5, C4F, P12, C4F, P5, K4.

Row 12 K2, T4F, P1, T4B, T4F, P8, T4B, T4F, P1, T4B, K2.

Row 13 K4, dec5, K4, P2, K8, P2, K4, dec5, K4.

Row 14 K2, P7, T4F, P4, T4B, P7, K2.

Row 16 K2, P9, T4F, T4B, P9, K2.

These 16 rows form the pattern.

Rep these 16 rows 8 (9: 10: 11: 12: 13: 14: 15) more times, then work first 3 rows once.

Cast off.

[Work meas 59.5 (66: 72.5: 79: 85.5: 92: 98.5: 105)cm long]

BODICE

Cast on 134 (146: 160: 172: 188: 202: 218: 230) sts using 4mm needles and work 4 rows in g st.

BUST SHAPING

Row 1 and all WS rows Purl to end.

Row 2 K18 (18: 18: 20: 20: 21: 22: 22)

sts, M1, K98 (110: 124: 132: 148: 160: 174: 186) sts, M1, K18 (18: 18: 20: 20: 21: 22: 22). [136 (148: 162: 174: 190: 204: 220: 232) sts]

Row 4 Knit to end.

Row 6 K18 (18: 18: 20: 20: 21: 22: 22)

sts, M1, K100 (112: 126: 134: 150: 162: 176: 188) sts, M1, K to end. [138 (150: 164: 176: 192: 206: 222: 234) sts]

Row 8 Knit to end.

Row 10 K19 (19: 19: 21: 21: 22: 23: 23)

sts, M1, K100 (112: 126: 134: 150: 162: 176: 188) sts, M1, K to end. [140 (152: 166: 178: 194: 208: 224: 236) sts]

Row 12 Knit to end.

Row 14 K19 (19: 19: 21: 21: 22: 23: 23)

sts, M1, K102 (114: 128: 136: 152: 164: 178: 190) sts, M1, K to end. [142 (154: 168: 180: 196: 210: 226: 238) sts]

Row 16 Knit to end.

Row 18 K20 (20: 20: 22: 22: 23: 24: 24)

sts, M1, K102 (114: 128: 136: 152: 164: 178: 190) sts, M1, K to end. [144 (156: 170: 182: 198: 212: 228: 240) sts]

Row 19 Purl to end.

Row 20 Knit to end.

Rep rows 19 & 20, 0 (0: 0: 1: 1: 1: 2: 2) more times.

Now work on these 144 (156: 170: 182: 198: 212: 228: 240) sts as follows:

DIVIDE FOR ARMHOLES

Next row P41 (42: 44: 46: 48: 51: 53: 57) sts, cast off next 62 (72: 82: 90: 102: 110: 122: 126) sts, purl to end.

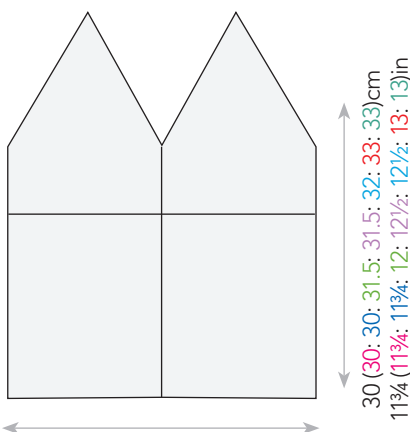
Work on this last group of 41 (42: 44: 46: 48: 51: 53: 57) sts only as follows:

RIGHT SIDE BODICE

Next row Knit.

Cast off 0 (1: 3: 4: 4: 4: 5) sts, P to last 2 sts, p2tog.

[40 (40: 40: 41: 43: 46: 48: 51) sts]



| SIZE | | XXS | XS | S | M | L | XL | XXL | XXXL |
|----------------|---|------|-----|-----|------|------|-----|-------|------|
| TO FIT | cm | 75.5 | 78 | 87 | 93 | 100 | 106 | 113.5 | 119 |
| BUST | in | 28 | 30¾ | 33¾ | 35¾ | 38½ | 41 | 43½ | 46 |
| ACTUAL | cm | 65.5 | 71 | 77 | 83 | 90 | 96 | 103.5 | 109 |
| BUST | in | 25¾ | 28 | 30½ | 32½ | 35½ | 38 | 40¾ | 43 |
| LENGTH | cm | 30 | 30 | 30 | 31.5 | 31.5 | 32 | 33 | 33 |
| | in | 11¾ | 11¾ | 11¾ | 12 | 12½ | 12½ | 13 | 13 |
| YARN | Rico Design, Fashion Pixel (50g/115m balls) | | | | | | | | |
| Neon Ecu (001) | | 2 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 4 | 4 |

To make this pattern easier to follow, we've colour-coded the sizing instructions – simply follow the relevant column.

33 (35.5: 35.5: 35.5: 38: 41: 43)cm
12¾ (14: 15¼: 16¾: 17¾: 19: 20½: 21½)in

KNITTED CROP TOP BY RUTH MADDOCK

SIZES M, L, XL, XXL & XXXL ONLY

Next row Knit.

Cast off - (-: -: 0: 2: 3: 3: 4) sts, P to last 2 sts, p2tog.

[- (-: -: 40: 40: 42: 44: 46) sts]

SIZES XL, XXL & XXXL ONLY

Next row Knit.

Cast off - (-: -: -: -: 1: 3: 5) sts, P to last 2 sts, p2tog.

[- (-: -: -: -: 40: 40: 40) sts]

ALL SIZES

Cont on rem 40 sts as follows (starting at centre front):

Row 1 (RS) K2tog, K17, k2tog, K17, k2tog. [37 sts]

Row 2 and all alt rows to row 24 Purl to end.

Row 3 K2tog, K15, skpo, K16, k2tog. [34 sts]

Row 5 K2tog, K15, k2tog, K13, k2tog. [31 sts]

Row 7 K2tog, K12, skpo, K13, k2tog. [28 sts]

Row 9 K2tog, K12, k2tog, K10, k2tog. [25 sts]

Row 11 K2tog, K9, skpo, K10, k2tog. [22 sts]

Row 13 K2tog, K9, k2tog, K7, k2tog. [19 sts]

Row 15 K2tog, K6, skpo, K7, k2tog. [16 sts]

Row 17 K2tog, K6, k2tog, K4, k2tog. [13 sts]

Row 19 K2tog, K3, skpo, K4, k2tog. [10 sts]

Row 21 K2tog, K3, k2tog, K1, k2tog. [7 sts]

Row 23 K2tog, skpo, K1, k2tog. [4 sts]

Row 25 K2tog twice. [2 sts]

Row 26 K2tog, fasten off.

Fasten off.



The cabled band is worked sideways with the bodice, straps and tassels added on afterwards. Each tassel is attached to the middle-bottom of one of the cabled circles.

With RS facing rejoin yarn to rem 41 (42: 44: 46: 48: 51: 53: 57) sts at armhole edge and work as follows:

LEFT SIDE BODICE

Cast off 0 (1: 3: 4: 4: 4: 5) sts, K to last 2 sts, k2tog.

[40 (40: 40: 41: 43: 46: 48: 51) sts]

Next row Purl.

SIZES M, L, XL, XXL & XXXL ONLY

Cast off - (-: -: 0: 2: 3: 3: 4) sts, K to last 2 sts, k2tog.

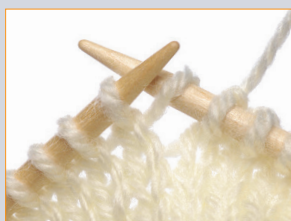
[- (-: -: 40: 40: 42: 44: 46) sts]

Next row Purl.

SIZES XL, XXL & XXXL ONLY

Cast off - (-: -: -: -: 1: 3: 5) sts, K to last 2 sts, k2tog.

STEP-BY-STEP M1 MAKE 1 INCREASE



1 Insert the point of the right-hand needle under the loop or line of yarn that lies between the two stitches.



2 Next slip the yarn back on to the left-hand needle, ready for knitting.



3 Insert the point of the right-hand needle into the back of the stitch as if to knit.



4 Pull the yarn all the way through and you will have an extra stitch on your right-hand needle.

Tip To add a tassel, draw the middle of all seven strands up through the bottom of the cabled circle, from the front to the back. Draw the ends of the strands through the loop created and pull tightly, securing tassel in place. Once all tassels are added, trim the ends.

[- (: - : - : - : 40: 40: 40) sts]

Next row Purl.

ALL SIZES

Cont on rem 40 sts as follows (starting at armhole edge):

Row 1 K2tog, K17, skpo, K17, k2tog. [37 sts]

Next row and all alt rows to row 24 Purl to end.

Row 3 K2tog, K16, k2tog, K15, k2tog. [34 sts]

Row 5 K2tog, K13, skpo, K15, k2tog. [31 sts]

Row 7 K2tog, K13, k2tog, K12, k2tog. [28 sts]

Row 9 K2tog, K10, skpo, K12, k2tog. [25 sts]

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Row 13 K2tog, K7, skpo, K9, k2tog. [19 sts]

Row 15 K2tog, K7, k2tog, K6, k2tog. [16 sts]

Row 17 K2tog, K4, skpo, K6, k2tog. [13 sts]

Row 19 K2tog, K4, k2tog, K3, k2tog. [10 sts]

Row 21 K2tog, K1, skpo, K3, k2tog. [7 sts]

Row 23 (K2tog) twice, K1, k2tog. [4 sts]

Row 25 K2tog twice. [2 sts]

Row 26 P2tog, fasten off. Fasten off.

TO MAKE UP

Pin cast-on edge of Bodice to side edge of cable band. Sew together using small backstitches.

RIGHT FRONT BAND

Using 4mm needles and working from the RS of work, pick up 39 (39: 39: 41: 41: 44: 44: 47) sts along straight edge of right front bodice. Work 2 rows in g st, decreasing 1 st at neck edge of each row.

[37 (37: 37: 39: 39: 42: 42: 45) sts] **

Next row K2tog, K1 (1: 1: 2: 2: 1: 1: 3), *yo, k2tog, K4 (4: 4: 4: 4: 5: 5: 5); rep from * 4 more times, yo, k2tog, K2 (2: 2: 3: 3: 2: 2: 3).

[36 (36: 36: 38: 38: 41: 41: 44) sts]

Work 2 more rows in g st, decreasing 1 st at neck edge of each row.

[34 (34: 34: 36: 36: 39: 39: 42) sts]

Cast off purlwise.

LEFT FRONT BAND

Work as for Right Front Band to **.

Work 3 more rows in g st, decreasing 1 st at neck edge of each row.



[34 (34: 34: 36: 36: 39: 39: 42) sts]

Cast off purlwise.

FRONT EDGES

Using 4mm needles and working from the right side of work, pick up 31 sts along front of shaped top from edge of front band to point.

Knit 1 row.

Cast off purlwise.

Work the same for the other side.

BACK & SIDE FRONT EDGE

Using 4mm needles and working from the RS of work, pick up 31 sts from point at right front to first corner, place marker in last st, pick up 62 (72: 82: 90: 102: 110: 122: 126) sts along cast-off edge of back, pick up 31 sts from corner to last point at front. Place marker in the first 124 (134: 144: 152: 164: 172: 184: 188) sts.

Row 1 *K to 5 sts before sm, (k2tog, K1) 3 times, k2tog; rep from * once more, K to end.

Cast off purlwise.

STRAPS (MAKE 2)

Cast on 4 sts using 4mm needles.

Work in garter st until work meas 38 (38: 40: 40: 42: 42: 44: 44)cm.

Cast off.

Sew join at point of bodice, sew straps to this join.

Fold work in half and mark centre back point, mark a point 7 (8: 8: 9: 9: 10: 10: 12)cm each side of centre back point cross over straps and, making sure they don't twist, sew to these points. Sew in all ends. Sew buttons to correspond with buttonholes.

TASSELS

Cut 7 lengths of yarn, 28cm long. Group together and using a crochet hook, attach in line with cable circle at lower edge of work. Work a tassel in the same way into each of these circles. Lightly steam and trim. 🧶

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