



# Free Online Pattern

81/86-122/127cm  
32/34-48/50in

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Easy knit  
designs

includes  
larger  
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## Tops in Naturals Organic Cotton DK

### MEASUREMENTS

<b>To Fit Bust</b>	cm	81-86	91-97	102-107	112-117	122-127
	in	32-34	36-38	40-42	44-46	48-50
<b>Actual Measurement</b>	cm	96	107	116	127	136
	in	37¾	42	46	50	54
<b>Full Length (measured from back neck)</b>	cm	56	58	62	65	67
	in	22	22¾	24½	25½	26½
<b>Sleeve Length</b>	cm	10	10	10	11	11
	in	4	4	4	4¼	4¼

### YOU WILL NEED

#### Striped Top

Naturals Organic Cotton DK	50g balls					
Colour A		3	4	4	5	5
Colour B		2	2	3	3	3
Colour C		2	2	3	3	4
Colour D		2	2	2	2	2
Colour E		2	2	2	2	2

**Colour used** Colour A Plum 7186, Colour B Flax 7187, Colour C Indigo wash 7202, Colour D Rosewood 7189, and Colour E Storm 7204

#### Plain Top

Naturals Organic Cotton DK	50g balls	9	11	12	14	16
<b>Colour used</b>	Blue Dusk 7200					

**Alternative Yarns** Naturals Bamboo Cotton DK. If using an alternative yarn, please check the meterage as the number of balls needed may vary.

1 pair 4 mm (UK 8 – USA 6) knitting needles and 1 pair 3¼ mm (UK 10 – USA 3) knitting needles. Stitch holders.

### ABBREVIATIONS

<b>alt</b> alternate	<b>g</b> grammes	<b>patt</b> pattern	<b>s1</b> slip 1 stitch
<b>beg</b> beginning	<b>in</b> inch(es)	<b>psso</b> pass slipped	knit wise
<b>cm</b> centimetre(s)	<b>inc</b> increase(ing)	<b>stitch over</b>	<b>st(s)</b> stitch(es)
<b>cont</b> continue	<b>k</b> knit	<b>rem</b> remain(ing)	<b>tog</b> together
<b>dec</b> decrease(ing)	<b>mm</b> millimetre(s)	<b>rep</b> repeat	<b>ws</b> wrong side
<b>folll</b> following	<b>p</b> purl	<b>rs</b> right side	

### SPECIAL ABBREVIATIONS

<b>2x2 rib</b>	<b>St-st. Stocking stitch</b>
<b>1st row (rs).</b> K2, *p2, k2; rep from * to end.	<b>1st row (rs).</b> Knit.
<b>2nd row.</b> *P2, k2; rep from * to last 2 sts, p2.	<b>2nd row.</b> Purl.
Rep 1st and 2nd rows.	Rep 1st and 2nd rows.
<b>G-st. Garter stitch</b>	
<b>Every row.</b> Knit.	

The yarn amounts stated are based on average requirements and are therefore approximate.

**TENSION** 22 sts and 28 rows to 10 cm, 4 in, over stocking stitch on 4 mm needles or the size required to give the correct tension.

**It is essential to work to the stated tension to ensure the correct size of garment and you should always knit a tension square.**

If there are fewer sts and rows to 10 cm, 4 in, change to finer needles if there are more sts and rows to 10 cm, 4 in, change to larger needles.

Instructions are given for the first, smallest size. Larger sizes are given in square brackets. Where only one figure is given, this applies to all sizes. Where the figure 0 appears, no stitches, times, or rows are worked for this size.

After casting off, one stitch will remain on the right hand needle which is not included in the instructions that follow.

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Circle the size you wish to make

### STRIPED TOP

#### BACK

Using 3¼ mm needles, thumb method and A, cast on 114[126:138:150:162] sts. Work 25 rows in 2x2 rib. **26th row (ws).** P7[6:5:6:8], p2tog, (p12[14:12:13:11], p2tog) 7[7:9:9:11] times, p7[6:5:7:9]. 106[118:128:140:150] sts. Change to 4 mm needles. Working in st-st and stripe sequence of 10 rows in A, 10 rows in B, 10 rows in C, 10 rows in D, and 10 rows in E (throughout) cont until back measures 33[33:35:37:38] cm, 13[13:13¾:14½:15] in, ending with a ws row.

#### Shape Sleeves

Cast on 4 sts at end of next 2 rows.

114[126:136:148:158] sts. \*\*

Cast on 5 sts at end of next 4[4:4:2:2] rows.

134[146:156:158:168] sts.

Cast on 6 sts at end of next 2[2:2:4:4] rows.

146[158:168:182:192] sts.

Cont without shaping until sleeve measures

20[22:24:25:26] cm,

8[8¾:9½:9¾:10¼] in, from last cast on row, ending with a ws row. \*\*\*

Cast off rem 40[42:42:44:44] sts.

#### Shape Shoulders

Cast off 53[58:63:69:74] sts at beg of next 2 rows.

40[42:42:44:44] sts.

Cast off rem 40[42:42:44:44] sts.

### FRONT

Work as given for Back to \*\*.

#### Shape Sleeves

##### For 1st size only

#### Divide for neck

**Next row.** K46, k2tog (neck decrease), (p2, k2) twice, k1, turn, leaving rem 57 sts on a stitch holder.

Working on these 56 sts only work as follows:

**Next row.** K1, (p2, k2) twice, purl to end, turn and cast on 5

sts. 61 sts.

**Next row.** Knit to last 11 sts, k2tog, (p2, k2) twice, k1. 60 sts.

**Next row.** K1, (p2, k2) twice, purl to end, turn and cast on 5 sts. 65 sts.

**Next row.** Knit to last 11 sts, k2tog, (p2, k2) twice, k1. 64 sts.

**Next row.** K1, (p2, k2) twice, purl to end, turn and cast on 6 sts. 70 sts.

**For 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th sizes only**

Cast on 5 sts at end of next [4:4:2:2] rows.

[146:156:158:168] sts.

Cast on 6 sts at end of next [2:2:4:4] rows.

[158:168:182:192] sts.

Work [2:6:6:8] rows more without shaping.

**Divide for neck**

**Next row.** K[68:73:80:85], k2tog (neck decrease), (p2, k2) twice, k1, turn, leaving rem [79:84:91:96] sts on a stitch holder.

Working on these [78:83:90:95] sts only work as follows:

**Next row.** K1, (p2, k2) twice, purl to end.

**For all sizes**

**Next row.** Knit to last 11 sts, k2tog, (p2, k2) twice, k1. 69[77:82:89:94] sts.

**Next row.** K1, (p2, k2) twice, purl to end.

Last 2 rows set **neck shaping and neck border.**

Work 19[27:23:25:25] rows dec 1 st at neck edge **as before** in next and every foll alt row. 59[63:70:76:81] sts.

Work 21[17:25:25:25] rows dec 1 st at neck edge **as before** in next and every foll 4th row. 53[58:63:69:74] sts.

Cont without shaping until front measures same as Back to shoulder shaping, ending with a ws row.

**Shape Shoulder**

Cast off rem 53[58:63:69:74] sts. With rs facing, rejoin yarn to 57[79:84:91:96] sts from holder and work as follows:

**For 1st size only**

**Next row.** K1, (k2, p2) twice, s1, k1, pssso, (neck decrease), knit to end, turn and cast on 5 sts.

61 sts.

**Next row.** Purl to last 9 sts, (k2, p2) twice, k1.

Rep last 2 rows once more.

65 sts.

**Next row.** K1, (k2, p2) twice, s1, k1, pssso, knit to end, turn and cast on 6 sts. 70 sts.

**Next row.** Purl to last 9 sts, (k2, p2) twice, k1.

**For 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th sizes only**

**Next row.** K1, (k2, p2) twice, s1, k1, pssso, (neck decrease), knit to end.

[78:83:90:95] sts.

**Next row.** Purl to last 9 sts, (k2, p2) twice, k1.

**For all sizes**

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53[58:63:69:74] sts.

Cont without shaping until front measures same as Back to shoulder shaping, ending with a rs row.

**Shape Shoulder**

Cast off rem 53[58:63:69:74] sts on **ws**.

**SLEEVE EDGINGS**

**(Both alike)**

With rs facing, using 3¼ mm needles and C, pick up and knit 83[91:101:105:109] sts evenly all round sleeve edge.

Work 17 rows in g-st.

Cast off knit wise (on **ws**).

**TO MAKE UP**

Join shoulder, side and sleeve seams, reversing sewing for

3 cm, 1¼ in, for turn-back of sleeves. Pin out top to the measurements given. Cover with clean, damp tea towels and leave until dry. See ball band for washing and further care instructions.

**PLAIN TOP BACK**

Using one colour only, work as given for Back of Striped Top to \*\*\*.

**Shape Shoulders**

Cast off 53[58:63:69:74] sts at beg of next 2 rows.

40[42:42:44:44] sts.

Leave rem 40[42:42:44:44] sts on a stitch holder for Back Neck.

**FRONT**

Using one colour only, work as given for Back of Striped Top to \*\*.

**Shape Sleeves**

Cast on 5 sts at end of next 4[4:4:2:2] rows.

134[146:156:158:168] sts.

Cast on 6 sts at end of next 2[2:2:4:4] rows.

146[158:168:182:192] sts.

Cont without shaping until sleeve measures 9[11:12:12:13] cm, 3½[4¼:4¾:4¾:5¼] in, from last cast-on row, ending with a ws row.

**Shape Neck**

**Next row.** K61[66:71:77:82], turn, leaving rem 85[92:97:105:110] sts on a stitch holder.

Working on these 61[66:71:77:82] sts only proceed as follows:

**Next row.** Purl.

Work 4 rows dec 1 st at neck edge in every row. 57[62:67:73:78] sts.

Work 7 rows dec 1 st at neck edge in next and every foll alt row. 53[58:63:69:74] sts.

Cont without shaping until front measures same as Back to shoulder shaping, ending with a ws row.

**Shape Shoulder**

Cast off rem 53[58:63:69:74] sts.

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With rs facing, working on rem 85[92:97:105:110] sts left on a stitch holder, slip first 24[26:26:28:28] sts onto a stitch holder, rejoin yarn to rem 61[66:71:77:82] sts, knit to end.

**Next row.** Purl.

Work 4 rows dec 1 st at neck edge in every row.

57[62:67:73:78] sts.

Work 7 rows dec 1 st at neck edge in next and every foll alt row. 53[58:63:69:74] sts.

Cont without shaping until front measures same as Back to shoulder shaping, ending with a **rs** row.

### Shape Shoulder

Cast off rem 53[58:63:69:74] sts.

### NECKBAND

Join right shoulder seam. With rs facing, using 3¼ mm needles pick up and knit 24[24:26:29:29] sts evenly down left side of neck, knit across 24[26:26:28:28] sts left on a stitch holder at centre front

neck, pick up and knit 24[24:26:29:29] sts evenly up right side of neck and knit across 40[42:42:44:44] sts left on a stitch holder at centre back neck.

112[116:120:130:130] sts.

Work 4 rows in g-st.

**Next row (ws).** K1, k2tog, k35[37:37:39:39], (k2tog) twice, k22[22:24:27:27], k2tog, k20[22:22:24:24], k2tog, k21[21:23:26:26], k2tog, k1.

106[110:114:124:124] sts.

Work 3 rows more in g-st.

**Next row (ws).** K1, k2tog, k33[35:35:37:37], (k2tog) twice, k20[20:22:25:25], k2tog, k19[21:21:23:23], k2tog, k20[20:22:25:25], k2tog, k1.

100[104:108:118:118] sts.

Work 3 rows more in g-st.

Cast off knit wise (on **ws**).

### SLEEVE EDGINGS

(Both alike)

Work as given for Sleeve Edgings of Striped Top.

### TO MAKE UP

Join left shoulder and neckband seams. Join side and sleeve seams, reversing sewing for 3 cm, 1¼ in, for turn-back of sleeves. Pin out top to the measurements given. Cover with clean, damp tea towels and leave until dry. See ball band for washing and further care instructions.



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