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# Tarte

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Skill level: **Intermediate**



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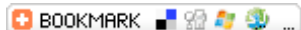


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Our lace and cable tank top Tarte is perfect layered over another tank. Find the same pattern stitch in our winter sweater [Nesselrode](#).



**PDF Pattern Instructions**

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**SIZES**

Directions are for women's size X-Small. Changes for sizes Small, Medium, Large, 1X and 2X are in parentheses.

**FINISHED MEASUREMENTS**

Bust – 32(36-40-44-48-52)”

Length – 24(24-25-26-27-27)”

**MATERIALS**7(7-9-10-11-13) Hanks **BERROCO MICA** (50 grs), #1148 Cinnabar

Straight knitting needles, sizes 4 (3.50 mm) and 6 (4.00 mm) OR SIZE TO OBTAIN GAUGE

Crochet hook, size 3.75 mm (F-5)

Cable needle (cn)

2 St markers

**GAUGE**

21 sts = 4”; 29 rows = 4” in St st on larger needles

TO SAVE TIME, TAKE TIME TO CHECK GAUGE

**BACK**

With smaller needles, cast on 94(106-118-130-142-154) sts.

**Ribbing: Row 1 (RS):** K2, \* p2, k2, rep from \* across.

**Row 2:** P2, \* k2, p2, rep from \* across. Rep these 2 rows until piece measures 4” from beg, end on RS. Change to larger needles and p the next row, dec 10(10-12-14-16-16) sts across – 84(96-106-116-126-138) sts. Work even in St st until piece measures 5(5-5½-6-6½-6½)” from beg, end on WS. Dec 1 st each side of next row, then every 2¼” twice more – 78(90-100-110-120-132) sts. Work even until piece measures 11½ (11½-12-12½-13-13)” from beg, end on WS. Inc 1 st each side of next row, then every 1½” twice more – 84(96-106-116-126-138) sts. Work even until piece measures 15½(15½-16-16½-17-17)” from beg, end on WS.

**Shape Armholes:** Bind off 3(4-3-6-7-9) sts at beg of the next 2 rows, 0(3-3-4-6-8) sts at beg of the next 2 rows, then 0(2-2-3-4-6) sts at beg of the next 2 rows. Dec 1 st each side every RS row 7(7-10-10-9-9) times – 64(64-70-70-74) sts. Work even until armholes measure 7½(7½-8-8½-9-9)”, end on WS.

**Shape Neck and Shoulders: Next Row (RS):** Bind off 2(2-3-3-3-3) sts, k until there are 5(5-7-7-9-9) sts on RH needle, join another hank of yarn and bind off center 50 sts, k to end. Working both sides at once, bind off 2(2-3-3-3-3) sts at beg of the next row, then 2(2-3-3-4-4) sts at beg of the next 4 rows. AT THE SAME TIME, dec 1 st at each neck edge once.

**FRONT**

Work same as back until piece measures 4” from beg, end on RS – 94(106-118-130-142-154) sts. Change to larger needles.

**Dec/Inc Row (WS):** P15(21-27-33-39-45), decreasing 1(1-2-3-4-4) sts across, place marker; p64, increasing 34 sts across, place marker; p to end, decreasing 1(1-2-3-3-4) sts across – 126(138-148-158-168-180) sts.

**Establish Chart: Row 1 (RS):** K to first marker, work Row 1 of chart to second marker, k to end.

**Row 2:** P to first marker, work Row 2 of chart to second marker, p to end. Work even in pat as established until piece measures 5(5-5½-6-6½-6½)” from beg, end on WS. Dec 1 st each side of next row, then every 2¼” twice more – 120(132-142-152-162-174) sts. Work even until piece measures 11½(11½-12-12½-13-13)” from beg, end on WS. Inc 1 st each side of next row, then every 1½” twice more – 126(138-148-158-168-180) sts. Work even until piece measures

15½(15½-16-16½-17-17)” from beg, end on WS.

**Shape Armholes:** Bind off 3(4-3-6-7-9) sts at beg of the next 2 rows, 0(3-3-4-6-8) sts at beg of the next 2 rows, then 0(2-2-3-4-6) sts at beg of the next 2 rows. Dec 1 st each side every RS row 7(7-10-10-9-9) times – 106(106-112-112-116-116) sts. AT THE SAME TIME, when armholes measure 2(2-2½-3-3½-3½)”, end on WS. Mark center 62 sts on last row.

**Shape Neck: Next Row (RS):** Continuing to work armhole decs if necessary, work to marker, join another hank of yarn and bind off center 62 sts, decreasing 2 sts over each 6-stitch cable), work to end. Working both sides at once, bind off 6 sts at each neck edge once, then 4 sts once, end on WS.

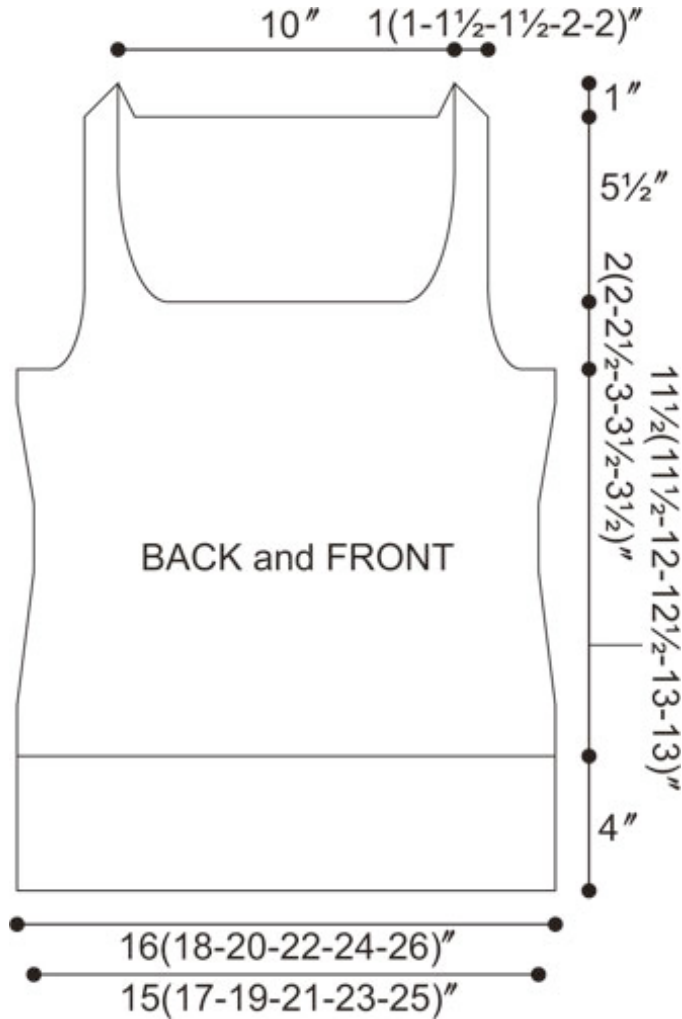
**Dec Row (RS):** With first hank of yarn, work to 4 sts before neck edge, k2 tog, k2; with second hank of yarn, k2, SSK, work to end. Rep this dec every RS row 5 times more. When all decs have been completed, work even in St st on 6(6-9-9-11-11) sts each side until armholes measure 7½(7½-8-8½-9-9)”, end on WS. Bind off 2(2-3-3-3-3) sts at each armhole edge once, then 2(2-3-3-4-4) sts twice for shoulders.

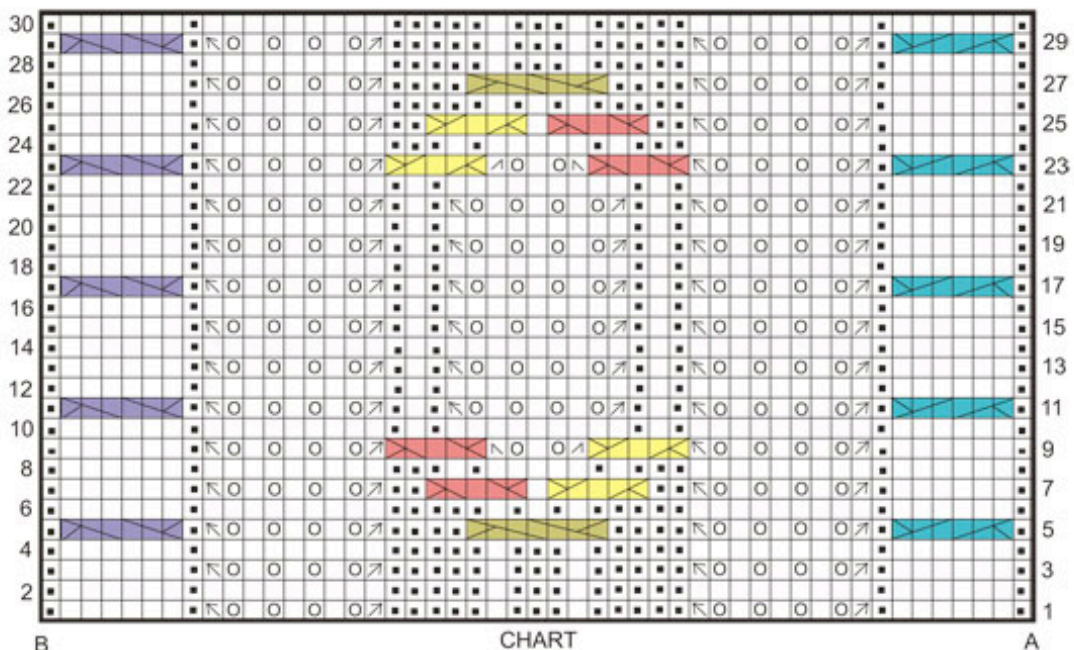
**FINISHING**

Sew shoulder and side seams.

**Neck Edging:** With RS facing, using crochet hook, join yarn with a sl st in center of back neck. Work in sc around entire neck edge, join with a sl st in first sc. DO NOT turn. Working from left to right, work in Reverse sc around entire neck edge, join with a sl st in first sc. Fasten off.

**Armhole Edgings:** Beg at side seams, work same as neck edging.





**KEY TO CHART**

- K on RS, p on WS
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- YO
- ▴ K3 tog
- ▾ SSSK
- K2 tog
- SSK
- SI 3 sts to cn and hold in BACK, k3, k3 from cn
- SI 3 sts to cn and hold in FRONT, k3, k3 from cn
- SI 2 sts to cn and hold in BACK, p1, k1, p1, then k2 from cn
- SI 3 sts to cn and hold in FRONT, k2, then p1, k1, p1 from cn
- SI 4 sts to cn and hold in FRONT, p1, k1, p1, sl last st from cn to RH needle and knit it, then p1, k1, p1 from cn

**HOW TO USE CHART**

Rep from A to B twice on RS rows and from B to A twice on WS rows

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