



SUMMER WHEAT TANK

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STITCH GUIDE

Make bobble (MB): Work [k1, yo, k1, yo, k1] all in next st, turn—5 sts made from 1 st. K5, turn, p5, turn, k1, sl 1 as if to knit (kwise), k2tog, psso, k1, turn, p3tog, turn—5 sts dec'd back to 1 st.

Right Twist (RT): K2tog, but do not slip sts from left needle; insert right needle tip between 2 sts just worked and knit the first st again; slip both sts off needle.

Dec Bind-off: K2tog, *k2tog, pass first st on right needle over second st; rep from * to BO desired number of sts. If number of sts to BO is an odd number, work the last st as k1 instead of k2tog, and BO the final st in the usual manner.

Field-of-Wheat Pattern: (multiple of 11 sts)

Note: Each patt rep incs to a multiple of 12 sts after completing RS rows, then decs back to an 11-st rep after completing WS rows.

Row 1: (RS) *K1, MB, k2, yo, k1, yo, k4, k2tog; rep from * to end.

Row 2: (WS) *P2tog, p8, p1 through back loop (tbl); p1, rep from * to end.

Row 3: *K5, yo, k1, yo, k3, k2tog; rep from * to end.

Rows 4, 6, 8, and 10: *P2tog, p10; rep from * to end.

Row 5: *K6, yo, k1, yo, k2, k2tog; rep from * to end.

Row 7: *K7, (yo, k1) 2 times, k2tog; rep from * to end.

Row 9: *K8, yo, k1, yo, k2tog; rep from * to end.

Row 11: *Ssk (page 0), k4, yo, k1, yo, k2, MB, k1; rep from * to end.

Row 12: *P1, p1 tbl, p8, p2tog tbl; rep from * to end.

Row 13: *Ssk, k3, yo, k1, yo, k5; rep from * to end.

Rows 14, 16, and 18: *P10, p2tog tbl; rep from * to end.

Row 15: *Ssk, k2, yo, k1, yo, k6; rep from * to end.

Row 17: *Ssk, (k1, yo) 2 times; k7; rep from * to end.

Row 19: *Ssk, yo, k1, yo, k8; rep from * to end.

Row 20: Rep Row 14.

Rep Rows 1–20 for patt.

NOTES

- ◆ The body is worked in the round as a tube with decreases and increases at marked side positions for waist shaping. The lace overlay is picked up and knitted from the left side and worked horizontally across the front of the body.
- ◆ The field of wheat lace contains patterning on both right-side and wrong-side rows. After every right-side row is completed, the 11-stitch pattern repeat will have been increased to a multiple of 12 stitches. On wrong-side rows, the extra stitch is decreased away, and the pattern becomes a multiple of 11 stitches again. Because of this, check stitch counts after having completed a wrong-side row when the extra stitch has been removed from each repeat.
- ◆ As a result of shaping the overlay, if there are not enough stitches to work a complete repeat of the field-of-wheat pattern, continue the stitches of any partial repeats in pattern as long as possible, then work those stitches in stockinette. If the lace pattern contains a decrease next to where the shaping requires that you also decrease one stitch, you can substitute a double decrease for the lace pattern's single decrease to reduce the stitch count by one and still maintain the pattern. For example, if the lace pattern on a decrease row would normally begin with a ssk decrease, work a sssk decrease instead to simultaneously decrease one stitch at the beginning of the row and still keep in pattern.

"I like to wear tops that wrap around,"

LISA SHROYER says, "because they narrow my waistline and make me look curvy." For her unusual version of a wrapped top, she chose a bobble-studded lace pattern for a separate panel that ties over a stockinette-stitch tank. The lace pattern, from a Barbara Walker book, looks great placed on the horizontal. Lisa suggests adding three-quarter-length sleeves for a cool-weather variation.

Finished Size 30 (34, 38, 42, 46)" bust circumference. Top shown measures 30".

Yarn Madil Eden (100% bamboo; 109 yd [100 m]/50 g): #631 brown, 7 (8, 9, 10, 11) balls. Yarn distributed by Cascade Yarns.

Needles Size 4 (3.5 mm): 24" circular (cir). Adjust needle size if necessary to obtain the correct gauge.

Notions Markers (m); stitch holders; size G/6 (4 mm) crochet hook; tapestry needle; spare needle same size or smaller than main needle for three-needle bind-off.

Gauge 23 sts and 28 rows = 4" in St st in the rnd; one repeat of field of wheat pattern (11 sts and 20 rows) = 2" wide and 2¼" long, after blocking.



LOWER BODY

CO 172 (196, 218, 242, 264) sts. Place marker (pm) and join for working in the rnd, being careful not to twist sts; rnd beg at left side at start of sts for front. **Next rnd:** *K1, p1; rep from * until you have worked a total of 86 (98, 109, 121, 132) sts for front, pm for right side, cont in 1x1 rib to end. Slipping m every rnd, cont in established rib until piece measures 1½" from CO. Work in St st (knit every rnd) until piece measures 3 (3½, 3½, 4, 4)" from CO. **Dec rnd:** *K1, ssk (page 0), knit to 2 sts before right side m, k2tog, sl m; rep from * 1 more time—4 sts dec'd. Cont in St st, rep Dec rnd every 6th rnd 4 more times—152 (176, 198, 222, 244) sts rem, 76 (88, 99, 111, 122) sts each for front and back. Work even in St st until piece measures 9¼ (9¼, 9¼, 10, 10)" from CO. **Inc rnd:** *K1, M1 (see page 0), knit to m, M1, sl m; rep from * to end—4 sts inc'd. Rep Inc rnd every 4th rnd 4 more times—172 (196, 218, 242, 264) sts. Work even in St st until piece measures 14½ (15½, 15½, 16, 16)" from CO. **Next rnd:** *K6 (8, 7, 8, 11), k2tog; rep from * to last 4 (6, 2, 2, 4) sts, k2 (4, 2, 2, 4), k2tog 1 (1, 0, 0, 0) time—150 (176, 194, 218, 244) sts rem.

TOP BAND

Keep beg-of-rnd m in place, but remove m for right side as you come to it.

Rnd 1: *K1, p1; rep from * over a total of 46 (54, 62, 70, 78) sts, k1, pm; work next 19 sts (inc them to 20 sts) as p1, RT (see Stitch Guide), p1, k1, MB (see Stitch Guide), k2, yo, k1, yo, k4, k2tog, p1, RT, p1, pm, cont in k1, p1 rib to end—20 sts in new marked section.

Rnd 2: Work in rib to m, p1, k2, p1, k1, k1 through back loop (tbl), k8, k2tog, p1, k2, p1, work in rib to end—19 sts in marked section.

Rnd 3: Work in rib to m, p1, RT, p1, k5, yo, k1, yo, k3, k2tog, p1, RT, p1, work in rib to end—20 sts in marked section.

Rnd 4: Work in rib to m, p1, k2, p1, k10, k2tog, p1, k2, p1, work in rib to end—19 sts in marked section.

Rnd 5: Work in rib to m, p1, RT, p1, k6, yo, k1, yo, k2, k2tog, p1, RT, p1, work in rib to end—20 sts in marked section.

Rnds 6, 8, and 10: Rep Rnd 4—19 sts in marked section.

Rnd 7: Work in rib to m, p1, RT, p1, k7, (yo, k1) 2 times, k2tog, p1, RT, p1, work in rib to

end—20 sts in marked section.

Rnd 9: Work in rib to m, p1, RT, p1, k8, yo, k1, yo, k2tog, p1, RT, p1, work in rib to end.

Rnd 11: Work in rib to m, p1, RT, p1, ssk, k4, yo, k1, yo, k2, MB, k1, p1, RT, p1, work in rib to end.

Next rnd: Work dec BO (see Stitch Guide) over first 9 (13, 16, 20, 24) sts (1 st on right needle after BO gap); work next 18 sts in established rib to give 19 sts for left-front strap; dec BO next 19 (23, 27, 31, 35) sts, removing first m as you come to it (st on right needle after BO gap is first p1 of marked section); work rem sts of marked section as k2, p1, ssk, k8, k1 tbl, k1, p1, k2, p1 to give 19 sts for right-front strap, and remove second m; dec BO next 18 (27, 32, 40, 49) sts (1 st on right needle after BO gap); work next 18 sts in established rib to give 19 sts for right-back strap; dec BO next 19 (23, 27, 31, 35) sts (1 st on right needle after BO gap); work next 18 sts in established rib to give 19 sts for left-back strap, dec BO last 9 (14, 16, 20, 25) sts, break yarn, fasten off last st—76 sts rem, 19 sts for each of 4 straps; top band measures about 1½" from end of St st. Place sts for right and left-back straps and left-front strap on holders.

RIGHT STRAP

With RS facing, join yarn to 19 sts of former marked patt section. **Next row:** (RS) Sl 1 pwise with yarn in back (wyb), RT, p1, work 1 rep of Row 13 of field-of-wheat patt (see Stitch Guide) over 11 sts, p1, RT, p1—20 sts. **Next row:** (WS) Sl 1 pwise with yarn in front (wyf), p2, k1, work Row 14 of field-of-wheat patt over 12 sts dec p2 them to 11 sts, k1, p1, k1. Working 4 sts at each edge as established for the last 2 rows, work Rows 15–20 of patt over center sts one time, then work Rows 1–20 one time—19 sts. **Next row:** (RS) Sl 1 pwise wyb, RT, p1, k9, MB, k1, p1, RT, p1. **Next row:** (WS) Sl 1 wyf, p2, k1, p1, p1 tbl, p9, k1, p2, k1. **Next row:** Sl 1 wyb, *k1, p1; rep from * to end. Slipping first st of every row, cont in rib until strap measures 13 (13½, 13½, 13½, 13½)" from end of top band. Place sts on holder.

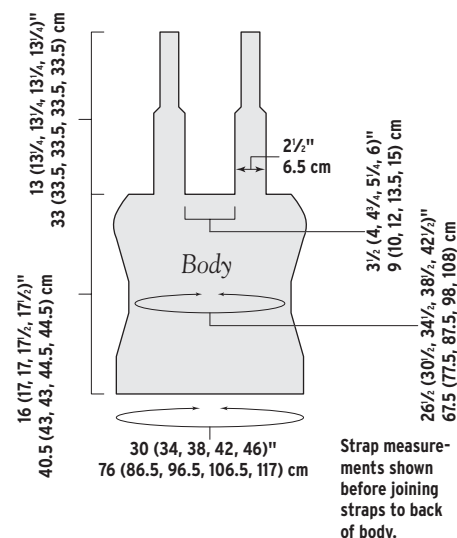
OVERLAY

With RS facing, join yarn to top row of St st at left side of lower body, just beneath the ribbed top band and centered between the

inc and dec st columns of side shaping. Pick up and knit 48 (59, 59, 70, 70) sts in between

these st columns along side of lower body to beg of bottom ribbing, carefully following the same line of sts all the way along. Turn, and purl 1 WS row. **Next row:** (RS) Sl 1 pwise wyb, RT, p1, knit to end, use the backward-loop method (see page 0) to CO 15 sts—63 (74, 74, 85, 85) sts total. **Next row:** (WS) Sl 1 pwise wyf, p2, k1, purl to last 4 sts, k1, p2, k1. **Next row:** (RS) Sl 1 pwise wyb, RT, p1, work Row 1 of field-of-wheat patt (see Stitch Guide) over 55 (66, 66, 77, 77) sts inc them to 60 (72, 72, 84, 84) sts (see Notes), p1, RT, p1. Working 4 sts at each side as established in last 2 rows, cont field-of-wheat patt over center sts, and at the same time, inc 1 st after 4-st section at beg of RS rows every RS row 7 times, then work 1 WS row even, working new sts in St st—70 (81, 81, 92, 92) sts counted after the last WS row. Work even in patts until overlay measures 4½ (5, 6½, 7½, 9½)" from pick-up row, ending with a WS row. **Shape overlay:** **Dec row:** (RS) Work 4 sts in patt, ssk, work in patt to end. Rep Dec row every other RS row 3 more times, then work 1 WS row even—66 (77, 77, 88, 88) sts rem.

When working the foll shaping, cont lace patt as long as possible, then work sts of any partial reps in St st (see Notes). Work Dec row every RS 13 (17, 19, 23, 23) times, then work 1 WS row—53 (60, 58, 65, 65) sts; piece measures about 10 (11½, 14, 15½, 17½)" from pick-up row. Beg with the next RS row, dec 1 st inside the 4-st sections at





both ends every RS row by working ssk after first 4-st section as for Dec row, and working k2tog before the last 4-st section at end of row, 11 (12, 11, 12, 12) times, then work 1 WS row even—31 (36, 36, 41, 41) sts rem; piece measures about 13 (15, 17, 19, 21)" from pick-up row. Work even until the next Row 2 or 12 of field-of-wheat patt has been completed, whichever is closest.
Next row: (RS) Work 4 sts in patt, ssk, [k2 (3, 3, 4, 4), k2tog] 4 times, k3 (4, 4, 5, 5), k2tog, work 4 sts in patt to end—25 (30, 30, 35, 35) sts rem. Purl 1 WS row. BO all sts.

LEFT STRAP

Transfer 19 held sts of left-front strap to needle and rejoin yarn. Slipping first st of every row as for right strap, cont in 1x1 rib as established until strap measures about 5" from last row of top band. Place sts on holder. **Strap overlay:** Smooth overlay flat on top of body, and mark a 2½" section along the overlay's upper selvedge that is directly in line with the strap; this is so the strap overlay will match up with the ribbed section of the strap and cover it completely. With RS facing, pick up and knit 19 sts along marked section of overlay selvedge. Purl 1 WS row. **Next row:** (RS) Sl 1 pwise

wyb, RT, p1, work Row 1 of field-of-wheat patt over 11 sts inc them to 12 sts, p1, RT, p1. **Next row:** (WS) Sl 1 pwise wyf, p2, k1, work in patt to last 4 sts, k1, p2, k1. Working 4 sts at each side as established in last 2 rows, cont field-of-wheat patt over center sts until overlay measures at least as long as ribbed strap, ending with Row 10 of pattern; overlay may be longer than ribbed strap. **Next row:** (RS) Work 4 sts in patt, k9, MB, k1, work last 4 sts in patt. **Next row:** (WS) Work 4 sts in patt, p11, work 4 sts in patt. Lay garment flat and check length of overlay strap against ribbed strap underneath. Add or remove rows from the ribbed strap so that both strap and overlay are the same length; place sts of ribbed strap on spare needle. **Next row:** (RS) With RS of both straps facing and ribbed strap held in back of overlay, insert needle into first ribbed strap st as if to purl, then into first overlay st as if to purl, and purl them tog as 1 st; insert needle into next overlay st as if to knit, then into next ribbed st as if to knit, and knit them tog as 1 st. Cont in this manner, maintaining 1x1 rib, until all strap sts have been joined—19 sts rem. Slipping first st of every row, cont in established rib until strap measures 13 (13½, 13¾, 13¾)" from end of top band. Place sts on holder.

FINISHING

Block overlay, stretching or easing in the fullness along the pick-up row so St st fabric underneath lies flat and smooth.

Join straps: Temporarily pin ends of the shoulder straps on holders tog. Try on tank, and adjust strap length by adding or removing rows to achieve the best fit. Transfer 19 held sts of right-front and -back straps to needles, and hold live sts from each end of strap tog with RS touching and WS facing outwards. Using the three-needle BO (see page 0) and spare needle, join sts tog. Join ends of left strap in the same manner. **Overlay tie loops:** With RS facing, join yarn with a slip stitch (see page 0 for all crochet instructions) to beg of overlay BO row. Ch 5, join with sl st to next BO st, work 1 sc in each st along BO edge to last BO st, ch 5, join with sl st to last BO st, fasten off. **Ties:** Lay garment flat and find natural meeting points where overlay tie loops touch the shaping line along the right side of the body. Work a ch-5 loop at each point on right side of body. With crochet hook, make two 15" crochet chains. Thread chains through corresponding loops and tie as shown. With yarn threaded on a tapestry needle, tack left-strap overlay to base of ribbed strap in a few spots to hold overlay in place. Weave in loose ends. ■

Ssk Decrease



Figure 1



Figure 2

Slip two stitches knitwise one at a time (Figure 1). Insert point of left needle into front of two slipped stitches and knit them together through back loops with right needle (Figure 2).

Raised (M1) Increases

Left Slant (M1L) and Standard M1

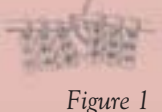


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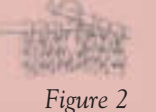


Figure 2

With left needle tip, lift strand between needles from front to back (Figure 1). Knit lifted loop through the back (Figure 2).

Three-Needle Bind-Off

Place stitches to be joined onto two separate needles. Hold them with right sides of knitting facing together. Insert a third needle into first stitch on each of the other two needles and knit them together as one stitch. *Knit next stitch on each needle the same way. Pass first stitch over second stitch. Repeat from * until one stitch remains on third needle. Cut yarn and pull tail through last stitch.



Single Crochet (sc)



Figure 1



Figure 2

Insert hook into a stitch, yarn over hook and draw a loop through stitch, yarn over hook (Figure 1) and draw it through both loops on hook (Figure 2).

Slip Stitch Crochet (sl st)



Insert hook into stitch, yarn over hook and draw loop through stitch and loop on hook.

Crochet Chain (ch)



Make a slipknot on hook. Yarn over hook and draw it through loop of slipknot. Repeat, drawing yarn through the last loop formed.



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