DECORATIVE TANK TOP

DIFFICULTY = Very hard

YARN = NATURA by LAINES DU NORD Size S (M-L): 2 balls x col. 30 (orange)
CIRCULAR NEEDLES = 3 mm and 3.5 mm tips with 80 cm cable.
OTHERS = stitch markers, darning needle, scissors, tape measure, waste yarn, cable needle.

Work the garment bottom-up, seamlessly, in the round up to the armholes, and then flat (= in back-and-forth rows) for the neckline shaping. Work the finishing edges simultaneously with the garment. Graft the seams invisibly for a seamless finish.

SAMPLE

10 x 10 cm = 22 sts and 29 r in pattern st using 3.5 mm knitting needles (measured after blocking).

It is very important to check your gauge and measure the tension correctly to achieve the same results and measurements as the pattern. If the gauge is different, try adjusting the needle size up or down by half a size until you get the correct measurement.

POINTS USED

1x1 Twisted Rib in the Round: follow the instructions below.

Stockinette Stitch in the Round: knit all rounds.
Stockinette Stitch Flat
R 1 (RS): knit.
R 2 (WS): purl.
Leaf Motif Pattern Stitch: follow the instructions below.

ABBREVIATIONS

RS = right side of the work
WS = wrong side of the work
SM =stitch marker
b-SM = beginning stitch marker
s-SM = slip SM
r = row/s
st/s = stitch/es
col = color
k = knit
yo = yarn over
ktbl = knit through the back loop (insert the right needle into the back loop of the next stitch on the left needle and knit)
tog = together
rep = repeat
rep ** = repeat from * to *
p = purl
foll = follow
ptbl = purl through the back loop (insert the right needle into the back loop of the next stitch on the left needle and purl, twisting it)
skp = slip 1, knit 1, pass slipped stitch over.
k2tog (knit 2 stitches together) = insert the right needle into the next 2 stitches on the left needle and knit them together.
s1pw = slip 1 stitch purl-wise (insert the right needle into 1 stitch on the left needle as if to purl, then slip it to the right needle without working it)
s1kw = slip 1 stitch knit-wise (insert the right needle into the next stitch as if to knit, then slip it onto the right needle without knitting)

MEASURES

Size in the picture: S
Chest circumference: 80 cm
Body length from underarm: 29 cm

Total length: 52 cm

PROCEDURE

FINISHING

Graft the held sts of the front and back together, then sew the corresponding strap ends together. Weave in all ends. Wet and block. Wear!

DETAILED PATTERN INSTRUCTIONS

FRONT AND BACK UP TO THE ARMHOLES

Using circular needles with 3 mm tips and an 80 cm cable, cast-on 200 (220 - 240) sts, close in the round, making sure the sts are not twisted. Place a SM at the beginning of the round (= b-SM) and another after 100 (110 - 120) sts to mark the side. As you work, slip the b-SM and the SM into the corresponding sts of each new round.

At the beginning work the 1x1 twisted rib band.

Round 1: (ktbl 1, p1) rep to the end of round.

Rounds 2 to 15: rep round 1.

Switch to 3.5 mm needles and continue in pattern st as foll:

Set-up round (all sizes): * (k1 tbl, p1) twice, k15 (20 - 25), p3, k1 tbl, p3, k1 tbl, (p1, k1 tbl) 4 times, k10, p1, k2tog, k1, k2tog, yo, k2tog, p1, k10, (k1 tbl, p1) 4 times, k1 tbl, p3, k1 tbl, p3, k15 (20 - 25), (p1, k1 tbl) twice, p1 *, rep ** once more.

Round 1: * (k1 tbl, p1) twice, k15 (20 - 25), p3, k1 tbl, p3, k1 tbl, (p1, k1 tbl) 4 times, k10, p2, yo, skp, k1, p2, k10, (k1 tbl, p1) 4 times, k1 tbl, p3, k1 tbl, p3, k15 (20 - 25), (p1, k1 tbl) twice, p1 *, rep ** once more.

Round 2 and all even rounds: knit the yos, work all other sts as they appear to the end of the round.

Round 3: * (k1 tbl, p1) twice, k15 (20 - 25), p3, k1 tbl, p3, k1 tbl,

(p1, k1 tbl) 4 times, k10, p2, k1, k2tog, yo, p2, k10, (k1 tbl, p1) 4 times, k1 tbl, p3, k1 tbl, p3, k15 (20 - 25), (p1, k1 tbl) twice, p1 *, rep ** once more.

For size S only: work the set-up round, then continue with round 1 onward.

For size M only: work rounds 1 to 4, then continue with round 1 onward.

For size L only: work rounds 1 to 4 twice in total, then continue with round 1 onward.

Round 1: * (k1 tbl, p1) twice, k15 (20 - 25), p3, k1 tbl, p3, (k1 tbl, p1) 4 times, k1 tbl, k2tog, k8, yo, p2, yo, skp, k1, p2, yo, k8, skp, (k1 tbl, p1) 4 times, k1 tbl, p3, k1 tbl, p3, k15 (20 - 25), (p1, k1 tbl) twice, p1 *, rep ** once more.

Round 2 and all even rounds: knit the yos, work all other sts as they appear to the end of the round.

Rounds 3 and 47: * (k1 tbl, p1) twice, k15 (20 - 25), p3, k1 tbl, p3, (k1 tbl, p1) 4 times, k2tog, k8, yo, k1 tbl, p2, k1, k2tog,yo, skp, k1, k2, k1 tbl, yo, k8, skp, (p1, k1 tbl) 4 times, p3, k1 tbl, p3, k15 (20 - 25), (p1, k1 tbl) twice, p1 *, rep ** once more.

Rounds 5 and 49: * (k1 tbl, p1) twice, k15 (20 - 25), p3, k1 tbl, p3, (k1 tbl, p1) 3 times, k2tog, k8, yo, k1 tbl, p1, k1 tbl, p2, k1, k2tog, yo, p2, k1 tbl, p1, k1 tbl, yo, k8, skp, (p1, k1 tbl) 3 times, k1 tbl, p3, k1 tbl, p3, k15 (20 - 25), (p1, k1 tbl) twice, p1 *, rep ** once more.

Rounds 7 and 51: * (k1 tbl, p1) twice, k15 (20 - 25), p3, k1 tbl, p3, (k1 tbl, p1) 3 times, k2tog, k8, yo, k1 tbl, p1, k1 tbl, p2, k1, k2tog, yo, p2, k1 tbl, p1, k1 tbl, yo, k8, skp, (p1, k1 tbl) 3 times, p3, k1 tbl, p3, k15 (20 - 25), (p1, k1 tbl) twice, p1 *, rep ** once more.

Rounds 11 and 55: * (k1 tbl, p1) twice, k15 (20 - 25), p3, k1 tbl, p3, (k1 tbl, p1) twice, k2tog, k8, yo, k1 tbl, (p1, k1 tbl) twice, p2, k1, k2tog, yo, p2, (k1 tbl, p1) twice, k1 tbl, yo, k8, skp, (p1, k1 tbl) twice, p3, k1 tbl, p3, k15 (20 - 25), (p1, k1 tbl) twice, p1 *, rep ** once more.

Rounds 13 and 57: * (k1 tbl, p1) twice, k15 (20 - 25), p3, k1 tbl, p3, k1 tbl, p1, k1 tbl, k2tog, k8, yo, (p1, k1 tbl) 3 times, p2, yo, skp, k1, p2, (k1 tbl, p1) 3 times, yo, k8, skp, k1 tbl, p1, k1 tbl, p3, k1 tbl, p3, k15 (20 - 25), (p1, k1 tbl) twice, p1 *, rep ** once more.

Rounds 15 and 59: * (k1 tbl, p1) twice, k15 (20 - 25), p3, k1 tbl, p3, k1 tbl, p1, k2tog, k8, yo, (k1 tbl, p1) 3 times, k1 tbl, p2, k1, k2tog, yo, p2, k1 tbl, (p1, k1 tbl) 3 times, yo, k8, skp, p1, k1 tbl, p3, k1 tbl, p3, k15 (20 - 25), (p1, k1 tbl) twice, p1 *, rep ** once more.

Rounds 17 and 61: * (k1 tbl, p1) twice, k15 (20 - 25), p3, k1 tbl, p3, k1 tbl, k2tog, k8, yo, (p1, k1 tbl) 4 times, p2, yo, skp, k1, p2, (k1 tbl, p1) 4 times, yo, k8, skp, k1 tbl, p3, k1 tbl, p3, k15 (20 - 25), (p1, k1 tbl) twice, p1 *, rep ** once more.

Rounds 19 and 63: * (k1 tbl, p1) twice, k15 (20 - 25), p3, k1 tbl, p3, k2tog, k8, yo, (k1 tbl, p1) 4 times, k1 tbl, p2, k1, k2tog, yo, p2, (k1 tbl, p1) 4 times, k1 tbl, yo, k8, skp, p3, k1 tbl, p3, k15

(20 - 25), (p1, k1 tbl) twice, p1 *, rep ** once more.

Rounds 21 and 65: * (k1 tbl, p1) twice, k15 (20 - 25), p3, k1 tbl, p3, k9, (p1, k1 tbl) 5 times, p2, yo, skp, k1, p2, (k1 tbl, p1) 5 times, k9, p3, k1 tbl, p3, k15 (20 - 25), (p1, k1 tbl) twice, p1 *, rep ** once more.

Round 23: * (k1 tbl, p1) twice, k15 (20 - 25), p3, k1 tbl, p3, k9, k2tog, (p1, k1 tbl) 4 times, yo, p2, k1, k2tog, yo, p2, yo, (k1 tbl, p1) 4 times, skp, k9, p3, k1 tbl, p3, k15 (20 - 25), (p1, k1 tbl) twice, p1 *, rep ** once more.

Round 25: * (k1 tbl, p1) twice, k15 (20 - 25), p3, k1 tbl, p3, k8, k2tog, (p1, k1 tbl) 4 times, yo, k1, p2, yo, skp, k1, p2, k1, yo, (k1 tbl, p1) 4 times, skp, k8, p3, k1 tbl, p3, k15 (20 - 25), (p1, k1 tbl) twice, p1 *, rep ** once more.

Round 27: *(k1 tbl, p1) twice, k15 (20 - 25), p3, k1 tbl, p3, k7, k2tog, (p1, k1 tbl) 4 times, yo, k2, p2, k1, k2tog, yo, p2, k2, yo, (k1 tbl, p1) 4 times, skp, k7, p3, k1 tbl, p3, k15 (20 - 25), (p1, k1 tbl) twice, p1 *, rep ** once more.

Round 29: * (k1 tbl, p1) twice, k15 (20 - 25), p3, k1 tbl, p3, k6, k2tog, (p1, k1 tbl) 4 times, yo, k3, p2, yo, skp, k1, p2, k3, yo, (k1 tbl, p1) 4 times, skp, k6, p3, k1 tbl, p3, k15 (20 - 25), (p1, k1 tbl) twice, p1 *, rep ** once more.

Round 31: * (k1 tbl, p1) twice, k15 (20 - 25), p3, k1 tbl, p3, k5, k2tog, (p1, k1 tbl) 4 times, yo, k4, p2, k1, k2tog, yo, p2, k4, yo, (k1 tbl, p1) 4 times, skp, k5, p3, k1 tbl, p3, k15 (20 - 25), (p1, k1 tbl) twice, p1 *, rep ** once more.

Round 33: *(k1 tbl, p1) twice, k15 (20 - 25), p3, k1 tbl, p3, k4, k2tog, (p1, k1 tbl) 4 times, yo, k5, p2, yo, skp, k1, p2, k5, yo, (k1 tbl, p1) 4 times, skp, k4, p3, k1 tbl, p3, k15 (20 - 25), (p1, k1 tbl) twice, p1* rep *, rep ** once more.

Round 35: * (k1 tbl, p1) twice, k15 (20 - 25), p3, k1 tbl, p3, k3, k2tog, (p1, k1 tbl) 4 times, yo, k6, p2, k1, k2tog, yo, p2, k6, yo, (k1 tbl, p1) 4 times, skp, k3, p3, k1 tbl, p3, k15 (20 - 25), (p1, k1 tbl) twice, p1 *, rep ** once more.

Round 37: * (k1 tbl, p1) twice, k15 (20 - 25), p3, k1 tbl, p3, k2, k2tog, (p1, k1 tbl) 4 times, yo, k7, p2, yo, skp, k1, p2, k7, yo, (k1 tbl, p1) 4 times, skp, k2, p3, k1 tbl, p3, k15 (20 - 25), (p1, k1 tbl) twice, p1 *, rep ** once more.

Round 39: *(k1 tbl, p1) twice, k15 (20 - 25), p3, k1 tbl, p3, k1, k2tog, (p1, k1 tbl) 4 times, yo, k8, p2, k1, k2tog, yo, p2, k8, yo, (k1 tbl, p1) 4 times, skp, k1, p3, k1 tbl, p3, k15 (20 - 25), (p1, k1 tbl) twice, p1 *, rep ** once more.

Round 41: * (k1 tbl, p1) twice, k15 (20 - 25), p3, k1 tbl, p3, k2tog, (p1, k1 tbl) 4 times, yo, k9, p2, yo, skp, k1, p2, k9, yo, (k1 tbl, p1) 4 times, skp, p3, k1 tbl, p3, k15 (20 - 25), (p1, k1 tbl) twice, p1 *, rep ** once more.

Round 43: * (k1 tbl, p1) twice, k15 (20 - 25), p3, k1 tbl, p3, k1 tbl, (p1, k1 tbl) 4 times, k10, p2, k1, k2tog, yo, p2, k10, (k1 tbl, p1) 4 times, k1 tbl, p3, k1 tbl, p3, k15 (20 - 25), (p1, k1 tbl) twice, p1 *, rep ** once more.

Round 45: * (k1 tbl, p1) twice, k15 (20 - 25), p3, k1 tbl, p3, (k1 tbl, p1) 4 times, k1 tbl, k2tog, k8, yo, p2, yo, skp, k1, p2, yo, k8, skp, (k1 tbl, p1) 4 times, k1 tbl, p3, k1 tbl, p3, k15 (20 - 25), (p1, k1 tbl) twice, p1 *, rep ** once more.

Rounds 47 to 65: rep rounds 3 to 21.

Round 66: (k1 tbl, p1) twice, * k15 (20 - 25), p3, k1 tbl, p3, k9, (p1, k1 tbl) 5 times, p2, k3, p2, (k1 tbl, p1) 5 times, k9, p3, k1 tbl, p3, k15 (20 - 25), p1, k1 tbl, p1 *, rep ** once more. Bind off 3 sts.

Continue working in back-and-forth rows, working over the first 95 (105 - 115) sts and placing the remaining 95 (105 – 115) sts on hold as foll.:

Set-up row: slip 1 p-wise, k1 tbl, p1, skp, k13 (18 -23), p3, k1 tbl, p3, k9, k2tog, (p1, k1 tbl) 4 times, k2tog, k1, (k1, k1 tbl) in the next st, place a temporary SM between the 2 just-worked knit sts (this marks the midpoint or separation of the two fronts), k1, k2tog, (k1 tbl, p1) 4 times, skp, k9, p3, k1 tbl, p3, k13 (18 -23), k2tog, p1, k1 tbl, p1. Turn.

RIGHT TOP FRONT

Even set-up row: slip 1 k-wise, p1 tbl, p14 (19 - 24), k3, p1 tbl, k3, p10, (k1, p1 tbl) 4 times, k1, p1 tbl, k1. Remove the SM.

R 1(RS): slip 1 p-wise, k1 tbl, p1, (k1 tbl, p1) 4 times, skp, k8, p3, k1 tbl, p3, k12 (17 - 22), k2tog, p1, k1 tbl, p1.

Row 2 and all even rows (WS): work the sts as they appear. If worked as k-tbl on the RS, work them as p-tbl on the WS. Slip the first st k-wise (selvage st).

R 3: slip 1 p-wise, k1 tbl, p1, (k1 tbl, p1) 4 times, skp, k7, p3, k1 tbl, p3, k11 (16 - 21), k2tog, p1, k1 tbl, p1.

R 5: slip 1 p-wise, k1 tbl, p1, (k1 tbl, p1) 4 times, skp, k6, p3, k1 tbl, p3, k10 (15 - 20), k2tog, p1, k1 tbl, p1.

R 7: slip 1 p-wise, k1 tbl, p1, (k1 tbl, p1) 4 times, skp, k5, p3, k1 tbl, p3, k9 (14 -19), k2tog, p1, k1

tbl, p1.

R 9: slip 1 p-wise, k1 tbl, p1, (k1 tbl, p1) 4 times, skp, k4, p3, k1 tbl, p3, k8 (13 - 18), k2tog, p1, k1 tbl, p1.

R 11: slip 1 p-wise, k1 tbl, p1, (k1 tbl, p1) 4 times, skp, k3, p3, k1 tbl, p3, k7 (12 - 17), k2tog, p1, k1 tbl, p1.

R 13: slip 1 p-wise, k1 tbl, p1, (k1 tbl, p1) 4 times, skp, k2, p3, k1 tbl, p3, k6 (11 -16), k2tog, p1, k1 tbl, p1.

R 15: slip 1 p-wise, k1 tbl, p1, (k1 tbl, p1) 4 times, skp, k1, p3, k1 tbl, p3, k5 (10 -15), k2tog, p1, k1 tbl, p1.

R 17: slip 1 p-wise, k1 tbl, p1, (k1 tbl, p1) 4 times, skp, p3, k1 tbl, p3, k4 (9 - 14), k2tog, p1, k1 tbl, p1.

R 19: slip 1 p-wise, k1 tbl, p1, (k1 tbl, p1) 4 times, skp, p2, k1 tbl, p3, k3 (8 - 13), k2tog, p1, k1 tbl, p1.

R 21: slip 1 p-wise, k1 tbl, p1, (k1 tbl, p1) 4 times, skp, p1, k1 tbl, p3, k2 (7 - 12), k2tog, p1, k1 tbl, p1.

R 23: slip 1 p-wise, k1 tbl, p1, (k1 tbl, p1) 4 times, skp, k1 tbl, p3, k1 (6 - 11), k2tog, p1, k1 tbl, p1.

R 25: slip 1 p-wise, k1 tbl, p1, (k1 tbl, p1) 4 times, skp, p3, k2tog, k0 (5 - 10), k2tog, p1, k1 tbl, p1.

R 27: slip 1 p-wise, k1 tbl, p1, (k1 tbl, p1) 4 times, skp, p2, k1 tbl, k0 (4 - 9), k2tog, p1, k1 tbl, p1.

R 29: slip 1 p-wise, k1 tbl, p1, (k1 tbl, p1) 4 times, skp, p1, k1 tbl k0 (3 - 8), k2tog, p1, k1 tbl, p1.

R 31: slip 1 p-wise, k1 tbl, p1, (k1 tbl, p1) 4 times, skp, k1 tbl, k0 (2 - 7), k2tog, p1, k1 tbl, p1.

R 33: slip 1 p-wise, k1 tbl, p1, (k1 tbl, p1) 4 times, skp, k0 (0 - 6), k2tog, p1, k1 tbl, p1.

R 35: slip 1 p-wise, k1 tbl, p1, (k1 tbl, p1) 3 times, k1 tbl, skp, k0 (0 - 5), k2tog, p1, k1 tbl, p1.

From r 37 onward (all sizes): continue as established, making decreases on the RS always at the edges of the armholes (k2tog on the right and skp on the left), until 9 sts remain.

Continue in 1x1 twisted rib over these 9 sts for 40 r to form the strap. Place these 9 sts on hold.

LEFT TOP FRONT

Work as given for the right top front. Place the remaining 9 sts on hold.

LEFT TOP FRONT AND BACK

Work as given for the right top front and back, omitting the straps.

PHOTOGALLERY