





Size: UK 10 - US 6 - EU 36 - Skill Level: intermediate

How much yarn: 8 balls (each ball 50g and 125m) of Merinocot yarn (53% Extrafine Merino Wool, 47% Cotton), shade no. 14446

Needles: Pair of 5.00mm knitting needles

A 5.00mm circular needle

Sewing needle: Yarn needle with rounded point

STITCHES

Using needles: CIRCULAR STOCKING STITCH (ST ST): all rounds K. – FISHERMAN RIB: (worked on even number of sts) **1st row (basic row):** slip 1 st knitwise (= pass the stitch from the left needle to the right needle without knitting it) as selvedge st, * P1, K1; rep from * ending with P1 (= selvedge st). **2nd row:** slip 1 st knitwise, * yarn in front and on needle, slip 1 st purlwise, K1; rep from * ending with P1. **3rd row:** slip 1 st knitwise, * yarn forward and round needle (=yfrn), slip 1 st purlwise, K2tog (=next st with yfrn) rep from * ending with P1. Rep 3rd row throughout.

TENSION (after work has been steamed)

15 sts measure 15cm in width over Fisherman Rib with 5.00 mm needles and double strand of yarn. Take time to check tension before starting work: it is essential to work to the stated tensions to achieve success.

INSTRUCTIONS

Note: work using two strands of yarn held together. The **Back** of the Top is made up of two parts worked separately and joined in the center by a band knitted in stocking stitch. **Left Part:** with 5.00 mm needles cast on 26 sts and work in Fisherman Rib, decreasing 2 sts (= K3tog) after first 4 sts on 27th row, then every following

12th row 4 more times (= 16 sts). Cont to work straight in Fisherman Rib until work measures 110cm from beg. Cast off. Right Part: work as Left Part, in mirrored shape, therefore decrease 2 sts before last 4 sts working as follows: SK2P (= slip 1 st, knit 2 sts together, pass slipped st over K2 tog). Central band: with 5.00 mm circular needle cast on 54 sts and work 10 rounds in circular stocking stitch. Cast off. Straps: (make 2) For each strap, with 5.00 mm needles cast on 16 sts and work in Fisherman Rib until work measures 70cm from beg. Cast off. To create **the loop** fold last 10cm and, with yarn needle, sew it with small hidden stitches. Now join the parts: at the weave of the central band, which looks like a tube, sew the left part of the back, inserting it inside, as shown in the diagram below. In the same way, sew the right part: the two parts will thus be mirrored. On the sides of the central band, about 4 cm apart, sew the straps. Wear the top, as desired, taking inspiration from the photos.





