

# Margaret Tee



Pattern

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## Fitted Crop Top with decorative i-Cord-bows, ruffles and a V neck in sizes XS | S | M (L | XL | 2XL) 3XL | 4XL | 5XL

Note: All measurements are in cm.

### Materials:

- 150 | 200 | 200 (200 | 250 | 250) 300 | 300 | 300 g "Merci" by Filcolana (200 m/50 g)
  - 25 g "Tilia" by Filcolana (210 m/25 g)
- Please note: If you use different yarn, check the yardage to be sure you have the right amount of yarn**
- 3.5 mm circular knitting needles and DPNs
  - darning needle
  - Stitch markers or left overs

### Knitting Tension:

10x10 cm = 22 sts x 36 rs with 1 strand of Merci in stockinette stitch on 3.5 mm knitting needles (wet blocked)

### Measurements:

Bust Circumference Finished Top:  
91 | 96 | 101 (108 | 116 | 122) 130 | 139 | 147 cm with a positive ease of 0 to 8 cm

Length Finished Top:  
37,2 | 38,3 | 40,4 ( 41,5 | 43,6 | 45,7 ) 47,8 | 50 | 52,1 cm + 3-4 cm i-Cord-edging with ruffle border

Sleeve Length: 10 cm + 3-4 cm i-Cord-edging with ruffle border

Sleeve Circumference: 37 | 39 | 41 (44 | 48 | 50) 53 | 57 | 60 cm

### Abbreviations:

st(s) = stitch(es)  
r(s) = row(s)/round(s)  
rsr = right side row  
wsr = wrong side row  
k = knit  
p = purl  
SM = stitch marker  
RS = raglan stitch  
m1r = make 1 right  
m1l = make 1 left

### Structure:

The crop top is worked top down in one piece in stockinette stitch. The yoke is shaped with raglan increases and additional increases along the front parts to shape the V neck. As soon as the sleeves are separated from the body, the body is finished in rows without any increases. The body stitches are bound off with an i-Cord-edging. Afterwards, stitches are picked up again along the i-Cord-edging – preferably with a contrasting yarn quality, e. g. "Tilia" by Filcolana – and the ruffled border is worked for a few rows. Then, the resting sleeve stitches are picked up and the sleeves are worked in stockinette stitch in the round, before they are finished with an i-Cord-edging and the same ruffle border in a contrasting yarn quality like the body hem has been finished before.

Afterwards, stitches are picked up along the front parts and the neckline of the V neck and an applied i-Cord-edging is added for a neat finish. Finally, short i-Cord-ties are worked along the front parts to close the top with small, decorative bows. Of course, you are welcome to use buttons instead if you prefer to.

The fit of the top is close to the bust circumference and thanks to the straight cut, it's quite loose around the waist – perfect for summer and the hotter days of the year! The romantic details like the i-Cord-bows and the ruffled border along the body hem and the sleeves create a unique, feminine and elegant look. Because of the cropped length, it's the perfect companion for high waisted shorts or skirts during summer!

### Notes:

**Edge Stitches of the body** are always knitted (in rsr and in wsr). The edge stitches are included into the total number of sts.

The tee is worked **single strand**: 1 strand of Merci for Body, Sleeves and i-Cord-edging and 1 strand of Tilia for the ruffle border.

**Stockinette Stitch:** k all sts in rsr, p all sts in wsr. In the round, k all sts in all rs.

**Raglan Increases:** In every rsr, raglan increases take place as m1r before the RS and m1l after the RS. In wsr, p all sts (except the edge sts).

Make 1 right: Insert your needle under the strand of yarn between the stitch you have just knitted and the RS from back to front and place it on your left needle. Knit it through the front loop.

Make 1 left: Insert your needle under the strand of yarn between the RS and the next stitch you are going to knit from front to back and place it on your left needle. Knit it through the back loop so that it is twisted.

For the additional increases to shape the front parts, m1l after the first 2 sts of a rsr and m1r before the last 2 sts of a rsr.

# Body

## Yoke

Cast on in total 62 | 62 | 68 (68 | 74 | 74) 80 | 80 | 86 sts with your preferred cast-on-method on your 3.5 mm knitting needles with 1 strand of Merci. P all sts in the next wsr – and place SM before and after each RS like shown in the table below:

Size	Left Front	RS	Left Sleeve	RS	Back	RS	Right Sleeve	RS	Right Front	TOTAL
<b>XS</b>	1	1	12	1	32	1	12	1	1	<b>62</b>
<b>S</b>	1	1	12	1	32	1	12	1	1	<b>62</b>
<b>M</b>	1	1	14	1	34	1	14	1	1	<b>68</b>
<b>L</b>	1	1	14	1	34	1	14	1	1	<b>68</b>
<b>XL</b>	1	1	16	1	36	1	16	1	1	<b>74</b>
<b>2XL</b>	1	1	16	1	36	1	16	1	1	<b>74</b>
<b>3XL</b>	1	1	18	1	38	1	18	1	1	<b>80</b>
<b>4XL</b>	1	1	18	1	38	1	18	1	1	<b>80</b>
<b>5XL</b>	1	1	20	1	40	1	20	1	1	<b>86</b>

From the next rsr, work as follows:

R1 (rsr): k all sts, m1r before the RS and m1l after the RS (= in total 8 increases).

R 2 (wsr) and ALL other even rs: p all sts (except the edge sts).

R 3: repeat R 1.

R 5: k2, m1l to shape the front part, k all sts and work in the raglan increases as m1r before the RS and m1l after the RS, k all sts until there are 2 sts left, m1r to shape the front part, k2 (= in total 10 increases).

Work these 6 rs in total 6 times (= 218 | 218 | 224 (224 | 230 | 230) 236 | 236 | 242 sts or the following numbers per part):

Size	Left Front	RS	Left Sleeve	RS	Back	RS	Right Sleeve	RS	Right Front	TOTAL
<b>XS</b>	25	1	48	1	68	1	48	1	25	<b>218</b>
<b>S</b>	25	1	48	1	68	1	48	1	25	<b>218</b>
<b>M</b>	25	1	50	1	70	1	50	1	25	<b>224</b>
<b>L</b>	25	1	50	1	70	1	50	1	25	<b>224</b>
<b>XL</b>	25	1	52	1	72	1	52	1	25	<b>230</b>
<b>2XL</b>	25	1	52	1	72	1	52	1	25	<b>230</b>
<b>3XL</b>	25	1	54	1	74	1	54	1	25	<b>236</b>
<b>4XL</b>	25	1	54	1	74	1	54	1	25	<b>236</b>
<b>5XL</b>	25	1	56	1	76	1	56	1	25	<b>242</b>

Continue as follows:

R1 (rsr): k all sts, m1r before the RS and m1l after the RS (= in total 8 increases).

R 2 (wsr) and all other even rs: p all sts (except the edge sts)

R 3: k2, m1l to shape the front part, k all sts and work in the raglan increases as m1r before the RS and m1l after the RS, k all sts until there are 2 sts left, m1r to shape the front part, k2 (= in total 10 increases).

Repeat R 1-4 in total 6 | 7 | 8 (9 | 9 | 9) 9 | 9 | 9 times.

Depending on the size you are knitting, continue with "Separation of the Sleeves" or finish the yoke as follows:

For Sizes XS to L, continue with the section „Separation of the Sleeves“. For sizes XL to 5XL, continue as follows:

R 1 (rsr): k2, m1l to shape the front part, k all sts and work in the raglan increases as m1r before the RS and m1l after the RS, k all sts until there are 2 sts left, m1r to shape the front part, k2 (= in total 10 increases).

R 2 (wsr): p all sts (except the edge sts)

Repeat these 2 rs in total - | - | - ( - | 2 | 4) 6 | 8 | 10 times.

Before the sleeves are separated, you should have the following number per part on your knitting needles:

Size	Left Front	RS	Left Sleeve	RS	Back	RS	Right Sleeve	RS	Right Front	TOTAL
<b>XS</b>	43	1	72	1	92	1	72	1	43	<b>326</b>
<b>S</b>	46	1	76	1	96	1	76	1	46	<b>344</b>
<b>M</b>	49	1	82	1	102	1	82	1	49	<b>368</b>
<b>L</b>	52	1	86	1	106	1	86	1	52	<b>386</b>
<b>XL</b>	56	1	92	1	112	1	92	1	56	<b>412</b>
<b>2XL</b>	60	1	96	1	116	1	96	1	60	<b>432</b>
<b>3XL</b>	64	1	102	1	122	1	102	1	64	<b>458</b>
<b>4XL</b>	68	1	106	1	126	1	106	1	68	<b>478</b>
<b>5XL</b>	72	1	112	1	132	1	112	1	72	<b>504</b>

## Separation of the Sleeves

In the next rsr, the sleeves are separated from the body as follows:

K all sts of the left front including the 1<sup>st</sup> RS, put to rest the sts of the left sleeve and cast on in total 10 | 10 | 10 (12 | 14 | 14) 16 | 20 | 22 new sts under the left armpit, k the 2<sup>nd</sup> RS, the sts of the back part and the 3<sup>rd</sup> RS, cast on again 10 | 10 | 10 (12 | 14 | 14) 16 | 20 | 22 new sts under the right armpit, k the 4<sup>th</sup> RS and the sts of the right front part. Now you should have in total 202 | 212 | 224 (238 | 256 | 268) 286 | 306 | 324 sts on your knitting needles incl. the 4 RS.

P all sts in the next wsr.

## Completion of the Body

Now work all sts in stockinette stitch in rows without any increases for the next 20 | 20 | 21 (21 | 22 | 23) 24 | 25 | 26 cm (measured from the armpits down) or until you feel comfortable with the length. You then might need more yarn than indicated in the pattern. Please note, that the i-Cord-edging and the ruffle border will add around 3 cm of length to the final garment.

### i-Cord-Edging:

Now cast off the body stitches with an i-Cord-edging:

1. To start with the i-Cord-edging, use a separate circular needle or DPNS (3.5 mm) and cast on 3 sts with your preferred cast on method. Slide the sts to the other end of your circular knitting needle/DPN and return the needle to the left hand.
2. Knit around the body as follows: \*Knit 2, knit 2 together through the back loop (1 i-cord-stitch and 1 stitch of the body), slip all stitches to the other side of your needle with the yarn on the wrong side of

your work\*. Repeat from \* to \* until all sts have been cast off. Cast off the i-cord sts too. Cut the yarn and weave in all ends.

### Ruffle Border:

Pick up stitches along the i-Cord with the contrasting yarn quality (e. g. Tilia or similar yarn meeting the gauge) with your 3.5 mm knitting needles. I recommend to pick up 2 sts out of each i-Cord-stitch by picking up one stitch of each i-Cord-stitch and making a yarn over in between (=404 | 424 | 448 (476 | 512 | 536) 572 | 612 | 648 sts). The next r is a wsr, where you p all sts – the holes of the yarn overs will then be closed – if not, you are welcome to purl the stitches of this row through the back loop. Then, work all sts in stockinette stitch for 2 rs. Cast off all sts with a classic knit bind off in the next rsr.

## Sleeves

The sleeves are worked in stockinette stitch in the round. You can choose between 3.5 mm DPNs, the Magic Loop-Technique or short circular knitting needles with a short rope.

Pick up the resting sleeve stitches with your 3.5 mm knitting needles and 1 strand of Merci and pick up 10 | 10 | 10 (12 | 14 | 14) 16 | 20 | 22 new sts directly out of the body under the armpits. Place a SM, this is your beginning of the round. You should have 82 | 86 | 92 (98 | 106 | 110) 118 | 126 | 134 sts on your knitting needles.

Work all sts in stockinette stitch in the round, until your sleeve measures around 10 cm (from the armpits down) \* – or until you have reached your individually desired length. Cast off the sleeve stitches with an i-Cord-edging and work the ruffled border according to the instructions in the body section with the only difference, that the ruffled border can be worked in the round instead of rows. The holes of the yarn overs should be closed, when you knit all stitches in the next round. If not, I recommend to knit the yarn overs through the back loop in this round to close the holes.

Cut the yarn and repeat the instructions for the 2<sup>nd</sup> sleeve.

\*Please note: Every body is shaped differently, so it might be necessary for you to work decreases for a slight sleeve shaping. Therefore, I recommend to \*work decreases (e. g. knit 2 stitches together) before and after the 2 middle stitches under the armpits\*. From \* to \* should be repeated every 2 cm to receive a slight sleeve shaping.



# i-Cord-edging and -ties along the front parts

The front parts are now finished with an applied i-Cord-edging and additionally, short cords are worked on both front parts to close the tee with decorative bows.

Work as follows:

## Applied i-Cord-edging along front parts and neckline:

Now pick up stitches along the front parts and the neckline with your 3.5 mm knitting needles and with 1 strand of Merci. I recommend to pick up 1 st per 1 st and 2 sts per 3 rs. If you have a tighter knitting tension, I recommend to pick up 1 st per 1 r. If you have a looser knitting tension, I recommend to pick up 1 st per 2 rs. Your total number of stitches therefore depends on your individual knitting tension. Start at the bottom of the right front part and end at the bottom of the left front part.

Then, repeat the instructions "i-Cord-Edging" of the body section to cast off all picked-up stitches.

## i-Cord-Ties:

Now you are going to work in total 4 | 4 | 4 (4 | 6 | 6) 6 | 6 | 6 i-Cord-ties along both front parts, to close the top with in total 2 | 2 | 2 (2 | 3 | 3) 3 | 3 | 3 decorative bows. Of course, you can adapt the number of ties/bows individually.

The first two i-cord-ties are worked along right and left front part shortly after finishing the yoke and separating the sleeves from the body (1). Therefore, pick up 3 stitches along the i-Cord-edging of the neckline with your short 3.5 mm knitting needles and 1 strand of Merci and work the i-Cord-ties as follows:

1. Slide the sts to the other end of your circular knitting needle/DPN and return the needle to the left hand.
2. Knit the cord as follows: \*Knit 3, slip all stitches to the other side of your needle with the yarn on the wrong side of your work\*. Repeat from \* to \* until the cord measures around 15 to 20 cm (or until it is long enough to make a cute little bow).

The next bow is worked around 12 | 12 | 12 (12 | 8 | 8) 8 | 8 | 8 cm under the first i-cord bow (2). For sizes XL to 5XL you are going to work a third bow in the same distance after the 2<sup>nd</sup> bow. But of course, you are most welcome to adapt the placing and the number of bows according to your own personal preferences.



# Completion

Wet block your top and let it dry flat. Weave in all ends. You can find a video of how to make decorative bows to close the front parts of top here:

<https://www.kolibri-by-johanna.de/georges-sweater-bow-schleife>

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