



## TANK TOP WITH PEPLUM

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Intermediate

### Sizes

XS (S, M, L, XL)

Shown in size S.

### Finished Measurements

Bust: 32 (36, 40, 44, 50)" [81 (91.5, 101.5, 112, 127) cm]

Length: 20½ (21, 21½, 22, 23)" [52 (53, 55, 56, 58) cm]

### Yarn

Nashua Handknits Cilantro (70% Cotton, 30% Polyester;

50 g = 136 yards [124m]

color #7 (fuchsia):

5 (6, 7, 8, 9) balls

### Other Materials

Circular knitting needle (29" [74 cm]) in size US 9 [5.5 mm]

Circular knitting needle (29" [74 cm]) in size US 8 [5 mm] or size

needed to obtain gauge.

Size H / 8 (5 mm) crochet hook

Stitch markers

Stitch holders

One small button

### Gauge

18 sts and 24 rows to 4" [10 cm] in St st with smaller needle.

Take time to save time, check your gauge.

### Lace Pattern (multiple of 6 sts)

Rnd 1: \*Yo, k2, k2tog, k2; rep from \*.

Rnd 2: K.

Rnd 3: \*K2, k2tog, k2, yo; rep from \*.

Rnd 4: K.

### BODY

**Note:** Body is worked in the rnd, divided for armhole and Front and Back are then worked separately.

**Peplum:** Cast on with larger needle 192 (216, 234, 252, 306) sts.

Join, making sure not to twist sts and pm at beg of rnd.

Work 14 rnds in Lace Pattern.

**Dec rnd:** Change to smaller needle, \*K1, k2tog; rep from \* - 128

(144, 156, 168, 204) sts. Place marker in middle of rnd (64 (72, 78, 84, 102) sts from marker at beg of rnd).

Work in St st and inc 1 st after each marker (side seams) every 8th (8th, 6th, 5th, 10th) rnd 6 (6, 8, 10, 6) times - 140 (156, 172, 188, 216) sts. Work 4 (6, 8, 8, 3) rnds even, ending last rnd 3 sts before armhole.

**Shape armholes:** Bind off 6 sts, work to 3 sts before next marker, join another ball of yarn, bind off 6 sts for armhole and work to end of rnd - 64 (72, 80, 88, 102) sts each for Front and Back.

### BACK

Place sts for Front on holder and working on Back sts only, cont in St st and bind off 2 sts at the beg of the next 2 (2, 2, 4, 6) rows. Work dec row [Dec row (RS): Ssk, work to last 2 sts, k2tog] every other row 0 (3, 4, 5, 7) times - 60 (62, 68, 70, 76) sts. Work even in St st until armhole meas 4½ (4½, 4¾, 5¼, 5¼)" [12 (12, 12, 13, 13) cm] ending with a WS row.

**Back opening (RS):** K 28 (29, 32, 33, 36) sts, k2tog, join another

ball of yarn, k2tog, and k to end. Working each side of Back

separately, work even for 13 rows. Next row (RS): K to center (work first half of back only).

**Back neck and shoulder shaping:** Bind off at each neck edge 11 (11, 11, 12, 12) sts once, then 2 sts once AND AT THE SAME TIME, bind off at each shoulder edge, 5 (6, 7, 7, 8) sts once, 5 (5, 7, 7, 8) sts once, then bind off rem 6 (6, 6, 6, 7) sts.

### FRONT

Work and shape armhole as for Back until armhole meas 4 (4¼, 4¼, 4½, 4½)" [10 (11, 11, 12, 12) cm].

**Shape Front neck:** Work across 25 (26, 29, 29, 32) sts, join another ball of yarn and bind off center 10 (10, 10, 12, 12) sts and work to end of row.

Working each side separately, cont in St st and bind off at each neck edge 4 sts once, 2 sts once, then 1 st 3 times - 16 (17, 20, 20, 23) sts rem on each side. When Front meas same length as Back to shoulder, shape shoulders as for Back.

### FINISHING

Sew shoulder seams. Sew side seams. With crochet hook and RS facing, beg on right Back at top edge of keyhole opening, work 1 rnd of sc around. Join with a sl st. Work 3 sl sts along side of opening, turn, ch 3 and join to top of opening with a sl st to form button loop. Next rnd (picot edge): \*ch 3, work sl st to first ch, work 2 sl st in sc; rep from \* around to other side of back neck opening, making sure to skip the occasional sc when necessary for the edging to lie flat, end with 1 sl st and fasten off. Work 1 rnd of sc then 1 rnd of picot edge around each armhole as for neck. Weave in ends. Block to finished measurements. Sew button opposite button loop.

