PATTERN COLLECTION
Women

Split Back Tee
Designed by Rachel Brockman

SKILL
Knitting

DIFFICULTY
Easy

SIZES
Extra Small (Small, Medium, Large, 1X, 2X, 3X, 4X, 5X)
Shown in Small Size with approx. 4" of positive ease.

FINISHED MEASUREMENTS
Bust: 32 (36, 40, 44, 48, 52, 56, 60, 64)"
Length from Shoulder: 16¼ (16¾, 17¼, 18¼, 18¾, 19¼, 20½, 21¼, 21¾)"

MATERIALS
Universal Yarn *Filly* (46% cotton, 33% fine superwash merino wool, 12% polyamide, 9% PBT; 100g/492 yds)
- 102 Kite – 2 (2, 2, 3, 3, 3, 3, 3, 4) skeins

Needle: US Size 5 (3.75 mm) set of DPNs and straight (or your preferred needles for knitting flat) *or size needed to obtain gauge*
US Size 4 (3.5 mm) set of DPNs and 16" circular
Notions: Tapestry needle, stitch markers, removable stitch markers, stitch holders or waste yarn

GAUGE
22 sts x 30 rnds = 4" in Front Texture patt with larger ndl
Save time, check your gauge.

Knit, Relax, Smile, Repeat!

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PATTERN NOTES

This easy, breezy, slightly cropped tee is perfect for summer! The Split Back Tee is knit using Filly, our sock yarn featuring a blend of cool cotton, cozy merino, and a touch of sturdy stretch from polyamide and PBT. Gorgeous runs of colors elevate a yarn designed for socks into something truly special.

The body of this tee is knit flat in pieces from the bottom up and seamed. The back panels overlap, leaving the back of the garment open and airy. Stitches for the sleeves are picked up and knit in the round from the top down. The neckband is also picked up and knit in the round.

We recommend choosing a size with 0-4" of ease.

Please note that this pattern features a self-shading yarn. When breaking yarn to divide for the neck, and for picking up the sleeves, you will want to break yarn and wind off until you reach the same section of colors when you rejoin the yarn. This is not required but will provide results most like the sample. You may wish to purchase an extra skein as insurance.

STITCH GUIDE

Front Texture
(multiple of 11 sts)
Row 1 (RS): * K4, p1, k1, p1, k4; rep from * to end.
Row 2 (WS): * P3, [k1, p1] 2 times, k1, p3; rep from * to end.
Rep Rows 1-2 for patt.

Back Texture
(multiple of 11 sts, plus 3)
Row 1 (RS): [K1, p1] 2 times, * k7, [p1, k1] 2 times; rep from * to last 10 sts, k6, [p1, k1] 2 times.
Row 2 (WS): K1, p1, k1, p7, * [k1, p1] 2 times, k1, p6; rep from * to last 4 sts, [p1, k1] 2 times.
Rep Rows 1-2 for patt.

PATTERN BEGINS

FRONT
With larger ndl, cast on 90 (101, 112, 123, 134, 145, 156, 167, 178) sts.
Row 1 (RS): K1, work in Front Texture patt to last st, k1.
Row 2 (WS): P1, work in Front Texture patt to last st, p1.

Rows 1-2 establish patt. Cont in patt as est'd until piece meas 10 (10, 10, 10½, 10½, 10½, 11, 11, 11)" from cast-on edge, ending with a WS row.

Place removable markers on each side of work to denote armholes. Cont in patt as est'd until piece meas 5¼ (5¾, 6¼, 6¾, 7¼, 7¾, 8¼, 9¼, 9¾)" from armhole markers, ending with a WS row.

Shape Front Neck
Cont as est'd over 32 (37, 42, 47, 52, 57, 62, 67, 72) Left Front sts, bind off center 26 (27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34) Neck sts, cont as est'd over 32 (37, 42, 47, 52, 57, 62, 67, 72) Right Front sts.
Place Left Front sts on holder or waste yarn.

Shape Right Front Neck
Row 1 (WS): Cont as est'd to end.
Row 2 (RS): Bind off 4 sts, cont as est'd to end – 28 (33, 38, 43, 48, 53, 58, 63, 68) sts rem.
Row 3: Cont as est'd to end.
Row 4: Bind off 4 sts, cont as est'd to end – 24 (29, 34, 39, 44, 49, 54, 59, 64) sts rem.
Row 5: Cont as est'd to end.
Row 6: Bind off 3 sts, cont as est'd to end – 21 (26, 31, 36, 41, 46, 51, 56, 61) sts rem.
Cont even in patt as est'd, if necessary, until piece meas 6¼ (6¾, 7¼, 7¾, 8¼, 8¾, 9½, 10¼, 10¾)" from armhole markers, ending with a RS row.

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Shape Right Front Shoulder

Row 1 (WS): Bind off 6 (8, 9, 10, 11, 14, 14, 15, 16) sts, cont as est'd to end – 15 (18, 22, 26, 30, 32, 37, 41, 45) sts rem.

Row 2 (RS): Cont as est'd to end.

Row 3: Bind off 6 (7, 9, 9, 11, 12, 13, 14, 16) sts, cont as est'd to end – 9 (11, 13, 17, 19, 20, 24, 27, 29) sts rem.

Row 4: Cont as est'd to end.

Row 5: Bind off 5 (6, 7, 9, 10, 11, 13, 14, 15) sts, cont as est'd to end – 4 (5, 6, 8, 9, 9, 11, 13, 14) sts rem.

Row 6: Cont as est'd to end.

Bind off rem 4 (5, 6, 8, 9, 9, 11, 13, 14) sts.

Return Left Front sts to ndl, ready to work a WS row.

Shape Left Front Neck

Note: You may wish to wind off yarn to match the color last used.

Row 1 (WS): Bind off 4 sts, cont as est'd to end – 28 (33, 38, 43, 48, 53, 58, 63, 68) sts rem.

Row 2 (RS): Cont as est'd to end.

Row 3: Bind off 4 sts, cont as est'd to end – 24 (29, 34, 39, 44, 49, 54, 59, 64) sts rem.

Row 4: Cont as est'd to end.

Row 5: Bind off 3 sts, cont as est'd to end – 21 (26, 31, 36, 41, 46, 51, 56, 61) sts rem.

Cont even in patt as est'd, if necessary, until piece meas 6¼ (6¾, 7¼, 7¾, 8¼, 8¾, 9½, 10¼, 10¾)" from armhole markers, ending with a WS row.

Shape Right Front Shoulder

Row 1 (RS): Bind off 6 (8, 9, 10, 11, 14, 14, 15, 16) sts, cont as est'd to end – 15 (18, 22, 26, 30, 32, 37, 41, 45) sts rem.

Row 2 (WS): Cont as est'd to end.

Row 3: Bind off 6 (7, 9, 9, 11, 12, 13, 14, 16) sts, cont as est'd to end – 9 (11, 13, 17, 19, 20, 24, 27, 29) sts rem.

Row 4: Cont as est'd to end.

Row 5: Bind off 5 (6, 7, 9, 10, 11, 13, 14, 15) sts, cont as est'd to end – 4 (5, 6, 8, 9, 9, 11, 13, 14) sts rem.

Row 6: Cont as est'd to end.
Bind off rem 4 (5, 6, 8, 9, 9, 11, 13, 14) sts.

LEFT BACK

With larger ndl, cast on 48 (59, 59, 70, 70, 81, 81, 92, 92) sts.

Row 1 (RS): Work in Back Texture patt to last st, k1.

Row 2 (WS): P1, work in Back Texture patt to end.

Rows 1-2 establish patt. Cont in patt as est'd until piece meas 10 (10, 10, 10½, 10½, 10½, 11, 11, 11)" from cast-on edge, ending with a WS row.

Place removable markers on each side of work to denote armholes. Cont in patt as est'd until piece meas 6¼ (6¾, 7¼, 7¾, 8¼, 8¾, 9½, 10¼, 10¾)" from armhole markers, ending with a RS row.

Shape Left Back Shoulder

Row 1 (WS): Bind off 6 (8, 9, 10, 11, 14, 14, 15, 16) sts, cont as est'd to end – 42 (51, 50, 60, 59, 67, 67, 77, 76) sts rem.

Row 2 (RS): Cont as est'd to end.

Row 3: Bind off 6 (7, 9, 9, 11, 12, 13, 14, 16) sts, cont as est'd to end – 36 (44, 41, 51, 48, 55, 54, 63, 60) sts rem.

Row 4: Cont as est'd to end.

Row 5: Bind off 5 (6, 7, 9, 10, 11, 13, 14, 15) sts, cont as est'd to end – 31 (38, 34, 42, 38, 44, 41, 49, 45) sts rem.

Row 6: Cont as est'd to end.

Bind off 4 (5, 6, 8, 9, 9, 11, 13, 14) sts, place a removable marker into fabric, bind off rem 27 (33, 28, 34, 29, 35, 30, 36, 31) sts.

RIGHT BACK

Work as for Left Back to Shape Left Back Shoulder section, ending with a WS row.

Shape Right Back Shoulder

Row 1 (RS): Bind off 6 (8, 9, 10, 11, 14, 14, 15, 16) sts, cont as est'd to end – 42 (51, 50, 60, 59, 67, 67, 77, 76) sts rem.

Row 2 (WS): Cont as est'd to end.

Row 3: Bind off 6 (7, 9, 9, 11, 12, 13, 14, 16) sts, cont as est'd to end – 36 (44, 41, 51, 48, 55, 54, 63, 60) sts rem.

Row 4: Cont as est'd to end.

Row 5: Bind off 5 (6, 7, 9, 10, 11, 13, 14, 15) sts, cont as est'd to end – 31 (38, 34, 42, 38, 44, 41, 49, 45) sts rem.

Row 6: Cont as est'd to end.

Bind off 4 (5, 6, 8, 9, 9, 11, 13, 14) sts, place a removable marker into fabric, bind off rem 27 (33, 28, 34, 29, 35, 30, 36, 31) sts.

PRE-FINISHING

Block Front and each Left and Right Back to finished measurements. Weave in ends. Join Right Front and Right Back shoulders using mattress stitch, stopping at the removable marker that denotes the separation between the shoulder and

back neck. Rep for Left Front and Left Back shoulders.

Position the Back so that Left Back and Right Back overlap by 6 (17, 6, 17, 6, 17, 6, 17, 6) sts, or approx. 1 (3, 1, 3, 1, 3, 1, 3, 1)", with Left Back laying on top of Right Back. Sew together to secure the overlap. *Note: You will later pick up stitches along this seamed edge.*

Sew side seams, using the removable markers as a guide and leaving armholes open.

SLEEVES
(make two alike)
With larger DPNs or your preferred ndl for knitting small circumferences, begin at the center of the underarm. Pick up and knit 68 (74, 80, 86, 90, 96, 104, 112, 118) sts evenly around armhole. PM and join to knit in the rnd.
Rnd 1: Knit.
Rep Rnd 1 until Sleeve meas approx. 1½" from picked-up edge.
Change to smaller DPNs or your preferred ndl for knitting small circumferences.
Rnds 1-4: * K1, p1; rep from * to end.
Rnds 5-7: Knit.
Bind off all sts kwise.

NECKBAND
With smaller 16" circ ndl, beg at neck edge of Right Shoulder. Pick up and knit 48 (49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56) sts along Back Neck edge (taking care to work neatly into the overlap seam), then pick up and knit 62 (63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70) sts evenly along Front Neck edge, PM and join to knit in the rnd – 110 (112, 114, 116, 118, 120, 122, 124, 126) sts.
Rnds 1-4: * K1, p1; rep from * to end.
**Rnds 5-7:** Knit.
Bind off all sts kwise.

FINISHING
Steam block Sleeves and Neckband, if desired. Weave in rem ends.

Abbreviations

*	indicates a repeat section
approx	approximately
beg	begin(ning)
circ	circular
cont	continue
dpn(s)	double pointed needle(s)
est'd	established
k	knit
kwise	knitwise
m	marker
meas	measures
ndl	needle
p	purl
patt	pattern
pm	place marker
rem	remain(ing)
rep	repeat
rnd	round
RS	right side
st(s)	stitch(es)
WS	wrong side

Front Texture

11 stitch repeat

Back Texture

11 stitch repeat
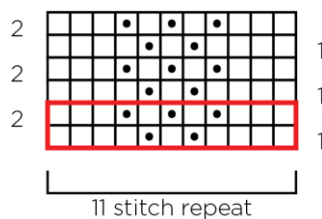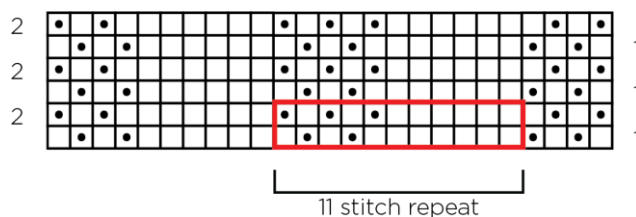
Key

 pattern repeat

 knit on RS, purl on WS

 purl on RS, knit on WS

PRE-FINISHING ASSEMBLY

RIGHT BACK

overlapping section

LEFT BACK

↑ Indicates direction of knitting.

FRONT

Overlap Left and Right Back and seam.

12½ (13½, 14½, 15¾, 16½, 17½, 19, 20½, 21½)"

2½"

16¼ (16¾, 17¼, 18¼, 18¾, 19¼, 20½, 21¼, 21¾)"

32 (36, 40, 44, 48, 52, 56, 60, 64)"

3¾ (4¾, 5¾, 6½, 7½, 8½, 9¼, 10¼, 11)"

8¾ (9, 9, 9¼, 9½, 9½, 9¾, 10, 10¼)"

2"

FRONT

16½ (18½, 20½, 22½, 24½, 26½, 28½, 30½, 32½)"

3¾ (4¾, 5¾, 6½, 7½, 8½, 9¼, 10¼, 11)"

5 (6, 5, 6¼, 5¼, 6½, 5½, 6½, 5¾)"

1"

6¼ (6¾, 7¼, 7¾, 8¼, 8¾, 9½, 10¼, 10¾)"

10 (10, 10, 10½, 10½, 10½, 11, 11, 11)"

LEFT BACK

RIGHT BACK

8¾ (10¾, 10¾, 12¾, 12¾, 14¾, 14¾, 16¾, 16¾)"
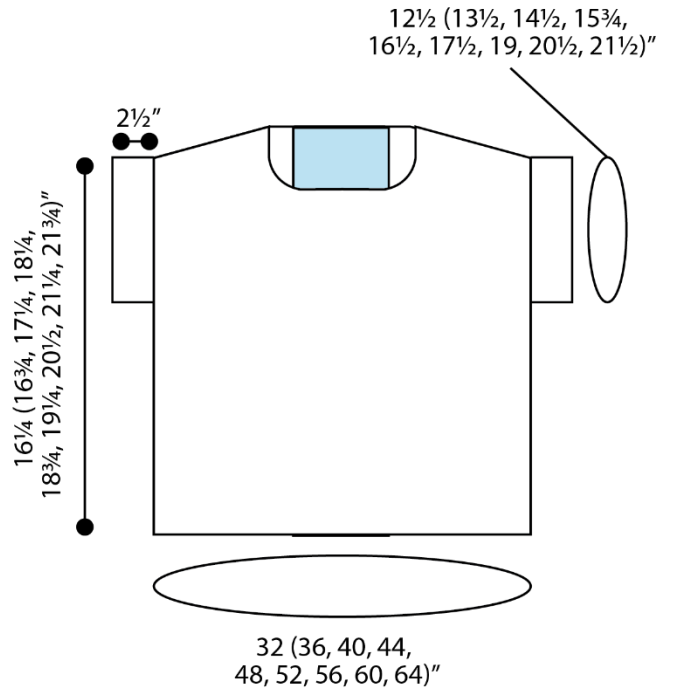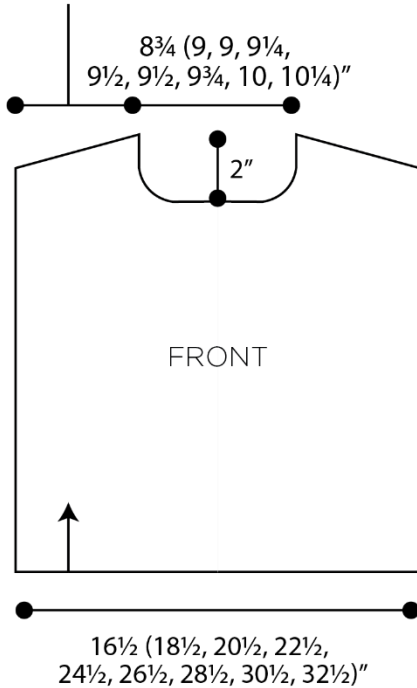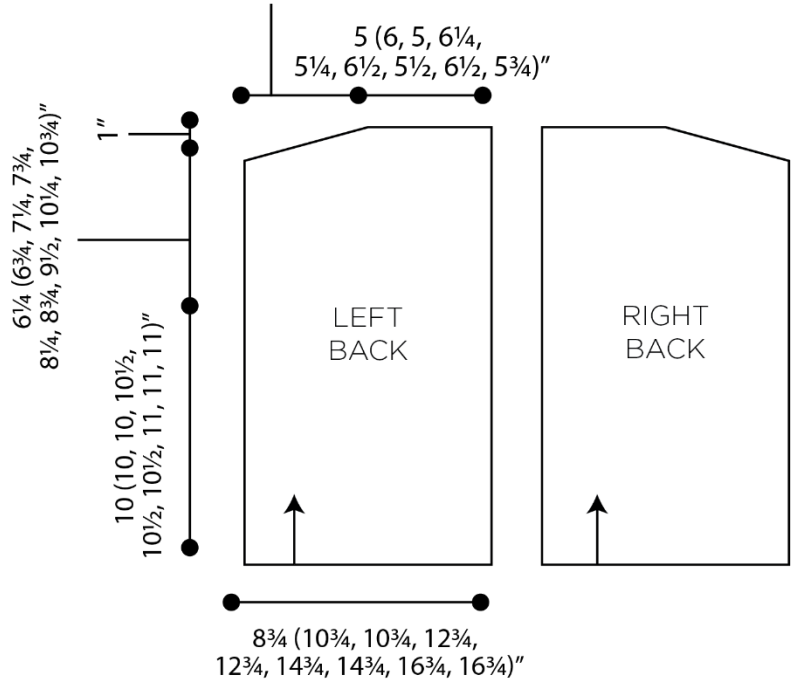
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