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'Strap in for Summer' Cotton Camisole Pattern

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You now have all the information you need to make this splendid summer strap top

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BIG COTTON

'Strap in for Summer' Camisole

FOR LAUREN ASTON DESIGNS

lightweight Cotton

Knit straps to your
chosen length

V Neck
Front
& back



Classic Striped
design

knit any length
you like

'Strap in for Summer' Camisol

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LEVEL: Intermediate

TIME: 10 hours (ish)

MATERIALS:

Lauren Aston Designs Big Cotton

2 (2, 3, 3) x balls in Colour A

1 (2, 2, 2) x balls in Colour B

If you're making a hip length or longer you'll need at least 1 more ball of each colour

NEEDLES & TOOLS:

8 mm (US 11) circular knitting needles (60 cm cord)

Optional: Stitch marker

GAUGE:

9 sts x 12 rows = 10 cm (4 inches)

ABBREVIATIONS:

K: Knit **P:** Purl **Sts:** Stitches

[Square Brackets]: Instructions inside square brackets are to be repeated

Skpo: Slip, knit, pass over (Slip one stitch (move it from your left hand needle to your right hand needle without knitting it) Knit the next stitch, then pick up the slipped stitch, pass it over the knitted stitch and off your needle)

K2tog: Knit 2 stitches together

FINISHED SIZE: (approx)

The camisole measures around 40-45cm (depending on which size you knit - the larger the size, the longer it is) from the bottom of the camisole to the top of the peak (excluding the strap) and is for the cropped size, the pattern tells you where you can add length.

Small: 48cm wide

Medium: 55cm wide

Large: 60cm wide

Extra Large: 67cm wide

NOTES:

The strap top is worked from bottom up, alternating between 2 colours every 4 rows (apart from at the beginning when you knit 8 rows in colour A.) You work your way up the body before splitting for armholes and then shortly after splitting again for the neckline. You decrease either side creating triangular peaks. You hold the stitches on the back while working the front in the same way and then i-cord the straps and finally attach them to the held stitches on the back.

Pattern

BODY:

Cast on 88 (100, 108 120) sts with 8 mm needles in colour A and join in the round (you might want to use a stitch marker to log the beginning and end of the round)

Rounds 1-8: knit

Change to colour B. For the rest of the pattern you'll be alternating between colour A and colour B every 4 rows.

Rounds 9-30: knit (alternating between colour A and colour B every 4 rows)

This will give you a cropped length, if you'd like a hip length top (around 50-55 cm long) knit an extra 12 rows here. If you'd like a longer top past your hips (around 60-65t cm long), knit an extra 24 rows here.

ARMHOLES:

You're now going to split for your armholes and work back and forth in rows on the back, later returning to work on the front. The armholes are slightly lower than the neckline so you'll knit a few rows across the whole section before separating for each V-neck peaks.

Row 31: skpo, k40 (46, 50, 56) sts, k2tog - you'll be halfway round your round, and going forward you'll be working on those stitches only for a while, ignoring the other 44 (50, 54, 60), turn your work ready to begin a purl row

Row 32: purl

Row 33: skpo, k to last 2 sts, k2tog

Row 34: purl

Rows 35 & 36: repeat rows 33 & 34 (38, 44, 48, 54)

NECKLINE:

Section 1:

You're now going to split for the neckline. You'll be decreasing down the center for the neck and continuing to decrease at the sides for the armholes.

Row 37: skpo, k15 (18, 20, 23) sts, k2tog - you'll be halfway across your row, and going forward you'll be working on those stitches only for a while, ignoring the other 19 (22, 24, 27) sts, turn your work ready to begin a purl row

Row 38: purl

Row 39: skpo, k to last 2 sts, k2tog

Row 40: purl

Next Rows: repeat rows 39 & 40 (continuing to alternate your colours every 4 rows) until you have 2 or 3 sts remaining, remove them from your needle and hold them

Section 2:

Push the 19 (22, 24, 27) sts from your front to a working position on your needles

Row 37: skpo, k15 (18, 20, 23) sts, k2tog

Next Rows: repeat from Row 38 in Section 1

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FRONT:

You're now going to pick up your work from where you split for your armholes - bring your 44 (50, 54, 60) stitches from the back to a working position on your needles

Row 31: ssk, k40 (46, 50, 56) sts, k2tog

Repeat from Row 32 on the front in the 'armholes' section so you have 4 'peaks' with held stitches at the top of each.

STRAPS:

Whatever colour you finished your peaks on, is the colour you'll use for your straps.

Knit the straps as long or short as you'd like them by alternating between a knit and a purl row or you can i-cord them. Once they're the length you like cast off and stitch them to the held stitches on your back panel in turn or you can do a three needle bind off to secure them on neatly.

TO FINISH:

Weave in any loose ends, pop on that top and catch some rays babes! (don't forget sunscreen!)



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Knitting Notes:

(A handy printable page for you to make any notes you need while working through the pattern)

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Who is she?

A brief introduction for anyone I'm yet to meet; I'm an Instagram addict who drinks way too much tea and eats far too many biscuits. I knit from my studio in Devon where I live with my husband Alex, our

Bebe girl Livi and our beautifully bonkers cockapoo Harry. I work with a team of amazing women (Team LAD) who keep everything running smoothly while I get overexcited about new knits & carried away with weird ideas.

What does she do?

A bit about my work: I launched the business in 2015 selling a selection of delicious giant knit soft furnishings. Then in 2017 we introduced our DIY range of yarn, knit kits and patterns for people to have a bash themselves. Whilst we still offer our curated range of Ready Made products we particularly enjoy designing for our DIY collection, creating fun and wearable products that our lovely LAD's can make themselves for top notch satisfaction and 'i made that' joy, because that's what really matters in life (that and biscuits)

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