



## Caterpillar - Summer top

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**Skill level:** Intermediate

**Needles:**

3.00 mm circular needles (40 cm)

3.00 mm circular needles (60 cm)

**Materials:** Cable needle, tapestry needle, stitch holder, stitch markers

**Gauge:** 27sts/36 rows in 4x4" (10x10cm)

**Yarn:** Cotton Kings 8/4 Print

**Amount of yarn used:**

**Richmond (05)** - 5/5/6/7/7/8 skeins

Buy yarn here:

<http://shop.hobbii.com/caterpillar-summer-top>

**Size:**

S-M-L-XL-XXL-XXXL

(85-95)-(96-105)-(106-114)-(115-124)-(125-134)-(135-144) cm chest measures.

**Abbreviations:**

K - knit

K tbl - knit through the back loop

P - purl

Ssk - slip slip knit 2 sts together

K2tog - knit 2 sts together

PM - place stitch marker

St / sts - stitches

YO - Yarn over

\*, \* - repeat

**Pattern information:** The top is made with circular yoke and lace insert. The top has a 5-10 cm of positive ease.

### **Increases:**

Body increases: YO and on the next round knit YO tbl to avoid holes.

Side increases: work until 1 st before st marker, YO, k2 (st marker is in the middle of these sts), YO (=2 increases), on the next round knit YO tbl to avoid hole. Each round with side increase = 4 new sts.

### **Pattern:**

#### **Neck edging**

I-cord cast on

Cast on 140-148-156-164-172-180 sts, join in round, PM.

#### **Yoke**

1-2 r. K all

3 r. \*k4, YO\* repeat until end (35-37-39-41-43-45 increases)

4 r. \*k4, k1tbl\* repeat until end

5-6-7-8 r. K all

9 r. \*k5, YO\* repeat until end (35-37-39-41-43-45 increases)

10 r. \*k5, k1tbl\* repeat until end

11-12-13-14 r. K all

15 r. \*k6, YO\* repeat until end (35-37-39-41-43-45 increases)

16 r. \*k6, k1tbl\* repeat until end

17-18-19-20 r. K all

21 r. \*k7, YO\* repeat until end (35-37-39-41-43-45 increases)

22 r. \*k7, k1tbl\* repeat until end

23-24-25-26 r. K all

27 r. \*k8, YO\* repeat until end (35-37-39-41-43-45 increases)

28 r. \*k8, k1tbl\* repeat until end

29-30-31-32 r. K all

33 r. \*k9, YO\* repeat until end (35-37-39-41-43-45 increases)

34 r. \*k9, k1tbl\* repeat until end

#### **Only XXL and XXXL:**

35-36-37-38 r. K all

39 r. \*k10, YO\* repeat until end (43-45 increases)

40 r. \*k10, k1tbl\* repeat until end.

Knit in stockinette (knit all rounds) until yoke measures: 13-14-15-16-18-20 cm from i-cord.

Knit next round adding 10-8-6-22-13-9 sts evenly. Now there are 360-378-396-432-486-504 sts on the needles. Knit one more round.

Continue work as follows:

### **Lace**

1 r. P all

2 r. \*YO, ssk\* repeat until end

3 r. P all

4 r. \*k8, p1\* repeat until end

5 r. \*YO, k3, ssk, k3, p1, k3, k2tog, k3, YO, p1\* repeat until end

6 r. \*k1, YO, k3, ssk, k2, p1, k2, k2tog, k3, YO, k1, p1\* repeat until end

7 r. \*k2, YO, k3, ssk, k1, p1, k1, k2tog, k3, YO, k2, p1\* repeat until end

8 r. \*k3, YO, k3, ssk, p1, k2tog, k3, YO, k3, p1\* repeat until end

9-12 r. Repeat rounds 5-8

13 r. P all

14 r. \*YO, ssk\* repeat until end

15 r. P all

16 r. K all

I suggest measuring the yoke before dividing the stitches, if you need to knit more rounds in stockinette sts (k all rounds).

### **Divide body and arms**

Work next round as follows:

Knit 52-54-56-64-74-76 sts (half back piece), slip the next 75-80-85-88-95-100 sts on stitch holder (sleeve), cast on 8-8-10-12-12-16 new sts on needles (side under sleeves), knit 105-109-113-128-148-152 sts (front piece), slip next 75-80-85-88-95-100 sts on stitch holder (sleeve), cast on 8-8-10-12-12-16 new sts on needles (side under sleeves), knit remaining 53-56-57-64-74-76 sts (half back piece).

Finish body and sleeves separately!

### **Body**

Now there are 218-226-236-268-308-320 sts on needles.

PM in the middle of the 8-8-10-12-12-16 new sts under both arms.

Continue increasing on both sides every 10 rounds 5-6-8-5-4-5 times. Only sizes M, L and XXXL make 1 more round with increases.

Now there are 238-252-270-288-324-342 sts on the needles

Knit until the piece measures 23-25 cm from under sleeves.

Continue with LACE st repeating round 5-8 3 more times.

Bind off with i-cord bind off.

### **Sleeves**

Slip the 75-80-85-88-95-100 sts from the stitch holder and pick in addition the 8-8-10-12-12-16 new sts cast under the sleeve up. Now there are 83-88-95-100-107-116 sts. PM in the middle of the 8-8-10-12-12-16 sts. Start round here!

1-3 r. K all

4 r. \*K8, k2tog\*, repeat until end (knit last remaining sts)

Bind off: i-cord bind off.

Work the second sleeve in the same way.

Weave in the ends.

Enjoy!

Happy knitting 😊

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