

#BLOSSOMTOP

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♥ THE TOP IS WORKED FROM THE TOP DOWN. THE STRAPS ARE WORKED SEPARATELY AND SEWN ON AT THE END. THE TOP CAN BE WORKED EITHER IN ONE SOLID COLOUR OR IN A MORE FESTIVE VERSION USING SCRAP YARN. FOR THE SCRAP VERSION YOU CAN WORK IN TWO STRANDS OF MOHAIR HELD TOGETHER OR IN MERINO OR COTTON WITH ONE OR TWO STRANDS HELD TOGETHER, DEPENDING ON THE THICKNESS OF THE YARN. MOHAIR CAN ALSO BE USED HELD TOGETHER WITH ANOTHER TYPE OF YARN, THE POSSIBILITIES ARE ONLY LIMITED BY YOUR IMAGINATION – AND THE CONTENT OF YOUR YARN STASH.

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ABBREVIATIONS:**st(s)** = stitch(es)**k** = knit**p** = purl**tbl** = through the back loop(s)**tog** = together

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Body:

Cast on 196 [212] 224 [240] 266 [280] sts on a UK size 8 (4 mm), 80 cm long circular needle. Join in the round and place a marker for the beginning of the round.

Work in the round in stockinette stitch until the work measures 32 [34] 34 [35] 35 [36] cm or desired length.

Cast off, but take care not to cast off too tightly.

Straps:

Cast on 12 sts op på pind 4 mm (80 cm sts on a UK size 8 (4 mm), 80 cm long circular needle. Join in the round and place a marker for the beginning of the round.

Work in the round using the Magic Loop technique [there should be 6 sts on each side] until the straps measures 23 [24] 25 [26] 27 [28] cm or desired length. Now work decreases every 3rd round a total of 4 times as follows: K2tog, work to the last 2 sts of the round, k2tog tbl.

There are now 4 sts left on the needle. Cast off.

Work 3 more straps the same way.

Finishing:

Weave in all ends. Wash the top and straps according to the instructions on the yarn label. Lay them on a flat surface to dry.

Now install 4 elastic thread, 1 at the top and 3 at the waist.

Being with the elastic thread at the top, which should be approx. 85 [90] 95 [104] 110 [115] cm long. Measures 2 cm down from the cast on edge and sew the elastic thread through the purl sts on the WS all the around. Try on the top and adjust the length of the thread so it fits you perfectly. It should be snug but not tight.

Now sew in the 3 elastic threads at the waist with 1 cm between each thread. Each thread should be approx. 68 [78] 85 [95] 105 [115] cm long.

Try on the top to ensure that the threads are placed correctly for your waist. The top most thread should be placed approx. 17 [18] 18 [19] 19 [20] cm from the top edge.

Sew in the straps, so the ends are sewn onto the top at the same height as the top elastic thread. Try on the top to determine the best placement of the straps and secure them with safety pins. Sew them in, when you are happy with the placement.

SIZES

XS [S] M [L] XL [XXL]

MEASUREMENTS

Half chest circumference:

45 [47] 52 [56] 62,5 [66] cm

Length:

32 [34] 34 [35] 35 [36] cm

YARN

Cosy Fraya

65% Wool + 25% Baby Alpaca + 10%

Microfiber

50 g = 240 m

YARDAGE

100 [100] 150 [150] 150 [200] g

GAUGE

In stockinette stitch on UK size 8 (4 mm) needles

20 sts x 24 rows = 10 cm x 10 cm

SUGGESTED NEEDLE SIZE

UK size 8 (4 mm) circular needle, 80 cm

Please note: The needle sizes given above are only suggestions. The size of the needles you need depends on your personal gauge. If you knit firmly you might need a large needle size, if you knit loosely you might need a smaller needle size.

NOTIONS

1 stitch marker, blunt needle, 300 [325] 350 [400] 425] 475 cm round elastic thread, 1 mm