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PHOEBE TOP

*A sleek & stylish summer tank top
with cable texture details*

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A crop top inspired by that cool girl you know who's always stylish, always pulled together, and always ready to go. The best friend you can have, the Phoebe Top is the perfect easy-to-style summer cable top.

Constructed bottom up in pieces from fingering weight summer yarn, this top comes with a "Curvy" and a "Straight" option for a figure hugging fit. Perfect cable details create all over texture for that high visual impact and a timeless cool kid vibe that can go wherever you do, ready at a moment's notice.

Knit to size for a sleek, "she is the moment" summer top, or knit in wool for spring/autumn layering.



Size Selection

Sizes A (B, C, D) (E, F, G) (H, I, J) to fit actual upper bust measurements of 31 (34.25, 37.5, 40.75) (44, 47.25, 50.5) (53.75, 57, 60.25)" / 77.5 (85.5, 94, 102) (110, 118, 126.5) (134.5, 142.5, 150.5) cm.

The "Straight" version has finished circumferences of 30 (34, 38, 42) (46, 50, 54) (58, 62, 66)" / 75 (85, 95, 105) (115, 125, 135) (145, 155, 165) cm.

The "Curvy" version has finished circumferences of: 30.5 (34.75, 38.75, 43.25) (47.5, 51.75, 55.75) (60, 64, 68)" / 76.5 (87, 97, 108) (118.5, 129.5, 139.5) (150, 160, 170) cm.

Select a size based on the upper bust measurement. Up to 1" / 2.5 cm of **negative** ease in the full bust will be comfortable in this garment. If you have more negative ease than that in your size in the "Straight" version, please choose the "Curvy" version. Intended ease is 0 ease.

The "Curvy" version is intended for people with more breast tissue and simply has a slightly wider front (see Schematics). Anyone working Bust Darts will be working from the "Curvy" option.

Designer is wearing Size B "straight" with no darts. Their measurements: 32.5" / 82.5 upper bust, 34" / 86.5 cm full bust, & 11" / 28 cm upper arm. She is wearing the Phoebe with 0 ease.

Gauge

28 sts x 32 rows = 4 x 4" / 10 x 10 cm in cable and stockinette stitch, knit flat, using Needle A

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Materials & Tools

Yarn Selection

Choose a fingering weight summer yarn, with at least 2 plies to show cable definition. 100% silk was used for the cream sample.

If working this pattern as a spring/autumn layering piece instead, try using a wool blend fingering yarn instead, as shown in the gray sample.

Cream: Knitting For Olive's [Pure Silk](#) (100% Oeko-Tex Standard 100 silk, 273 yds / 250 m / 1.76 oz / 50 g), in colorway "Cream."

Gray: Wooldreamers' [Saona](#) (50% Extrafine Merino & Manchega Traceable Wool, 50% Andalusian Cotton, 240 yds / 220 m / 1.76 oz / 50 g), in "Guthrie."

Yardage

STRAIGHT VERSION

570 (650, 710, 780) (870, 930, 1000) (1090, 1170, 1250) yds / 520 (590, 650, 710) (790, 850, 910) (990, 1060, 1140) m of fingering weight yarn.

CURVY VERSION

580 (660, 720, 800) (890, 950, 1020) (1120, 1200, 1280) yds / 530 (600, 660, 730) (810, 860, 930) (1020, 1090, 1160) m of fingering weight yarn.

Modifications

TO LENGTHEN OR SHORTEN, BOTH VERSIONS

Add/remove 40 (45, 50, 55) (60, 65, 70) (75, 80, 85) yds or m for every 1" / 2.5 cm changed.

Printing Guide

Use this guide to print pages relevant to the version you're working

Specs & Charts: 2-6

Pattern, Straight Version: 7, 9-12

Pattern, Curvy Version: 8-12

Bust Darts: 13-14

BUST DARTS (CURVY ONLY)

For each 1" / 2.5 cm of bust dart added, increase yardage requirements by 20 (20, 20, 20) (20, 20, 30) (30, 30, 30) yds or m.

Needles

A: US3 / 3.25 mm straight needles or circulars in the following lengths: 32" / 80 cm.

B: US1.5 / 2.5 mm circulars in the following lengths: 32" / 80 cm, 16" / 40 cm, & DPNs.

For Needle B, use a needle size that creates a 1x1 rib that matches the cable gauge.

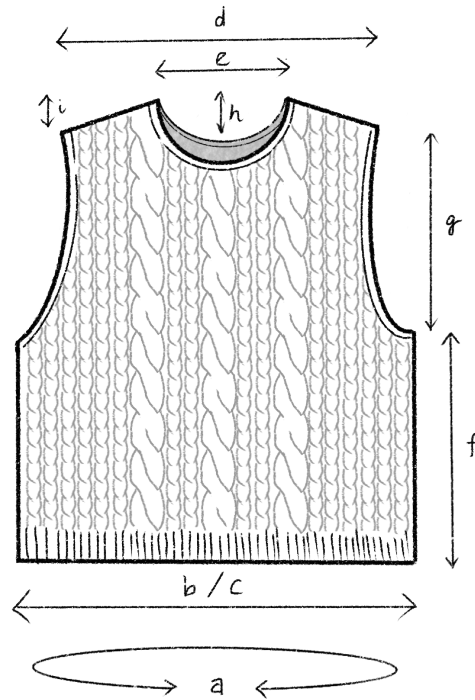
Notions

Cable needle, slippery waste yarn, tapestry needle, and optional stitch markers and removable stitch markers

Construction Notes

- Cable swatching instructions are available on the "[Charts](#)" on page 6.
- This pattern is worked bottom up in pieces with all over cable, then seamed with mattress stitch. The seams serve the functions of allowing different bust darts & front widths to be worked for different bodies, and to provide structure for the summer fibers used.
- Shaping during cables are achieved with short rows (see Bust Darts section for notes on this) and with bind-offs.
- If bind-offs interrupt a cable crossing, that cable chart is finished. Work those stitches even, knitting the knits, and purling the purls, from that point forward. If you end up with a cable on the edge without an edge stitch, that cable is complete and the edge of it is now the edge stitch.
- Stitch markers may be used to mark the chart repeats.

Schematics



		Sizes										
		A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	Unit
A	Chest Circumference (Straight)	30	34	38	42	46	50	54	58	62	66	inch
		75	85	95	105	115	125	135	145	155	165	cm
A	Chest Circumference (Curvy)	30.5	34.75	38.75	43.25	47.5	51.75	55.75	60	64	68	inch
		76.5	87	97	108	118.5	129.5	139.5	150	160	170	cm
B	Front (Straight)	15.5	17.5	19.5	21.75	24	26.25	28.5	30.75	33.5	35.75	inch
		39	44	49	54.5	60	65.5	71.5	77	84	89.5	cm
B	Front (Curvy)	16	18.25	20.25	22.75	25.5	28	30.25	32.75	35.5	37.75	inch
		40	45.5	50.5	57	63.5	70	75.5	82	88.5	94.5	cm
C	Back	15.25	17.25	19.25	20.75	22.5	24.25	26	27.75	29.25	30.75	inch
		38	43	48	52	56.5	60.5	65	69.5	73	77	cm
D	Wingspan (Shoulder to Shoulder)	11.75	12.25	12.5	13.25	13.75	14.25	14.5	15.25	15.75	16.25	inch
		29.5	30.5	31.5	33	34.5	35.5	36.5	38	39.5	40.5	cm
E	Back Neck Width	6	6.5	6.75	7.25	7.5	7.75	8	8	8.25	8.5	inch
		15	16.5	17	18	19	19.5	20	20	20.5	21.5	cm
F	Body Length	9.75	9.75	9.5	9.5	9.5	9.25	9.25	9.25	9.25	9.25	inch
		25	24.5	24.5	24	24	24	23.5	23.5	23.5	23	cm
G	Armhole Length	6.75	7	7.5	7.75	8.5	8.5	8.75	9	9.5	9.5	inch
		17	17.5	19	19.5	21.5	21.5	22	22.5	24	24	cm

H - Neck Drop, Front: 3.5" / 9 cm; Back: 1.5" / 4 cm.

I - Shoulder Drop: 1" / 2.5 cm

Intended Fit & Tips

This pattern is intended to fit closely to the body, with a cropped hem landing between the natural waist and full hip. It was graded for someone who is about 5'5" / 165 cm tall.

Choosing a Bust Dart Size

This pattern includes instructions for short-row shaping for breasts. They add a wedge to the front of the garment to add length. To choose a cup size, measure the intended wearer's body from the top of the shoulder to the underbust line in the back and the front. This may require help from a second person. Be sure that the back and the front underbust points are parallel to the ground. It may be helpful to tie a piece of yarn or string around the underbust point so that the measurement is consistent.

Subtract the back length from the front length, then subtract 2" / 5 cm from this number (because the pattern accommodates a 2" difference already). The remaining difference is how much you need to add. Each subsequent cup size adds 1" / 2.5 cm.

It's better to have slightly too few short rows than slightly too many. If you are in between or unsure, choose one cup size smaller.

Cup Size 1: Adds 1" / 2.5 cm

Cup Size 2: Adds 2" / 5 cm

Cup Size 3: Adds 3" / 7.5 cm

Cup Size 4: Adds 4" / 10 cm

Cup Size 5: Adds 5" / 12.5 cm

Lengthening/Shortening the Body

The total length of this pattern as written is 17 (17.5, 17.5, 17.75) (18.25, 18.25, 18.5) (19, 19.25, 19.5)" / 43 (44, 44.5, 44.5) (46, 46.5, 46.5) (48, 48.5, 48.5) cm from side of neck to hem. If lengthening or shortening, the places to do so are given in the pattern.

I do not recommend lengthening it longer than the high hip due to the close-fitting nature of this pattern, as you'd likely need a fuller hip if you

lengthen it that much.

For an extra cropped mini tank look, shorten the body by 4.75" / 12 cm.

Special Techniques

Given here in the order they appear in the pattern.

Long Tail Cast On

<https://knitty.com/ISSUEsummer05/FEAT-sum05TT.html>

German Short Row (make double stitch)

Make DS according to what stitch (knit or purl) is first to work after the turn.

Make DS (purl): With yarn in front, slip the next stitch purlwise. Bring the yarn over the needle, to back of work, drawing the legs of the stitch up the needle, creating a double stitch (DS). Bring yarn to the front between needles, ready to purl the next stitch.

Make DS (knit): Bring yarn to the front between needles, slip the next stitch purlwise. Bring the yarn up and over the needle, to back of work, drawing the legs of the stitch up the needle, creating a double stitch. Leave yarn in back, ready to knit the next stitch.

To resolve short rows, knit or purl into both legs of double stitch.

Sloped Bind-Off

- Work first bind-off row as usual.
- On the row before next bind-off row, work to last st. Turn.
- Slip unworked st over last st, binding it off.
- Bind off remaining sts to be bound off on that row as usual.

Mattress Stitch

<https://www.interweave.com/article/knitting/how-to-work-mattress-stitch-seams-three-ways/>