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Sizes: S (M/L/XL/2XL/3XL), to fit bust sizes 83 (93/103/113/123/133) cm
The model wears size M.

Proposed yarns: Main color: *DROPS ♥ You #7 at 170 meters per ball with 50 grams
 4 (4/5/5/6/6) balls, we used color no. 19, light turquoise
 Alternatively DROPS Safran or Malabrigo Sock.*
 Contrasting color: *Malabrigo Mora at 205 meters per skein with 50 grams
 1 skein, we used color no. 247, Whales Road
 Alternatively DROPS Cotton-Viscose.*

Gauge: 23 sts × 30 rows = 10 × 10 cm in stockinette stitch
*Measure after washing and blocking. The contrasting stripes are quite narrow, hence
 the gauge of the contrasting color may slightly differ.*

Materials: Circular needles 3.0 mm (US 2½)
Alter your needle sizes to achieve gauge.
 Possibly crochet needle 3.0 mm (US 2½) for
 5 stitch markers
 Darning needle



Finished sizes: Chest measurement: 83 (93/103/113/123/133) cm
 Lower hemline: 118 (128/138/148/158/168) cm
 Total length: about 70 cm

This light summer top is called “Strandgut” (flotsam). It has a breezy A-shape and is therefore perfect for hot temperatures. You’ll knit in rounds from the bottom up to the arm openings – perfect for knitting while watching TV or listening to audio books –, quickly work up front and back, and you’re done.

Soft cotton in solid colors and glossy hand-dyed silk make for a pretty contrast. Perfect for that one skein of *Malabrigo Mora* that has been sitting forever in your stash!

Abbreviations:

k.....knit
 ppurl
 sts.....stitches
 M.....stitch marker
 ssk.....slip, slip, knit
 k2tog.....knit two stitches together
 p2togpurl two stitches together
Find some options here (German):
<http://www.lanade.de/blog/1li>



Directions:

Hem:

Cast on 272 (296/312/336/360/384) stitches in main color, join to knit in rounds, place stitch marker for beginning of round. Be careful not to twist stitches!

Now catch your breath – that was a lot of work. Well done!

Round 1: knit all stitches

Round 2: purl all stitches

Repeat rounds 1 and 2 two more times. You have now worked 6 rounds.

Body:

Marker round: k 34 (37/39/42/45/48), place marker (= M1)
 k 68 (74/78/84/90/96), place marker (= M2)
 k 68 (74/78/84/90/96), place marker (= M3)
 k 68 (74/78/84/90/96), place marker (= M4)
 k 34 (37/39/42/45/48)

For Sizes XL, 2XL and 3XL only :

Round 1 (main color): k to 2 sts before M1, ssk, slip marker, k to M2, slip marker, k2tog, k to 2 sts before M3, ssk, slip marker, k to M4, slip marker, k2tog, k to end
Round 2 to 8 (main color): k all sts

Repeat rounds 2 to 8 two more times.

Continue for all sizes – Stripes:

Round 1 (main color): k to 2 sts before M1, ssk, slip marker, k to M2, slip marker, k2tog, k to 2 sts before M3, ssk, slip marker, k to M4, slip marker, k2tog, k to end
Round 2 to 6 (main color): k all sts
Round 7 to 8 (contrasting color): k all sts

Repeat rounds 1 to 8 another 20 (20/20/17/17/17) times.

— **188 (212/228/252/276/300) sts**

If work is still less than 50 cm continue stripes without further decreases until 50 cm is reached.

After 21 (21/21/18/18/18) stripes – or when running out of contrasting color – cut contrasting color and go on **in main color only**.

Arm openings:

Round 1 and 2 (main color): k all sts
Round 3: k to M1, remove marker, k to M2, remove marker, k 8 (10/11/13/15/17), bind off 10 (12/14/16/18/20) sts, k 8 (10/11/13/15/17), remove marker, k to M4, remove marker, k 8 (10/11/13/15/17), bind off 10 (12/14/16/18/20) sts, k 84 (94/100/110/120/130)

You're now left with two sides of 84 (94/100/110/120/130) stitches each. Put one side on scrap yarn (or just leave it on the cable of your circular needle), work other side in rows.

Front:

Row 1 (wrong side): slip 1, p to end
Row 2 (right side): slip 1, ssk, k to last 3 sts, k2tog, k 1

Repeat rows 1 and 2 two more times. Then repeat row 1 once more. 7 rows total.

— **78 (88/94/104/114/124) sts**

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(Continuing front:)

Row 8 (right side): slip 1, ssk,
k 25 (29/32/36/40/45) and put on scrap yarn,
bind off 22 (24/24/26/28/28) sts,
k 25 (29/32/36/40/45), k2tog, k 1

Proceed with the 27 (31/34/38/42/47) stitches of right front.

Right front:

Row 9 (wrong side): slip 1, p to end

Work all following wrong-side rows just as row 9.

Row 10 (right side): bind off 5 sts, k to last 3 sts, k2tog, k 1

Row 12 (right side): bind off 4 sts, k to last 3 sts, k2tog, k 1

Row 14 (right side): bind off 3 sts, k to end

Bind off 2 sts at the beginning of the next 0 (2/3/4/6/6) right-side rows, then bind off 1 stitch at the beginning of the following 1 (1/2/4/4/6) right-side rows. After all decreases you're left with 12 (12/12/12/12/15) sts.

Work in stockinette until work measures 18 (17/18/19/20/21) cm from arm hole. Put stitches on scrap yarn and break working yarn.

Put 27 (31/34/38/42/47) stitches of left front on needle. Start on wrong side.

Left front:

Row 9 (wrong side): bind off 5 sts, p to last 3 sts, p2tog, p 1

Row 10 (right side): slip 1, k to end

Work all following right-side rows just as row 10.

Row 11 (wrong side): bind off 4 sts, p to last 3 sts, p2tog, p 1

Row 13 (wrong side): bind off 3 sts, p to end

Bind off 2 sts at the beginning of the next 0 (2/3/4/6/6) wrong-side rows, then bind off 1 stitch at the beginning of the following 1 (1/2/4/4/6) wrong-side rows. After all decreases you're left with 12 (12/12/12/12/15) sts.

Work in stockinette until work measures 18 (17/18/19/20/21) cm from arm hole. Put stitches on scrap yarn and break working yarn.

Put 84 (94/100/110/120/130) sts of back on needle. Start on wrong side.



Back:

- Row 1 (wrong side):** slip 1, p to end
Row 2 (right side): slip 1, ssk, k to last 3 sts, k2tog, k 1

Repeat rows 1 and 2 five more times. 12 rows total.

— 72 (82/88/98/108/118) sts

Keep on working stockinette stitch until work measures 10 cm from arm opening. Keep on slipping the first stitch on every row.

- Next row (right side):** k 25 (29/32/36/40/45) and put on scrap yarn, bind off 22 (24/24/26/28/28) sts, k 25 (29/32/36/40/45)

Right back:

- Row 1 (wrong side):** slip 1, p to end
Row 2 (right side): bind off 5 sts, k to end
Row 3 (wrong side): slip 1, p to end

Work all following wrong-side rows just as row 3.

- Row 4 (right side):** bind off 4 sts, k to end
Row 6 (right side): bind off 3 sts, k to end



Bind off 2 sts at the beginning of the next 0 (2/3/4/6/6) right-side rows, then bind off 1 stitch at the beginning of the following 1 (1/2/4/4/6) right-side rows. After all decreases you're left with 12 (12/12/12/12/15) sts.

Work in stockinette until work measures 18 (17/18/19/20/21) cm from arm hole, keep slipping the first stitch of every row. Put stitches on scrap yarn and break working yarn.

Put 25 (29/32/36/40/45) stitches of left back on needle. Start on wrong side.

Left back:

- Row 1 (wrong side):** bind off 5 sts, p to end
Row 2 (right side): slip 1, k to end
Row 3 (wrong side): bind off 4 sts, p to end
Row 4 (right side): slip 1, k to end

Work all following right-side rows just as row 4.

- Row 5 (wrong side):** bind off 3 sts, p to end

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Bind off 2 sts at the beginning of the next 0 (2/3/4/6/6) wrong-side rows, then bind off 1 stitch at the beginning of the following 1 (1/2/4/4/6) wrong-side rows. After all decreases you're left with 12 (12/12/12/12/15) sts.

Work in stockinette until work measures 18 (17/18/19/20/21) cm from arm hole.

Finishing:

Pick up stitches of fronts and backs and graft them together in stockinette stitch (German):

<http://www.lanade.de/blog/grafting>

Add a round of single crochet stitches around the neckline **or** pick up 2 stitches every 3 rows with a circular needle and work *I-Cord* bind off (German):

<http://www.lanade.de/blog/icord>

Weave in all ends.

For blocking, dampen top with a spray bottle, carefully stretch in shape and let dry. Cotton yarns like *DROPS ♥ You #7* or *DROPS Safran* may be ironed with low level heat to keep the straps flat. Never iron silk!

Wear, love and enjoy the beach!



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