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Noble Cotton Ripples Top

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Skill Level:

EASY

INTERMEDIATE

Size:

S (M, L, XL, XXL)

Finished Measurements:

37¼ (41, 45¼, 49, 53¼)" chest circumference

21½ (22, 23, 24, 24)" length

Materials:

- Cascade Yarns® Noble Cotton; 100% Mercerized Long Staple Cotton; 100 g (3.5 oz)/ 200 m (220 yds);
- 4 (4, 5, 5 ,5) skeins color #36 Tropical Green (see Note)
- US 6 (4mm) needles or size to obtain gauge
- US 4 (3.5mm) 16" & 24" circular needles
- Markers (m)
- Waste yarn or stitch holders
- Yarn needle

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Gauge:

21 sts x 28 rows = 4” (10 cm) in Stockinette St

Abbreviations:

CO	= Cast On
BO	= Bind Off
K	= Knit
P	= Purl
StSt	= Stockinette Stitch
St(s)	= Stitch(es)
K2tog	= Knit 2 stitches together (1 st decreased)
SSK	= Slip two sts one at a time as to knit, insert tip of left needle into slipped sts and knit them together thru back loops (1 st decreased)
M1R	= Insert LN under strand between the needles from back to front and knit this stitch (1 st increased)
M1L	= Insert LN under strand between the needles from front to back and knit this stitch through back loop (1 st increased)
WS	= Wrong side
RN	= Right hand needle
LN	= Left hand needle

Special Stitches:

Ripple pattern (multiple of 8 sts) Charted pattern is at the end of the instructions.

Row 1 (RS): K3, m1r, k1, ssk, k2
Row 2 and all WS rows: Purl
Row 3: K4, m1r, k1, ssk, k1
Row 5: Knit
Row 7: K4, k2tog, k1, m1l, k1
Row 9: K3, k2tog, k1, m1l, k2
Row 11: K2, k2tog, k1, m1l, k3
Row 13: K1, k2tog, k1, m1l, k4
Row 15: Knit
Row 17: K1, m1r, k1, ssk, k4
Row 19: k2, m1r, k1, ssk, k3

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Notes:

This boxy tank uses rhythmic patterning achieved by increasing on one side of a central stitch while simultaneously decreasing on the other and then reversing the increases and decreases to create the undulating curve in the front panel. The back is plain stockinette to speed along the knitting.

Size XXL uses all the specified yarn. You may want to purchase an extra skein to allow for differences in knitting, length decisions or gauge.

Gauge over Ripples pattern is about 22 sts/4" so the Front and Back stitch counts will be slightly different.

Instructions for size S are shown followed by instructions for sizes M, L, XL, and XXL in parentheses. Where only one number is shown, this number applies to all sizes.

Picking up the exact number of sts around the armhole is not critical. It is important to have the sts distributed evenly around the armhole and to have the same number on each arm. To make the armhole looser, pick up a few more sts; to snug it up, a few less. The number in the pattern is achieved by picking up one st in each of the BO sts under the arm and about 5 sts for every 6 rows around the rest of the armhole.

Back:

Using larger needle, CO 99 (109, 121, 131, 141) sts.

Knit 7 rows ending with a WS row.

Change to StSt and knit even until top measures 14 (14, 14½, 15, 15)" from CO.

Bind off 7 (8, 7, 7, 9) sts at the beginning of the next two rows.

Sizes L, XL and XXL only: Bind off 0, (0, 4, 6, 7) sts at the beginning of the next two rows.
85 (93, 99, 105, 109) sts

All sizes: Dec Row (RS): K2, k2tog, knit to last 4 sts, ssk, k2 – 2 sts decreased.

Rep Dec Row every RS row 7 (8, 6, 6, 6) more times and then every 4th row 0 (0, 2, 2, 3) times for a total of 8 (9, 9, 9, 10) sts dec on each side. Work even on 69 (75, 81, 87, 89) sts until back measures 5½ (6, 6½, 7, 7)" above armhole BO.

Next row (RS): Knit 16 (18, 20, 21, 22), place center 37 (39, 41, 45, 45) sts on hold, join a second ball of yarn and knit 16 (18, 20, 21, 22) to end of row.

Working both sides at once with two balls of yarn, purl 1 row.

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Dec row (RS): Knit to last 4 sts at neckline, ssk, k2. With second ball of yarn, knit first 2 sts at neckline, k2tog, knit to end.

Repeat Dec row every RS row once (once, once, once, twice) more. 14 (16, 18, 19, 19) sts rem each shoulder.

Work even until armhole measures 7½ (8, 8½, 9, 9) in. BO knitwise.

Front:

Using larger needles, CO 100 (110, 120, 130, 142) sts. Knit 7 rows ending with a WS row.

Begin Ripple pattern:

Set-up Row (RS): Knit 34 (39, 44, 45, 51), place marker (pm), Work Row 1 of Ripple chart over center 32 (32, 32, 40, 40) sts, pm, knit 34 (39, 44, 45, 51) to end of row.

Next Row and all WS rows: Purl slipping m (sl m) as you come to them.

Next Row (RS): Knit to m, sl m, work next RS row of Ripple chart between markers, sl m, knit to end.

Continue in this manner working first and last 34 (39, 44, 45, 51) sts in StSt and center 32 (32, 32, 40, 40) sts from Ripple chart until Front measures same length as back to armhole BO.

Keeping center sts in Ripple patt, BO 7 (8, 7, 7, 9) sts at the beginning of the next two rows and then 0, (0, 4, 6, 7) sts at the beginning of the next two rows. 86 (94, 98, 104, 110) sts

Read the following section through before continuing. Shoulder shaping continues while beginning neckline shaping.

Shape Shoulders:

Dec row (RS): K2, k2tog, work to last 4 sts keeping center sts in patt, ssk, k2 – 2 sts decreased.

Rep Dec row every RS row 7 (8, 5, 5, 5) more times and then every 4th row 0 (0, 2, 2, 4) times for a total of 8 (9, 8, 8, 10) sts dec on each side.

AT THE SAME TIME shape front neck when front measures about 2½ (3, 3½, 4, 4)" above armhole BO ending with a completed row 10 or 20 of Ripple chart.

Next row (RS): Work to center 32 (32, 34, 40, 40) sts. Place center sts on hold removing markers. Join 2nd ball of yarn and knit to end of row. Working both sides at once, purl 1 row then begin front neck dec as follows.

Neckline Decrease Row 1: (RS) Knit to 4 sts before neck edge, ssk, k2. Then at other neck edge (with 2nd ball of yarn), k2, k2tog, knit to end.

Row 2: Purl.

Rep these two rows 4 (5, 5, 4, 5) times until 5 (6, 6, 5, 6) sts decreased each side of neck. 14 (16, 18, 19, 19) sts rem each shoulder. Work even in StSt until armhole measures same as back.
Bind off shoulder sts.

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Neckline finish:

Sew shoulders seams. Using longer circular needle and beginning at left shoulder seam, pick-up and knit 26 sts down left side of front neck, return 32 (32, 34, 40, 40) held sts to needle and knit, pick-up and knit 34 sts to held sts at back neck, return 37 (39, 41, 45, 45) held sts to needle and knit, pick-up and knit 8 sts to left shoulder seam. Place m and join to work in the round. 137 (139, 143, 151, 153) sts.

Purl 1 rnd. Knit 1 rnd. Repeat last 2 rnds once more.
BO all sts purlwise.

Armhole finish (both alike):

Sew side seams. Begin at underarm seam and pick-up and knit one st in each BO stitch at underarm, pick-up and knit 78 (86, 94, 100, 100) sts around armhole, and pick-up and knit one st in each BO stitch to underarm seam. Place m and join to work in the rnd. 92 (102, 116, 126, 132) sts (See Note)

Purl 1 rnd. Knit 1 rnd. Repeat last 2 rnds once more.
BO all sts purlwise.

Sew in all ends and block as desired.

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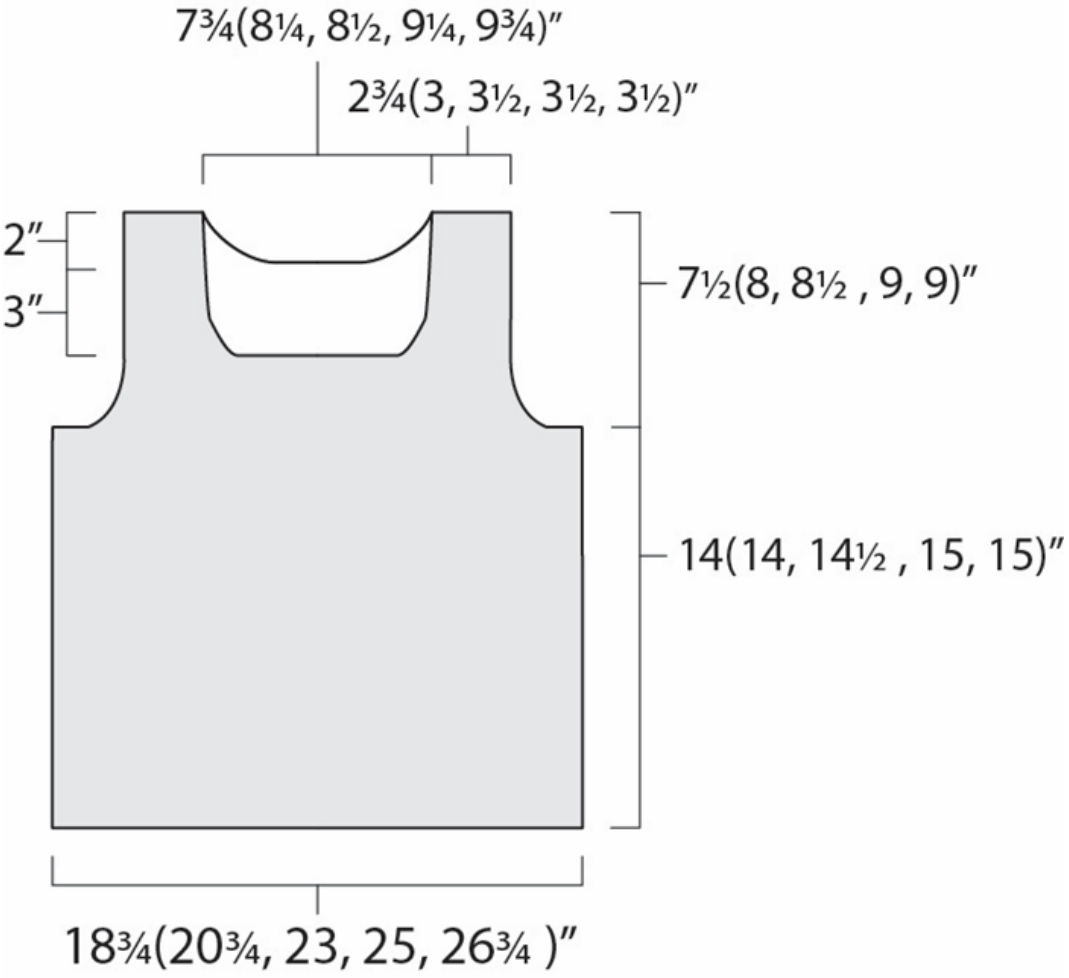
Ripples Schematic



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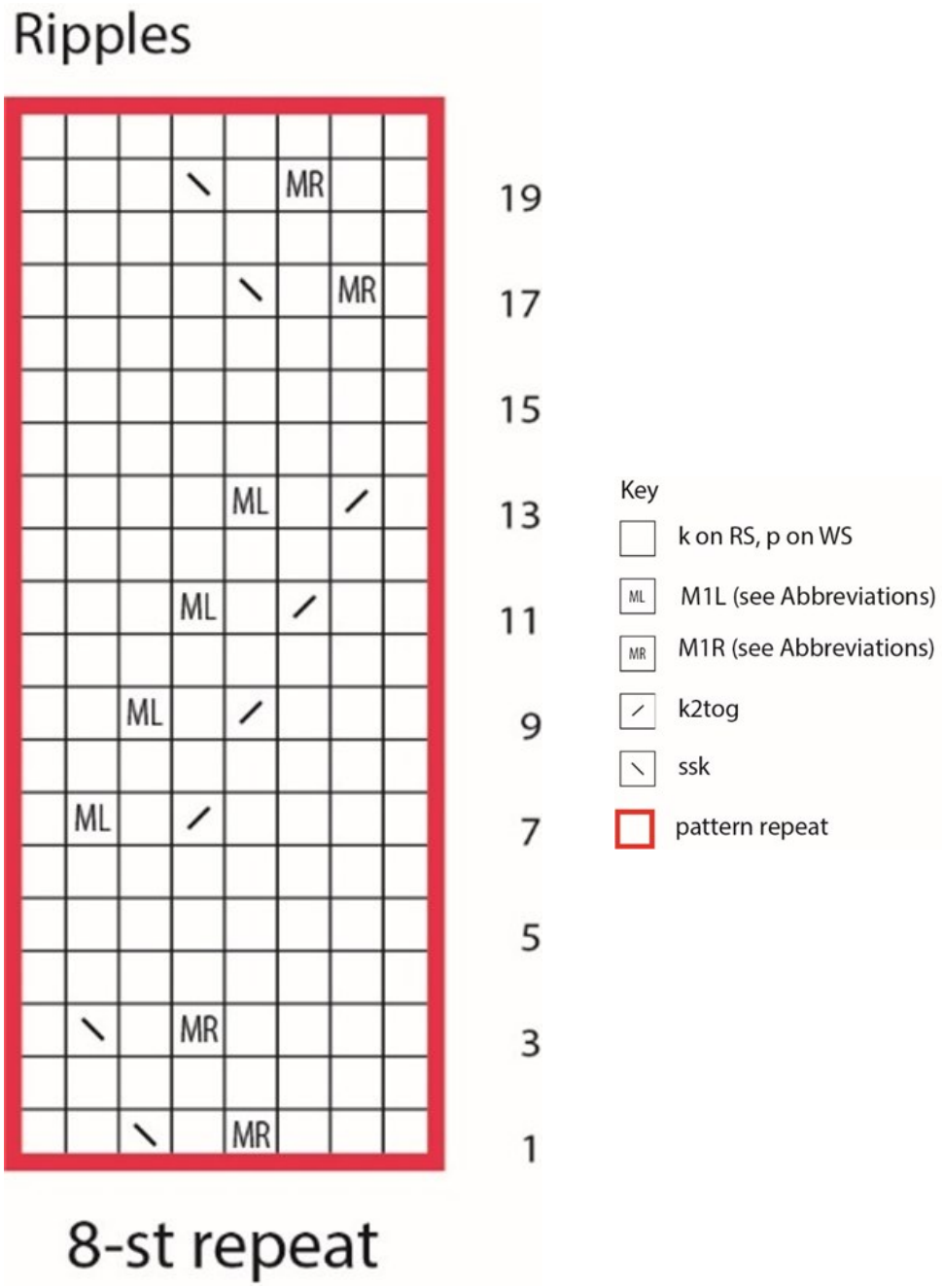
Ripples Top Chart



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