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# Ombre Tank

*Mona Schmidt* for Espace Tricot



**Yarn:** Habu Textiles 2/17 Tsumugi Silk (100% silk);  
450 yds (402 m)/48 gr  
1 cone colour A (47), 1 cone B (44), and  
1 (1, 2, 2, 2, 3, 3) cones C (4)

**Materials:** 4.5 mm circular needles (24" or 32") - *or size needed to obtain gauge*  
tapestry needle

**Gauge:** 19 sts and 28 rows/4 inches in Stockinette Stitch - *to save time and ensure accurate sizing, please make sure to check gauge*

## Finished Measurements

Chest circumference: 33.5 (35.75, 38, 40, 42, 46.25, 50.5)"

Length: 24 (24.5, 24.75, 25.25, 26, 26.75, 27.25)"

### Note:

Due to the necessary yarn amounts, the width of the stripes change from size to size. The larger the size, the narrower the marled sections.

## BODY

With colour A and yarn held double, CO 220 (230, 240, 250, 260, 280, 300) sts.

Place marker and join to knit in the round being careful not to twist sts. Purl 1 round.

**Next rnd:** K 110 (115, 120, 125, 130, 135, 140), place second marker. Work St St until piece measures 2.5".

*There are 6 decrease rounds in this design worked 2" (14 rows) apart. You will switch colours as desired/needed at the same time as working the decreases. Refer to chart in schematic to see how colours are combined. (For size 38" we worked as follows: AA - 4", AB - 4", BB - 4", BC - 4", work remaining design in CC. It is possible to work this exact stripe pattern for the smaller sizes, however, the larger sizes would require more yarn of each colour.)*

**Next (1<sup>st</sup> dec) rnd:** \*K 20 (21, 22, 23, 24, 26, 28), k2tog; rep from \* to end of rnd - 210 (220, 230, 240, 250, 270, 290) sts. Work even until piece measures 4". Let go of one strand of colour A and pick up 1 strand of colour B. Work until piece measures about 4.5".

**Next (2<sup>nd</sup> dec) rnd:** \*K 19 (20, 21, 22, 23, 25, 27), k2tog; rep from \* to end of rnd - 200 (210, 220, 230, 240, 260, 280) sts. Work even until piece measures about 6.5".

**Next (3<sup>rd</sup> dec) rnd:** \*K 18 (19, 20, 21, 22, 24, 26), k2tog; rep from \* to end of rnd - 190 (200, 210, 220, 230, 250, 270) sts. Work until piece measures 8.5".

**Next (4<sup>th</sup> dec) rnd:** \*K 17 (18, 19, 20, 21, 23, 25), k2tog; rep from \* to end of rnd - 180 (190, 200, 210, 220, 240, 260) sts. Work until piece measures about 10.5".

**Next (5<sup>th</sup> dec) rnd:** \*K 16 (17, 18, 19, 20, 22, 24), k2tog; rep from \* to end of rnd - 170 (180, 190, 200, 210, 230, 250) sts. Work until piece measures 12.5".

**Next (6<sup>th</sup> dec) rnd:** \*K 15 (16, 17, 18, 19, 21, 23), k2tog; rep from \* to end of rnd - 160 (170, 180, 190, 200, 220, 240) sts. Work until piece measures 17 (17, 17.25, 17.25, 17.5, 17.5, 18)" - *Add length here if desired.*

## ARMHOLE SHAPING

At beg of next rnd, bind off 4 (5, 6, 7, 9, 10, 10) sts. Work to next marker, remove marker and move second half of sts onto holder or waste yarn. From here you are working back and forth on the back only. **Next row (WS):** Bind off 4 (5, 6, 7, 9, 10, 10) sts purlwise, purl to end.

**Next (dec) row (RS):** K1, k2tog, k to last 3 sts, ssk, k1. Purl WS row. Repeat decrease row every RS row 3 (3, 4, 5, 5, 5, 6) times more. Work even until piece measures 2.5 (2.75, 3, 3.25, 3.25, 3.75, 4)" from armhole.

**Next row:** K 28(28, 28, 28, 28, 32, 35), bind off next 10 (11, 12, 13, 14, 14, 16) sts. Knit to end of row. From here work both fronts separately. Purl WS on right front. Bind off 2 sts on neck edge 4 times. On next RS row, k1, ssk, knit to end. Work WS row. Repeat these two rows until 14 (15, 15, 16, 16, 18, 20) sts remain. Work even until piece measures 7(7.25, 7.5, 7.75, 8, 8.75, 9)". Put on hold.

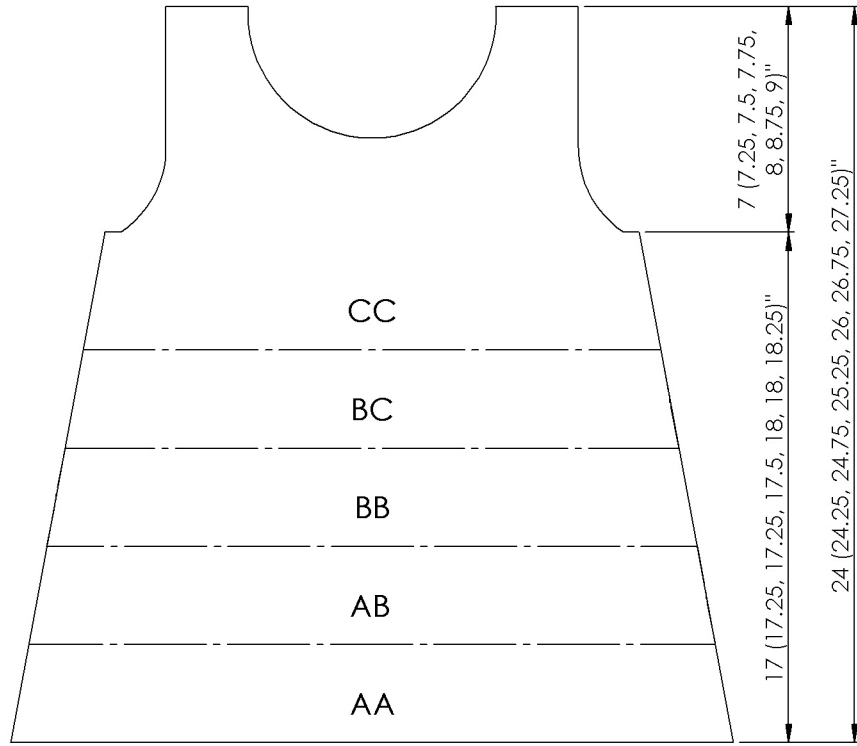
**Left front:** Bind off 2 sts on neck edge 4 times. On next RS row, k to last 3 sts, k2tog k1. Work WS row. Repeat these two rows until 14 (15, 15, 16, 16, 18, 20) sts remain. Work even until piece measures 7(7.25, 7.5, 7.75, 8, 8.75, 9)". Put on hold.

Work front as for back.

### **Finishing:**

Holding WS of back and front together, bind off rem sts of shoulder with three needle method. Repeat for second shoulder. Beg at underarm, pick up and knit sts around armhole (one st for each bound off st, 2 sts for every 3 rows) Bind off on WS knitwise. Repeat for second armhole. Beg at right shoulder seam, pick up and knit sts around neckline. Bind off on WS knitwise. Weave in ends, closing gaps of edgings at the same time. Block.

**Happy knitting!**



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46.25 (48.5, 50.5, 52.5, 54.75, 59, 63)"