

Wimbledon

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When I was a little girl, I used to spend my birthday watching Wimbledon on tv with my grandfather. I modeled this ladies tank after one of his old, vintage tennis shirts. A wide collar and deep neck slit give this tank lots of retro style, while the even lines of seeded rib keep the overall look classic. And since it's knit in a super soft, fine-gauged cotton (in Wimbledon approved white!), it's lightweight and cool - just right for playing on the grass in July.

(This pattern originally appeared in Magknits online knitting magazine, July 2006).

Difficulty Level

Intermediate

Sizes

To fit bust: 30 (34, 38, 42)" / 75 (85, 95, 105)cm

Finished length: 21.5 (22.5, 24, 26)" / 54.5 (57, 61, 66)cm

(Note: The ribbing has a lot of stretch. Knit the size closest to your actual bust)

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measurement for a more standard fit and the next size down for a snug fit. Model shown is 34" / 85cm size.)

Materials

4 (5, 5, 6) balls Dale Stork (100% cotton, 195 yds / 180m per 50g ball), color #2 ivory (*possible yarn substitute: Sandes Mandarin Petit*)

1 ball Dale Stork, color #6 light blue

US 2 / 2.75 mm needles

Tapestry needle

Gauge

36 sts and 32 rows to 4" / 10cm in unstretched ribbed pattern stitch
(approx. 26 sts and 32 rows to 4" / 10cm in stockinette stitch)

Stitch Pattern

Tennis rib:

Rows 1, 3, 5, 7 (WS): P7, *K2, P6*, P1.

Rows 2, 4, 6 (RS): K7, *P2, K6*, K1.

Row 8: K3, *P2, K2*, P2, K3.

Instructions

Back

With light blue, CO 120 (136, 152, 168) sts. Beginning with Row 3 of Tennis Rib pattern, work one row in pattern. Change to ivory, and continue following rib pattern until piece measures 13.5 (14, 15, 16.5)" / 34 (35.5, 38, 42)cm, ending with a WS row.

Begin armhole decreases: BO 8 sts at beginning of next 2 (4, 4, 6) rows--104 (104, 120, 120) sts. BO 7 sts at beg of next 2 rows--90 (90, 106, 106) sts. Continue in pattern until armhole measures 7.5 (8, 8.5, 9.5)" / 19 (20.25, 21.5, 24)cm, ending with a WS row.

Divide for back neck: Work 34 (34, 42, 42) sts in patt, turn. Work in patt across WS of right back shoulder.

Shape right shoulder as follows:

Row 1, 3, 5 (RS): BO 8 sts, patt to end.

Row 2 (WS): BO 8, patt to end.

Row 4 (WS): BO 2, patt to end.

Two larger sizes only:

Row 6 (WS): BO 2, patt to end.

Row 7 (RS): BO remaining 6 sts.

Join new yarn to remaining sts at beginning of neck opening. BO 22 sts, and work in patt to end of row. Shape left shoulder as follows:

Row 1, 3, 5 (WS): BO 8 sts, patt to end.

Row 2 (RS): BO 8, patt to end.

Row 4 (WS): BO 2, patt to end.

Two larger sizes only:

Row 6 (RS): BO 2, patt to end.

Row 7 (WS): BO remaining 6 sts.

Front

Work as for back until piece measures 12.5 (13, 13.5, 14.5)" / 31.5 (33, 34.5, 37)cm, ending with a WS row.

Divide for neck. Next row: Work 57 (65, 73, 81) sts in pattern, turn. Working left side of neck only, continue in pattern for 1 (1, 1.5, 2)" / 2.5 (2.5, 3.5, 5)cm until piece measures same as back to beginning of armholes, ending having completed a WS row. Work left side armhole decreases: BO 8 sts at beginning of next and following 0 (1, 1, 2) alt row(s). BO 7 sts at beg of next alt row. 42 (42, 50, 50) sts rem. Continue in pattern until armhole measures 4.5 (5, 5.5, 6.5)" / 11.5 (12.75, 14, 16.5)cm, ending with a RS row.

Shape left front neck as follows:

Row 1 (WS): BO 6 sts, patt to end.

Row 2, 4, 6, 8 (RS): Work in patt.

Row 3, 5, 7: BO 4 sts, patt to end.

Two larger sizes only:

Row 9: BO 2 sts, patt to end.

You should now have 24 (24, 30, 30) sts. Continue in pattern until armhole measures 7.5 (8, 8.5, 9.5)" / 19 (20.25, 21.5, 24)cm, ending with a WS row.

Shape left shoulder by BO 8 sts at beginning of next and following 2 alt rows. For two larger sizes, BO remaining 6 sts on following alt row.

Join new yarn to remaining sts at beginning of neck opening. BO next 6 sts (these should be the central knit sts), work in pattern to end. Continue in pattern, working right side of neck only, for 1 (1, 1.5, 2)" / 2.5 (2.5, 3.5, 5)cm, until piece measures same as back to beginning of armholes, ending having completed a RS row. Work right side armhole decreases: BO 8 sts at beginning of next and following 0 (1, 1, 2) alt row(s). BO 7 sts at beg of next alt row. 42 (42, 50, 50) sts rem. Continue in pattern until armhole measures 4.5 (5, 5.5, 6.5)" / 11.5 (12.75, 14, 16.5)cm, ending with a WS row.

Shape right front neck as follows:

Row 1 (RS): BO 6 sts, patt to end.

Row 2, 4, 6, 8 (WS): Work in patt.

Row 3, 5, 7: BO 4 sts, patt to end.

Two larger sizes only:

Row 9: BO 2 sts, patt to end.

You should now have 24 (24, 30, 30) sts. Continue in pattern until armhole measures 7.5 (8, 8.5, 9.5)" / 19 (20.25, 21.5, 24)cm, ending with a RS row.

Shape left shoulder by BO 8 sts at beginning of next and following 2 alt rows. For two larger sizes, BO remaining 6 st on following alt row.

Finishing

Graft together shoulder seams.

Armhole edgings:

With ivory, pick up 101 (115, 121, 133) sts evenly around armhole edge (or about 3 sts for every 4 sts/rows (just make sure it's an odd number!). Work in twisted rib as follows:

Row 1, 3 (WS): P1, *K1, P1* to end.

Row 2, 4 (RS): K1, *P1, K1tbl*, P1, K1.

Switch to light blue and repeat WS row once more, then BO all stitches in blue following pattern for RS row.

Neck edging:

With ivory, and beginning at top of neck slit, pick up 35 (39, 45, 53) sts along left side of neck slit (or about 3 sts for every 4 rows plus a couple extra sts at the initial neck opening for seaming (just make sure it's an odd number!). Work in twisted rib as for armhole edgings above.

Work right neck edging as left, beginning at bound off sts of neck slit and continuing as for left edging above. Lay bottom edge of left band across center 6 bound off sts and graft into place on RS. Lay bottom edge of right band across inside of same opening and whipstitch into place on WS.

Collar:

With ivory, pick up 91 (95, 95, 101) sts (or about 3 sts for every 4 sts (just make sure it's an odd number!)) evenly around neck. Work in twisted rib as follows:

Set-up Row (RS): P1, *K1tbl, P1* to end.

Row 1 (WS): K1, *P1, K1* to end.

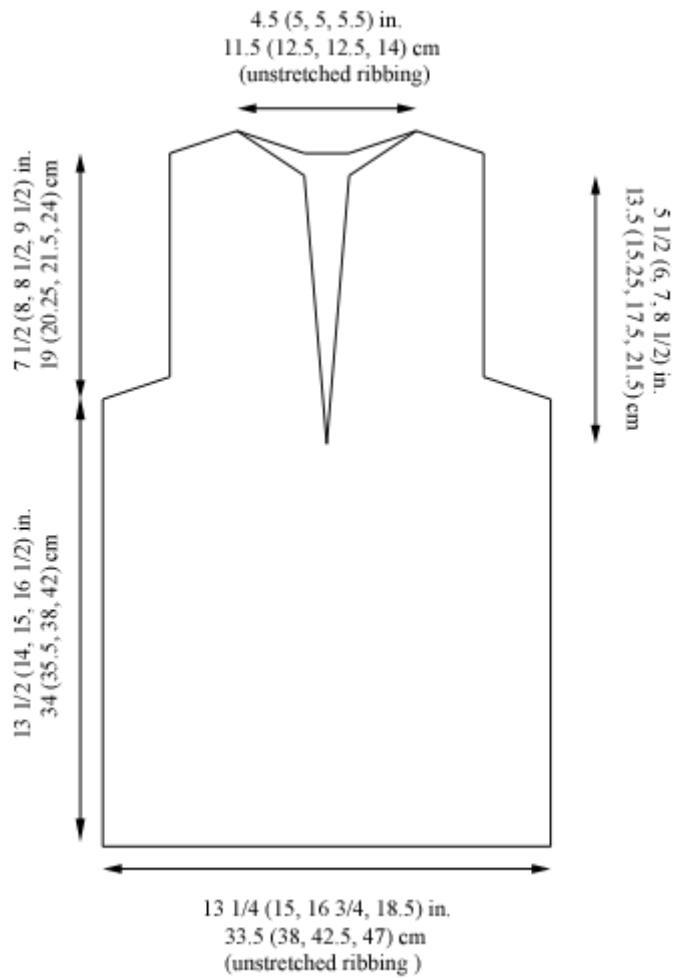
Row 2 (RS): Kfb, *K1tbl, P1*, K1, Kfb.

Row 3: P1, *K1, P1* to end.

Row 4: Kfb, *P1, K1tbl*, P1, Kfb.

Repeat rows 1 - 4 for approximately 3" / 8cm, ending with Row 4. Switch to blue and work Row 1 once more. BO in blue following pattern from Set-Up Row.

Sew side seams and armhole edgings at underarm. Weave in ends.



Alison lives in Boston and still watches Wimbledon on TV every year. Only now, she knits while watching.