

KAPRI
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SIZE

XS (S) M (L) XL (2XL)
 Top bust circ.: 83 (89) 96 (101) 106 (111) cm
 Positive ease: 0 cm

YARN

ORGANIC SOFT MERINO (225 m/50 g)- col. Zealous
 150 (200) 200 (200) 250 (250) g

GAUGE

27 sts x 40 rnds in stockinette stitch- needles 3.5 mm
 40 sts x 48 rnds in rib st (k1, p1) - needles 3 mm

SUGGESTED NEEDLES

Circulars 3 mm/40 cm, 3 mm + 3,5 mm/80 cm

Kapri top is a short cropped halter neck top with ribbing details in both sides. Italian cast on and bind off makes beautiful edges.

The top is very versatile and good for both summer skirts and shorts or as a top for high-waisted trousers under a cardigan or suit jacket.

If you fall between two sizes, choose the smaller one.

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ABBREVIATIONS

k = knit

p = purl

st(s) = stitch(es)

rnd(s) = round(s)

M = stitch marker(s)

inc = increase(s)

BOR = Beginning of round marker

SS = Selvedge Stitch.

RS = Right side

WS = Wrong side

p2tog = purl 2 stitches together

inc-R = Increase. Stitch leg points to the right. Insert the left needle from the back and pick up the bar between the two sts below. Knit the front leg of the loop

inc-L = Increase. Stitch leg points to the left. Insert the left needle from the front, pick up the bar between the two sts below. Knit the back leg of the loop

wyif = with the yarn in front of the work.

wyib = with the yarn in the back of the work.

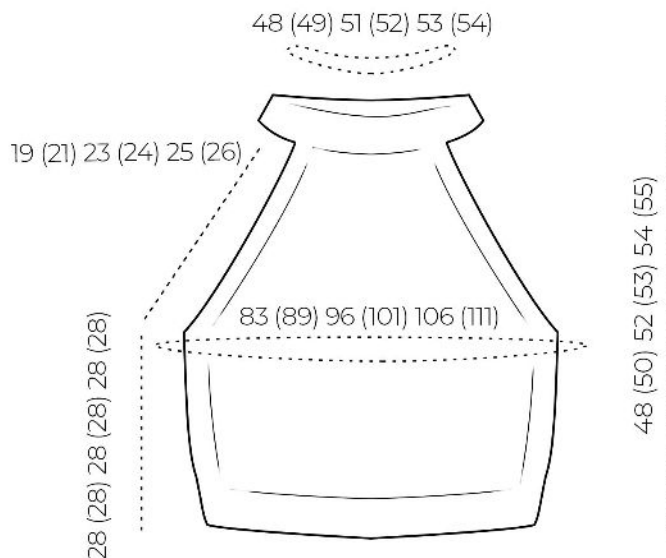
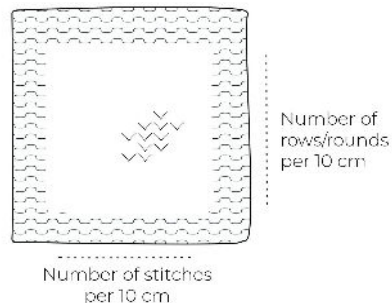
slip pw = slip the stitch purlwise - enter the stitch as if to purl it and slide to the right needle.

GAUGE SWATCH

For a good result, you need to make a gauge swatch. The top may not fit you if the gauge is off and many hours of work are wasted.

A difference of a single stitch per 10 cm can easily give a difference of 5-10 cm on the finished top, which corresponds to 1-2 sizes. It's also advisable to check the gauge again while knitting the project.

The gauge describes how many stitches you must have per 10 cm horizontally on the swatch, and how many rows/rounds you must have per 10 cm vertically. If the number of stitches on your sample is too large compared to the pattern, switch to a larger needle. Switch to a smaller needle if the number of stitches is too low.



Measurements in cm.

PATTERN

Knit the entire top in 1 strand of Organic Soft Merino. Start from the top - knit the neck ribbing, then bind off the ribbing on the shoulders. Knit the front and back piece separately until they are gathered for the body and knit in the round and finished with ribbing. Both Italian cast on and bind off is used here and it's recommended to use the Italian Cast On as described here, as it gives tighter neck ribbing, that can better hold the weight of the top.

ITALIAN CAST ON (Watch video guide "ITALIAN CAST ON - in the round" at www.kaosyarn.dk/en/knitting-guide/)

The stitches are cast on around the cord of another circular needle. This circular needle must be the same size or smaller than the one you use for the ribbing. Make a slip knot around this thinner circular needle to hold the yarn. Using circular needle size 3 mm/40 cm cast on half the number of stitches: [82(84) 86 (88) 90 (92) m] with provisional cast-on around the wire of the thin circular needle. Create the stitches by catching the yarn over and under the cord. Turn and work 3 rows in stockinette st (purl 1 row, knit 1 row, purl 1 row) - on the last purl row slip the first st wyif.

Turn and fold the knit together with the right side out and work in rib sts (k 1, p 1). Work the knit sts from the working needle and the purl sts from the thin circular needle until all stitches are knitted. Slip the first knit stitch wyib. Note that every other purl stitch is turned opposite and should be purled through the back loop.

Cast on 164 (168) 172 (176) 180 (184) sts with Italian cast-on (see ITALIAN CAST-ON above) on circulars size 3 mm/40 cm. Gather in the round and knit 14 rounds of rib st (k 1, p 1) or until the ribbing measures approx. 3.3 cm. To get a neat edge when binding of the shoulder ribbing, finish with 2 rows of double knit:

Dbi rnd 1: Knit the knit sts and slip the purl sts purlwise wyif.

Dbi rnd 2: Purl the purl sts and slip the knit sts purlwise wyib.

From here you divide the front and back piece and bind off the stitches at the shoulders. For the rib pattern to match up, the first st on the left needle must be a knit stitch. Continue as follows:

Place the next 26 (26) 28 (28) 30 (30) sts and the previous 27 (27) 27 (29) 29 (31) sts on a stitch holder (back piece). Break the yarn, then thread a tapestry needle with a piece of yarn of min. 40 cm and bind off the next 29 (31) 31 (31) 31 (31) stitches with Italian Bind off (see ITALIAN BIND OFF below). Place the next 53 (53) 55 (57) 59 (61) sts on a circular needle 3.5 mm/80 cm (front piece) and make another piece of yarn of min. 40 cm, thread a tapestry needle and bind off the remaining 29 (31) 31 (31) 31 (31) sts in the same way. The ribbing now measures approx. 3.6 cm.

ITALIAN BIND OFF (Watch video guide "ITALIAN BIND OFF - in the round" at www.kaosyarn.dk/en/knitting-guide/)

This bind off is made by sewing the stitches. Make sure to adjust the yarn tension when binding off so the edge becomes flexible like the cast on edge, but not too loose. Make sure the first stitch on the left needle is a knit stitch. Break the yarn leaving a yarn end 3 x the length of the hem. Thread a tapestry needle and set up for bind off:

From the knit side stitch into the 1st stitch on the left needle (knit stitch). From the purl side, stitch in between the 1st and 2nd st and then into the 2nd st (purl stitch) and out on the wrong side. Pull all the yarn through. Then repeat the bind off:

*Slip the **knit** st **knitwise**. From the **knit** side stitch through the next **knit** st **purlwise** and pull the yarn out on the **knit** side.

Slip the **purl** st **purlwise**. From the **purl** side stitch in front of the next **purl** st and go **knitwise** through it. Pull the yarn through to the **purl** side*

Repeat * - * until there are 2 stitches left. These 2 stitches are bound off as above, but by using the first 2 bound off stitches of the round.

FRONT

Knit the front on needles 3.5 mm 80 cm. Rib edges are knitted in both sides and the first and last stitch on the needle are Selvedge Stitches (SS), that you knit on the RS and slip purlwise on WS. Work 2 Set up rows where you place stitchmarkers (M) on the first row (RS) as follows:

Start row 1 (RS): k 1, work 8 sts in rib st (k 1, p 1), place M, k 35 (35) 37 (39) 41 (43) sts, place M, work 8 sts in rib st (p 1, k 1), k 1.

Start row 2: slip 1 pw wyif, work 8 sts in rib st (p 1, k 1), M, p 35 (35) 37 (39) 41 (43), M, work 8 sts in rib st (k 1, p 1), slip 1 st pw wyif.

From here, increases are made on every 2nd row (RS) - after the 1st M and before the 2nd M:

Inc row 1: k 1, work 8 sts in rib st (k 1, p 1), M, inc-L, knit to next M, inc-R, M, 8 sts rib (p 1, k 1), k 1. [55 (55) 57 (59) 61 (63) sts]

Inc row 2: slip 1 pw wyif, work 8 sts in rib st (p 1, k 1), M, purl to next M, work 8 sts in rib st, (k 1, p 1), slip 1 pw wyif.

Repeat **Inc row 1 + Inc row 2** a total of 30 (34) 38 (40) 42 (44) times [113 (121) 131 (137) 143 (149) sts].

The last row is worked on WS. Break the yarn and place the stitches and stitch markers on a stitch holder or leftover yarn.

BACK

Place the stitches of the back piece on circular needle 3.5 mm/ 80 cm and knit **Start row 1 + Start row 2** as on the front and place stitch markers (M). Then knit 6 extra rows to raise the neck as follows:

Row 1 (RS): k 1, work 8 sts in rib st (k 1, p 1), M, knit to next M, work 8 sts in rib st (p 1, k 1), k 1.

Row 2: slip 1 pw wyif, work 8 sts in rib st (p 1, k 1), M, purl to next M, M, work 8 sts in rib st (k 1, p 1, slip 1 pw wyif).

Repeat **Row 1 + Row 2** - 3 times, counting 8 rows in total from the ribbing. From here repeat **Inc row 1 + Inc row 2** as on the front.

[113 (121) 131 (137) 143 (149) sts] Finish with 1 more **Row 1** but slip the last st pw wyib.

BODY

Now the front and back pieces are gathered on one circular needle. This is done most easily by putting the stitches of the front piece on an extra circular needle first. The Selvedge stitches (SS) are purled together when you get to them and the stitches between the markers are still worked in rib st. Get ready for joining in the round by picking up the needle with the back piece in your right hand and the needle of the front piece in your left hand, both pieces are facing RS up. Place the last stitch from the back piece onto the left needle and continue as follows:

Joining in the round: p2tog, place BOR marker, work 8 sts in rib sts (k 1, p 1), knit to the next M, 8 rib sts (p 1, k 1), place the last stitch from the front piece (SS) on the circular needle of the back piece, p2tog, work 8 sts in rib st (k 1, p 1), knit to next M, work 9 sts in rib st (p 1, k 1) to BOR. [224 (240) 260 (272) 284 (296) sts]

Continue to work the body in the round as follows:

Round: work 8 sts in rib st (k 1, p 1), k to the next M, work 17 sts in rib st (p 1, k 1), k to the next M, 9 sts rib (p 1, k 1).

Repeat **Round** for 22 cm or to the desired length. Switch to circular needles 3 mm / 80 cm and repeat **Round** once more and then work rib sts in the round (k 1, p 1) until the rib measures 5 cm. Work **Dbl rnd 1 + Dbl rnd 2** as on the neck rib. Break the yarn leaving an end of 3 x the length of the rib edge, and bind off the stitches with Italian Bind Off.

FINISH

Weave in all ends and wash or rinse your top, stretch it to match the measurements and lay it flat to dry on a towel.

