



SAHARA RACERBACK TANK

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SIZES

X- Small (**Small**, Medium, **Large**, X- Large)

KNITTED MEASUREMENTS

Bust 32 (**34**, 36, **38**, 40)"/81.5 (**86.5**, 91.5, **96.5**, 101.5) cm

Length 17½ (**17½**, 18, **19½**, 20)"/44.5 (**44.5**, 45.5, **49.5**, 51) cm

MATERIALS

- 4 (**5**, 5, **5**, 6) balls Tahki Yarns **SAHARA**, 44% viscose, 36% bamboo, 20% linen (1.75oz/50g; 87yds/80m) in **color #01 natural**
- One pair size 9 (5.5mm) needles
- OR SIZE TO OBTAIN GAUGE**
- Crochet hook size I-9 (5.5mm)
- Yarn needle

GAUGE

17 sts and 24 rows = 4"/10 cm in Stockinette Stitch

TAKE TIME TO CHECK GAUGE

PATTERN STITCHES

K1, p1 rib

Stockinette Stitch (St st)

Single crochet (sc)

BACK

Cast on 69 (**73**, 77, **81**, 85) sts.

Work in K1, p1 rib for ½", inc 1 st on last row – 70 (**74**, 78, **82**, 86) sts.

Work in St st until piece measures 10 (**10**, 10, **11**, 11)" from beg, end with a WS row.

Shape Armhole

Bind off 5 sts at beg of next 2 rows, 4 sts at beg of next 4 rows, [3 sts at beg of next 2 rows, 2 sts at beg of next 2 rows] 2 (**2**, 2, **2**, 3) times, 2 sts at beg of next 2 rows 0 (**1**, 2, **2**, 1) times, then 1 st each side every other row 5 (**5**, 5, **7**, 6) times – 14 sts.

Work until Armhole measures 5 (**5**, 5, **5½**, 6)", end with a WS row.

Shape Racer Back

Next Row (RS) Knit across, inc 1 st each side – 16 sts.

Purl 1 row.

Cast on 2 sts at beg of 4 (2, 4, 6, 8) rows, 3 sts at beg of next 2 rows, 4 sts at beg of next 4 (6, 6, 6, 6) rows – 46 (50, 54, 58, 62) sts.

Work until Armhole measures 7 (7, 7½, 8, 8½)", end with a WS row.

Shape Neck

Next Row (RS): K7 (8, 9, 10, 11) sts, join second ball of yarn and bind off center 32 (34, 36, 38, 40) sts for Neck, knit to end of row – 7 (8, 9, 10, 11) sts each side.

Working both sides at same time with separate balls of yarn, work until Armhole measures 7½ (7½, 8, 8½, 9)", end with a WS row.

Bind off.

FRONT

Work as for BACK until beg of Armhole Shaping.

Shape Armhole

Bind off 4 sts at beg of next 2 rows, 2 sts at beg of next 4 rows, then 1 st each side on next row – 52 (56, 60, 64, 68) sts.

Shape Neck

Next Row (RS): Dec 1 st, k17 (19, 21, 23, 25) sts, join second ball of yarn and bind off center 14 sts for Neck, knit across to last 2 sts, dec 1 st – 18 (20, 22, 24, 26) sts each side.

Working both sides at same time with separate balls of yarn, purl 1 row.

Dec 1 st each side every side edge every other row 2 more times for Armhole.

AT THE SAME TIME, bind off 4 sts from each Neck edge once, 2 sts once, dec 1 st each Neck edge every other row 3 (4, 5, 6, 7) times – 7 (8, 9, 10, 11) sts each side for Straps.

Work until Armhole measures 7½ (7½, 8, 8½, 9)", end with a WS row.

Bind off 7 (8, 9, 10, 11) sts each side for Straps.

FINISHING

Block pieces to measurements.

Sew Shoulder seams. Sew side seams.

Armhole Edge: With RS facing and crochet hook, join yarn at underarm seam and work sc evenly spaced around Armhole edge, slip st to first st to join. Fasten off.

Neck Edge: With RS facing and crochet hook, join yarn at Shoulder seam and work sc evenly spaced around Neck edge, slip st to first st to join.

Fasten off. Weave in ends.

ABBREVIATIONS

beg	begin(ning)
dec	decreas(e)(ing)
inc	increase(e)(ing)
k	knit
RS	right side
st(s)	stitch(es)
WS	wrong side

