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DROP IT LIKE IT'S HOT KNIT TOP
SIZES XS/S/M-L/XL-2/3XL-4/5XL



Magenta & Mandarin

 **KNIT** | SKILL LEVEL: **BEGINNER**


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WHAT YOU’LL NEED

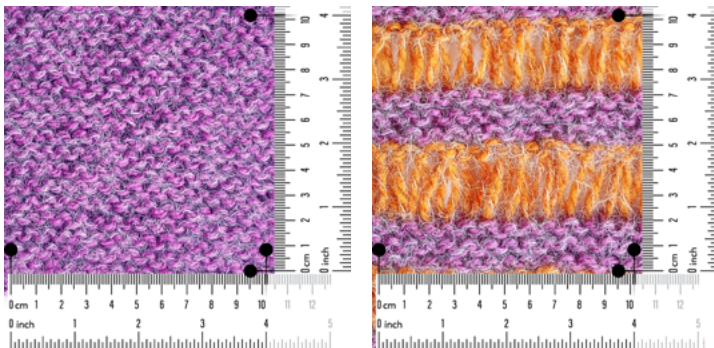


GAUGES

14 stitches (sts) and 33 rows = 4" [10 cm] in garter stitch (st).

14 sts and 17 rows = 4" [10 cm] in Drop St Pattern.

See Gauge Swatch Pattern instructions on page 4. Knit a swatch to check your gauge before starting garment pieces to ensure correct fit.



YARN

Caron® Colorama Halo™
(8 oz/227 g; 481 yds/440 m)

COLORS

Quantity

- **Magenta & Mandarin (76019)**

Sizes	XS/S/M	L/XL	2/3XL	4/5XL	
	2	2	2	3	balls
	572/523	738/674	904/827	1031/942	yds/m

TOOLS

- Size U.S. 10 (6 mm) Susan Bates® Silvalume® circular knitting needle 29" (73.5 cm) long **or size needed to obtain gauge.**
- Susan Bates® steel yarn needle.
- Susan Bates® stitch markers.
- Tape measure.

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DETERMINING YOUR SIZE

Click [here](#) to learn how to take proper measurements for the best fit.

MEASUREMENTS

SIZES	XS/S/M	L/XL	2/3XL	4/5XL
TO FIT CHEST	28-38" [71-96.5 cm]	40-46" [101.5-117 cm]	48-54 [122-137 cm]	56-62" [142-157.5 cm]
FINISHED CHEST	40" [101.5 cm]	48" [122 cm]	55½" [141 cm]	64" [162.5 cm]
FINISHED WAIST	32" [81.5 cm]	37¾" [96 cm]	43½" [110.5 cm]	49" [124.5 cm]

Model is wearing size **XS/S/M**.

Model has 34" [86.5 cm] chest and is 5' 10" tall.

INSTRUCTIONS

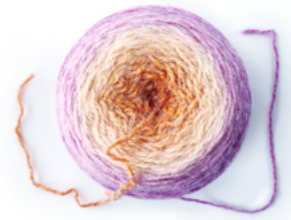
The instructions are written for **XS/S/M** size. If changes are necessary, the instructions will be written **XS/S/M (L/XL-2/3XL-4/5XL)**. Numbers for each size are shown in the same color throughout the pattern. When only one number is given in black, it applies to all sizes.

USING THIS GUIDE

Click on the underlined words throughout the pattern to access our library of helpful tools.

NOTES

- For ease in working, circle all numbers pertaining to your size.
- Top is worked sideways. Front and Back are worked together in 2 halves folded and joined in the middle.
- Belt (optional) can be used to increase cinched/blousy effect of Top.
- You will alternate working from both ends of the yarn at the same time to create phasing stripe pattern with **Color A begin outside of ball** and **Color B being Inside of ball**.



- Carry color when not in use loosely up side of work.



- When shade you are working with begins to shift to 2nd shade in ball (center of yardage), cut yarn and join new ball to continue using same color [i.e. Color A is always outer shade of ball running from dark to light and Color B is always inner shade of ball running from dark to light.]

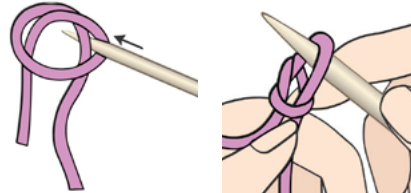
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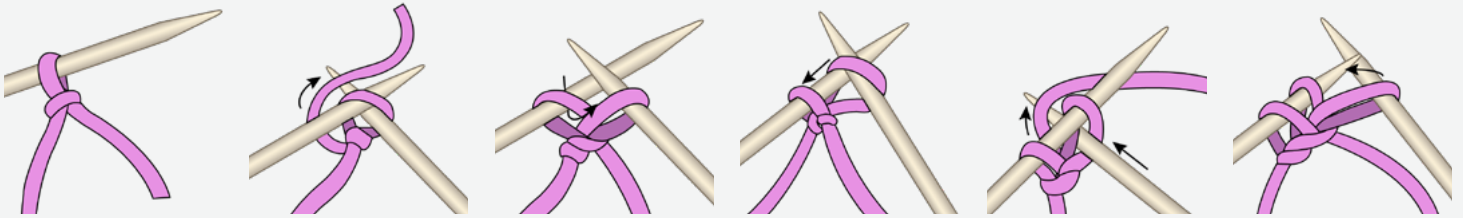
Gauge Swatch Pattern (Pat)

With A make a **slip knot**.



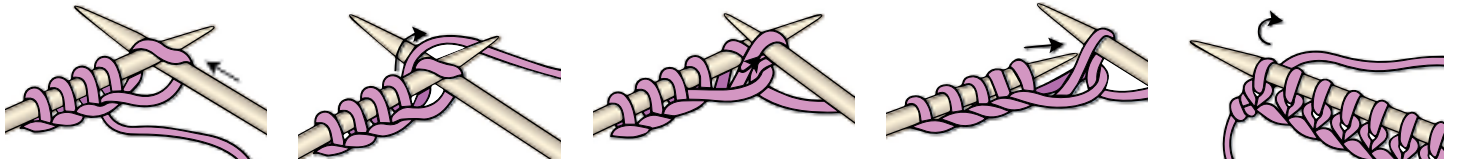
With A **cast on** 21 stitches (sts). Work back and forth across needle in rows.

*Insert right-hand needle through loop (yarn at back, from the bottom up).
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 Draw yarn with right-hand needle through stitch on left-hand needle.
 Transfer loop from right-hand needle back onto left-hand needle
 - 2 stitches on needle.*



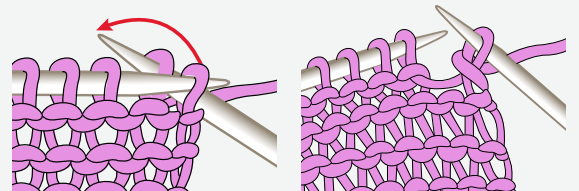
Continue until there are 21 stitches cast on.

Work in **Garter Stitch** (st) [knit (K) every row] until work from beginning (beg) measures 6" [15 cm], noting 1st row is Wrong Side (WS) and ending on a WS row.



Cast off knitwise.

Cast off: Work 2 **knit sts** as normal. Insert left-hand needle into 1st **knit stitch** on right-hand needle and pull it over the 2nd stitch and off the needle - 1 loop remaining on right-hand needle.



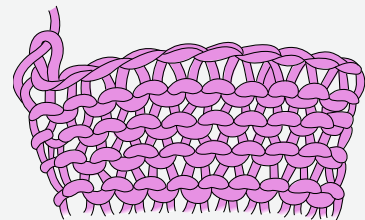
Knit next stitch, then pull the loop just made over the new stitch.

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*Continue to last loop on right-hand needle.
Pull long loop through last loop on needle.
Trim working yarn outside the loop to leave long tail.*



Measure your completed Gauge Swatch to determine if 14 sts across = 4" [10 cm] and 33 rows high = 4" [10 cm]. If you have fewer than 14 sts across, your knitting is loose and you will need to change to a smaller needle to achieve correct gauge. If you have more than 14 sts across, your knitting is tight and you will need to change to a larger needle to achieve correct gauge.

TOP

Right and Left Body (make alike)

With Color A (outside of ball), **cast on** 121 (132-143-143) stitches (sts).

Work back and forth across needle in rows.

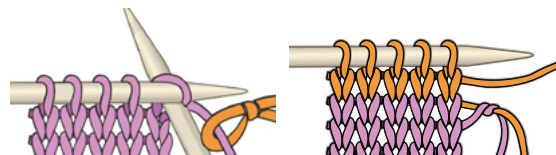
Knit 5 rows (garter st), noting 1st row is wrong side (WS).



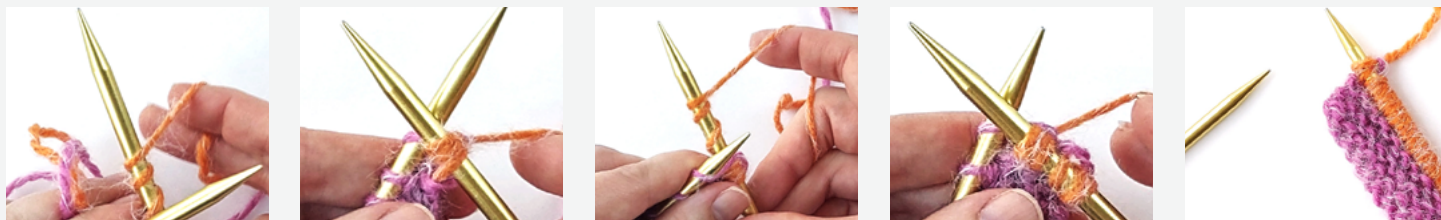
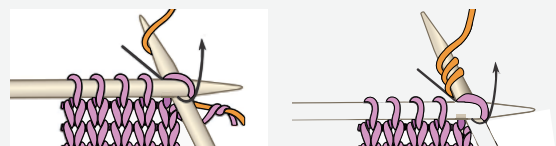
Proceed in Drop Stitch (St) Pat as follows:

1st to 6th rows: With Color A, Knit.

Join Color B (inside of ball).



7th row: *With Color B, knit next st wrapping yarn around needle 3 times. Repeat (rep) from * to end of row.



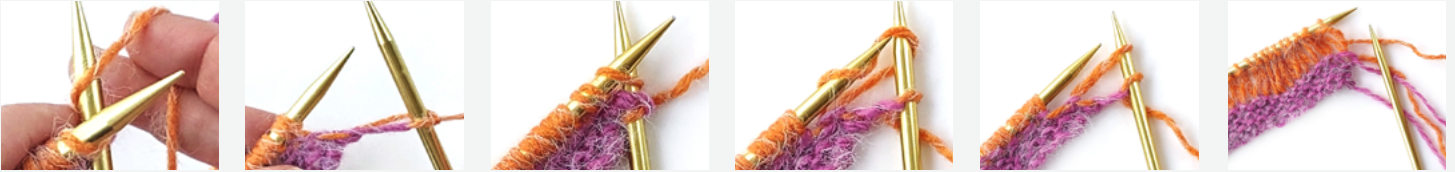
Note: Every stitch across will have 3 wraps instead of the typical single wrap used to create a knit stitch.

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8th row: *Knit next st, dropping extra loops. Rep from * to end of row.



Note: As you knit each stitch allow the extra wraps to drop creating the openwork effect. A gentle tug on your work will help align the stitches.

These 8 rows form Drop St Pat.

Rep 1st to 8th rows of Drop St Pat **4 (5-6-7)** times more, then rep 1st to 6th rows once.



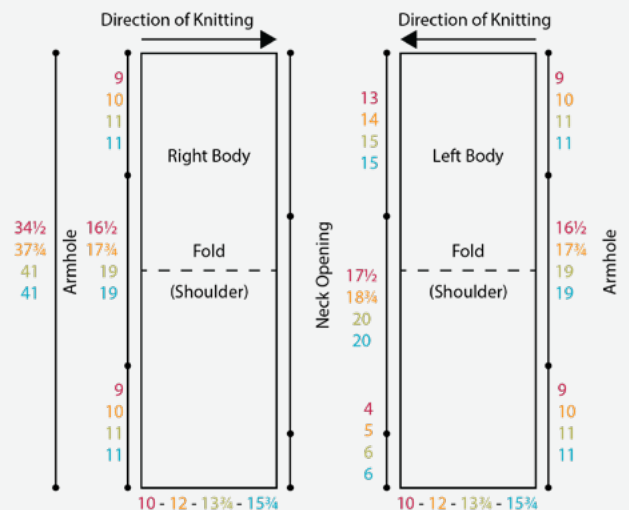
With Color A, cast off knitwise.

FINISHING

Place marker on last row of Right Body **13 (14-15-15)" [33 (35.5-38-38) cm]** in from left edge and **4 (5-6-6)" [10 (12.5-15-15) cm]** in from right edge. Place markers on Left Body **4 (5-6-6)" [10 (12.5-15-15) cm]** in from left edge and **13 (14-15-15)" [33 (35.5-38-38) cm]** from right edge. With RS facing and last rows tog, sew Right Body to Left Body leaving center **17½ (18¾-20-20)" [44.5 (47.5-51-51) cm]** open for Neck.

Fold Body in Half with Neck opening at top. Place markers on side edges **9 (10-13-13)" [23 (25.5-28-28) cm]** up from bottom edge.

Sew side seams with Invisible Seam between bottom edge and markers.



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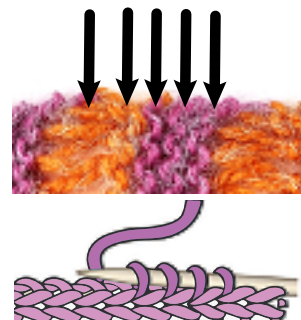
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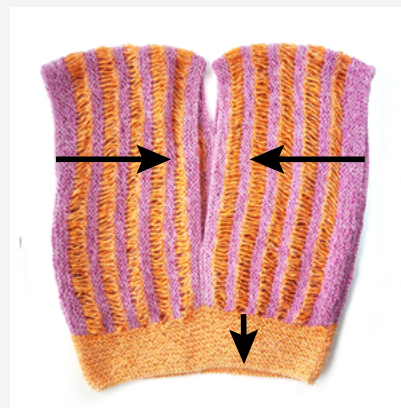
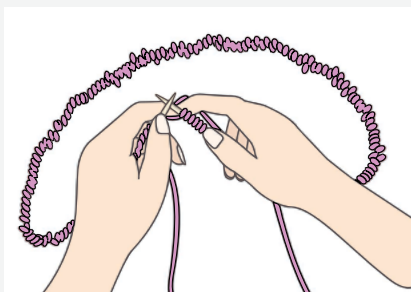
Bottom Band

With Color B, pick up and knit **112 (132-152-172)** sts evenly around bottom edge of Body (5 sts per Drop St Pat rep - 1 per each garter st ridge and 1 in edge of dropped st row).

Pick up and knit 1 st in each garter st ridge and 1 st in edge of dropped st row (as shown in diagram).



Join to work in the round (rnd). **Place marker** on needle before first st.



Direction of Work

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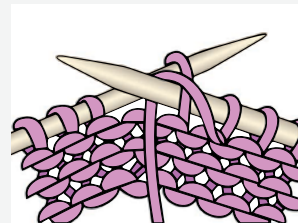
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1st rnd: Purl.

2nd rnd: Knit.

Rep last 2 rnds until Bottom Band measures 4" [10 cm], ending on 1st rnd. **Cast off** knitwise.



Purl Stitch

Optional Belt: With Color B, **cast on** 7 sts.

Working straight from ball and allowing colors to flow naturally, **knit** every row (**garter st**), until Belt, when slightly stretched, measures **60 (76-90-100)" [152.5 (193-228.5-254) cm]** or size to wrap around waist twice and tie up. **Cast off** knitwise.

Wrap Belt around waist, overlapping Bottom Band of top, and tie as desired to achieve more cinched/blousy fit.



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