

# Francisca

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Francisca is a strikingly pretty yet surprisingly easy to knit summer top.



Francisca consists of 2 identical rectangles that are knitted separately. Join the shoulder seams with a 3-needle-bind-off, close the sides, and your top is ready to wear.

The easy and simple design allows for maximum flexibility in sizing: add more pattern repeats to make it wider and knit as many of the 4-row pattern as you like for the perfect length.

Instructions and measurements are given for size medium (= appr. 38 - 40 inch bust); the model is shown with no ease. Knitting a larger top will affect the yarn amount needed.

## Materials:

Solid Color Cotton Yarn from Wolle's Yarn Creations

Main Color (MC) = 150 gr (720 yards)

Contrast Color 1 (CC1) = 100 gr (480 yards)

Contrast Color 2 (CC2) = 50 gr (240 yards)

Sample colors:

MC = Dark Brown

CC1 = Beige

CC2 = Natural

(kits are available on our website: [wollesyarncreations.com](http://wollesyarncreations.com))

2 x Knitting needles size US 5 or 6

Stitch markers (optional)

## Gauge:

2 pattern repeats = 28 stitches = appr. 3.5 inches (8.5 cm) in width

Height is easily adjustable by doing more/less rows

## Pattern:

= Multiples of 14 stitches + 2 x 4 edge stitches

Row 1 (RS): K4, (K1, YO, K4, Sl1, K2tog, PSSO, K4, YO), repeat ( ) until last 4 stitches, K4

Row 2 (WS): Purl all stitches

Row 3 (RS): Knit all stitches

Row 4 (WS): Purl all stitches

Repeat rows 1 – 4

## Tips:

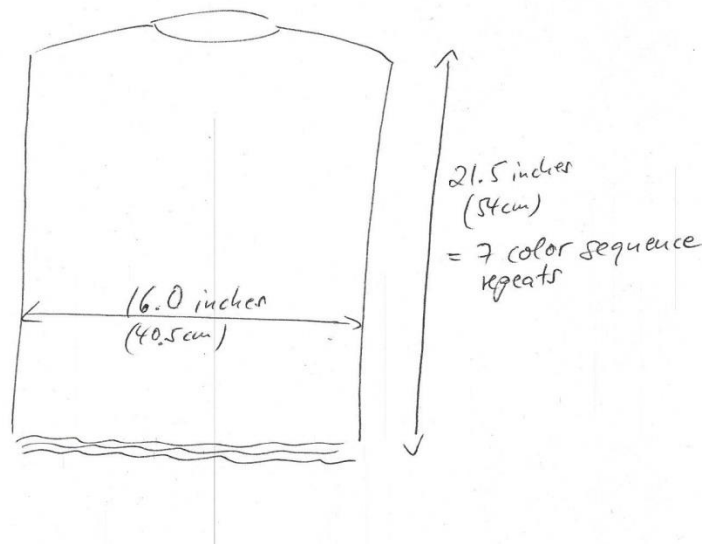
- The use of stitch markers is optional, but I find it useful to place one after every pattern repeat. This helps to keep track of stitch counts and makes it easy to find possible mistakes.
- When switching colors, carry the yarn along the side to avoid having to weave in a lot of ends
- For the 3-needle-bind-off, here is a video that I find helpful (there are many more on YouTube): <https://youtu.be/H1tspzgl1Pk>

## Instructions:

- CO 134 St
- Next row: knit all stitches
- Knit 8 rows in garter stitch (= knit every row); you should have 4 garter ridges
- Start the pattern:  
Row 1: K4, (K1, YO, K4, Sl1, K2tog, PSSO, K4, YO), repeat ( ) 8x, K4  
Row 2: Purl  
Row 3: Knit  
Row 4: Purl
- Repeat Rows 1 – 4 until the piece measures the desired length while maintaining this color strip sequence  
12 rows in MC  
8 rows in CC 1  
4 rows in CC 2  
For the sample we knitted this sequence 7x = 168 rows
- Knit 8 rows (4 garter ridges)
- Place this piece on a separate knitting needle or a piece of scrap yarn and put aside
- Knit a second piece, exactly like the first one

- When both pieces are completed, join the shoulder seams using a 3-needle-bind-off. Bind off the remaining stitches for the neck opening.
- Sew up the sides leaving enough room for the arm holes
- Weave in any ends
- Wear your Francisca top proudly and enjoy!

Approximate measurements for size medium:



**The size can be easily adjusted:**

- **add more repeats (multiples of 14 stitches) to make the top wider**
- **knit as many sets of rows 1-4 until you reach the desired length**

**Abbreviations used:**

- CO – cast on
- K -- Knit
- K2tog – knit 2 stitches together
- P – Purl
- PSSO – pass slipped stitch over
- RS – right side
- Sl1 – slip 1 stitch as if to knit
- St -- stitches
- WS – wrong side
- YO – yarn over