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Sophia Top in Cascade Pima Tencel  
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# Sophia Ribbed Top

*Designed exclusively for Cascade Yarns  
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Cool cotton fabric takes a new twist when worked in an alternating 2/2 rib. This slightly snug (but not tight) top is a great go-everywhere garment – worn alone on a warm spring day, or under a light coverup when the temperatures turn cooler. Bands of sherbet colors that are worked slightly narrower than the overall pattern highlight the lower edge. Neckline and arm edges are finished with my unique Bound-Off Braid (BOB© for short). The hip length style flatters all figures.

## SKILL LEVEL

 Intermediate

## SIZE

Woman's small (medium, large, extra-large)  
Instructions are given for smallest size, with larger sizes in parentheses. When only 1 number is given, it applies to all sizes. Model shown in size small.

## FINISHED MEASUREMENTS

**Chest:** 36 (40, 44, 48)"

**Length:** 22½ (23, 24½, 26)"

## MATERIALS

- Cascade *Pima Tencel*, 50% Pima cotton, 50% Tencel (50g/109 yds per ball): 9 (10, 11, 13) balls #0030 Natural (MC); 1 (1, 2, 2) balls **each** #9518 Peach (A), #9719 Lemon (B), #8437 Mint (C)
- Size 5 (3.75mm) straight and 16" circular needles
- Stitch markers

## GAUGE

28 sts x 28 rows = 4" in Rib pattern  
To save time and ensure proper fit, take time to check gauge.

## DESIGNER NOTES

When working color stripes, crossing row is worked on last row of old color. New color begins with a purl row.

On chart, column next to row numbers indicate color to use on that row.

## BACK

With MC, cast on 126 (138, 154, 170) sts.  
Referring to chart and working even, work rows 1-29 once, then rep rows 30-49 only until back measures 14 (14, 15, 16)" from beg, ending with a WS row.

### Shape underarm

Bind off 13 (14, 18, 21) sts at beg of next 2 rows.  
Dec 1 st each end every RS row 5 (6, 7, 8) times – 90 (98, 104, 112) sts.

Work even in established pat until armhole measures 7½ (8, 8½, 9)" from beg, ending with a WS row.

### Shape back neck and shoulders

Mark center 42 (46, 50, 54) sts.

**Next row (RS):** Work to first marker, join second ball of yarn and bind off marked sts, work to end of row. Working on both sides of neck with separate balls of yarn, dec 1 st at each neck edge 3 times, **at the same time** bind off at each arm edge 7 (8, 8, 9) sts twice, then 7 (7, 8, 8) sts once.

## FRONT

Work as for back until front measures 4½ (5, 5½, 6)" above bound-off underarm sts, ending with a WS row.

### Shape neck

Mark center 34 (38, 42, 46) sts.

**Next row (RS):** Work to first marker, join second ball of yarn and bind off marked sts, work to end of row. Working on both sides of neck with separate balls of yarn, bind off at each neck edge 2 sts twice.

Dec 1 st at each neck edge every RS row 3 times – 21 (23, 24, 26) sts.

Work even until armhole measures same as for back above bound-off underarm sts.

### Shape shoulders

Bind off at each arm edge 7 (8, 8, 9) sts twice, then 7 (7, 8, 8) sts once.

## SLEEVES

With A, cast on 90 (98, 106, 114) sts.

**Next row (WS):** P2, \*k2, p2; rep from \* across row.

Referring to chart, work rows 12-29 once, then rep rows 30-49 only to end of sleeve, **at the same time** inc 1 st each end every 4th row 7 times – 104 (112, 120, 128) sts.

Work even until sleeve measures 6 (6, 6½, 7)" from beg, ending with a WS row. Mark each end st for underarm.

### **Shape sleeve cap**

Work even for 10 (12, 12, 14) more rows. Dec 1 st each end every RS row 5 (6, 7, 8) times. Bind off remaining 94 (100, 106, 112) sts.

### **NECK EDGING**

Sew shoulder seams.

**Rnd 1:** With A, pick up and knit 3 sts for every 4 rows or sts around entire neckline. Bind off all sts knitwise.

**Rnd 2:** With B, pick up and knit 1 st in each purl 'bump' behind each bound-off st of previous rnd (see diagram). Bind off knitwise.

**Rnd 3:** With C, rep rnd 2.

### **ASSEMBLY**

Sew sleeves into armholes, matching underarm markers to first bound-off sts of body.

Sew sleeve and side seams.    f

