

OOLONG TANK

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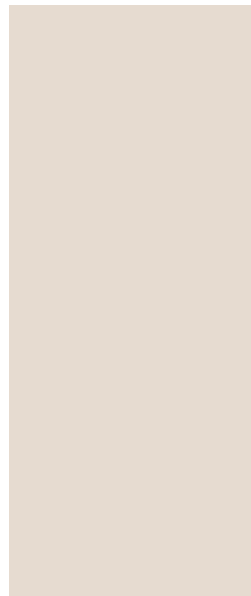
The Oolong 烏龍 Tank is a delicate and delicious lace top inspired by the tea plant *Camellia sinensis* from which black, white, green, oolong, and pu-erh teas are made.

This delightful top is knit bottom up in the round, and then the leafy lace panels gently part to create a beautiful neckline after the front and back are split. It's finished with an i-cord edging and a structured half twisted rib in the armholes to give it a little more body. The whole thing knits up in a flash and the lace is incredibly fun to knit!

When you're all done with the delightful knitting, this tank is perfect for summer layering over a sassy bralette or slip dress for a summer picnic with a cold glass of bubble tea, or over a turtleneck or other long sleeve top for work or school.

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Originally knit in Big Little Yarn Co's Alpaca Silk base, a fingering weight base in 70% alpaca, 30% mulberry silk. Choose a lightweight yarn with some alpaca or wool fiber, with a little bit of silk, linen, or cotton in it for the perfect spring/summer vibes.



- In 10 sizes for full bust measurements of 30-66" / 75-165 cm,
- Up to 4" / 10 cm extra vertical coverage in bust darts, to fit up to a 70" / 178 cm bust.
- The arm hole is generous but still covers standard bras or bralettes worn across all sizes.
- A-line shaping throughout the body for the a gentle hip-skimming fit.

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Specs

Size Selection

A (B, C, D) [E, F, G] (H, I, J) to fit upper bust measurement 31 (34.25, 37.5, 40.75) [44, 47.25, 50.5] (53.75, 57, 60.25)" / 77.5 (85.5, 94, 102) [110, 118, 126.5] (134.5, 142.5, 150.5) cm

And full bust measurements of 30 (34, 38, 42) [46, 50, 54] (58, 62, 66)" / 75 (85, 95, 105) [115, 125, 135] (145, 155, 165) cm

Finished circumference of 31.25 (35.25, 39.25, 43.25) [47.25, 51.25, 55.25] (59.25, 63.25, 67.25)" / 78 (88, 98, 108) [118, 128, 138] (148, 158, 168) cm

Choose a size based on upper bust measurement. Shown on sample model with 1.5" / 3.5 cm positive ease in the full bust in Size B.

The front of the pattern is 0.25 (0.5, 0.5, 0.75) [0.75, 1.25, 1.25] (1.5, 2.25, 2.25)" / 0.5 (1, 1.5, 2) [2, 3, 3] (4, 5.5, 5.5) cm wider than the back to accommodate bust tissue given the relatively small amount of ease, and optional bust darts are included in the pattern to add up to 4" / 10 cm vertical length in the front.

See page 3 for section on Choosing a Cup Size for more information.

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Gauge

25 sts and 32 rows/rnds = 4" or 10 cm, Stockinette stitch knit flat AND in the round with Needle A

35 st lace panel = 5.75" / 14.5 cm across, knit flat and in the round, with Needle A

Needles

NEEDLE A (MAIN FABRIC)

US4 / 3.5 mm or size to obtain Stockinette stitch gauge, in the following lengths:

- Any length between 24" / 60 cm to 60" / 150 cm, as long as it is shorter than chest circumference of size being knitted

NEEDLE B

US2 / 3 mm or 2 sizes down from Needle A, in the following lengths:

- Any length between 24" / 60 cm to 60" / 150 cm, as long as it is shorter than chest circumference of size being knitted
- 20" / 50 cm for neck edging.
- DPN's or preferred method for knitting small circumferences in the round, for arm hole edgings.

Yarn Selection & Yardage

2 (2, 2, 2) [2, 2, 3] (3, 3, 3) skeins of Big Little Yarn Co Alpaca Silk Fingering (70% Baby Alpaca 30% Mulberry Silk/437 yds/400 m/ 100g) in colorway Emishi Village.

OR fingering weight in the following amounts:
500 (575, 625, 700) [775, 825, 900] (975, 1050, 1125) yards / 450 (525, 575, 650) [700, 750, 825] (900, 950, 1025) meters.

Every inch/cup size of bust darts added requires an additional 10 (15, 15, 15) [20, 20, 20] (25, 25, 25) yards or meters.

If modifying length of body, it uses about 35 (40, 45, 50) [55, 60, 65] (70, 70, 75) yards / 30 (35, 40, 45) [50, 55, 60] (65, 65, 70) meters for each 1 inch / 2.5 cm of length added.

Choose a yarn that has a lot of drapey qualities, such as an alpaca blend, with a touch of a summer fiber such as silk, cotton, or linen in it. A suggested moderately priced alternative is Purl Soho Linen Quill.

This pattern was designed with an alpaca blend which does have some stretch to it. Be cautious when selecting silk, cotton, or linen only fibers as they'll create less stretch and wearing comfort.

Notions

6 stitch markers, tapestry needle, waste yarn, and spare needles or DPN's in a size smaller than Needle A for Three Needle Bind Off.

Construction Notes

This pattern is knit from the hem up, then separated for back and front. Armhole shaping is worked at the same time as V-neck shaping on the front, while on the back the neck shaping is worked at the same time as the shoulder short row shaping. Shoulder short rows are worked at the same time as lace to complete the shoulder, but the knitter can optionally choose to work these short rows in stockinette stitch instead.

Special Techniques

LONG TAIL CAST ON

<http://www.knitty.com/ISSUEsummer05/FEAT-sum05TT.html>

1x1 HALF TWISTED RIB

To work 1x1 Half Twisted Rib in the round:

Rib Rnd: (Ktbl, p1) around.

GERMAN SHORT ROW (OR MAKE DS)

(WS): With yarn in front, slip the next stitch purlwise. Bring the yarn over the needle, to back of work, drawing the legs of the stitch up the needle, creating a double stitch (DS). Bring yarn to the front between needles, ready to purl the next stitch.

(RS): Bring yarn to the front between needles, slip the next stitch purlwise. Bring the yarn up and over the needle, to back of work, drawing the legs of the stitch up the needle, creating a double stitch. Leave yarn in back, ready to knit the next stitch.

To resolve short rows, knit or purl into both legs of double stitch.

SLOPED BIND OFF

<https://www.purlsoho.com/create/sloped-bind-off/>

THREE-NEEDLE BIND OFF

Divide sts evenly over 2 needles; with the RS of garment pcs together (to form ridge on inside of garment), hold the needles parallel. With a third needle knit the first st of front and back needles together, *knit next st from each needle together,

(2 sts on RH needle), BO 1 st; rep from * until all sts are BO.

APPLIED I-CORD EDGING

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9INLs2x5evE>

Abbreviations

approx: approximately
BO: bind off
BOR: beginning of round
CO: cast on
cont: continue
dec('d): decrease(d)
DPN(s): double-pointed needle(s)
DS: double stitch (see German Short Rows in Special Techniques)
est: establish(ed)
fall: follows
inc('d): increase(d)
k: knit
k2tog: knit 2 sts together (1 st decreased)
LH: left hand
m: marker
meas: measure(s)
N: needle
p: purl
patt(s): pattern(s)
p2tog: purl 2 sts together (1 st decreased)
pc(s): piece(s)
pm: place marker
rep: repeat
psso: pass slipped st over
rnd(s): round(s)
RS: right side
Sl: slip
ssk (slip, slip, knit): Slip 2 sts one at a time knitwise to the RH needle; return sts to LH needle and knit together through the back loops (1 st decreased).
ssp (slip, slip, purl): Slip 2 sts knitwise one at a time; return sts to LH needle, purl together through the back loops (1 st decreased)
st(s): stitch(es)
St st: stockinette stitch
tog: together
WS: wrong side
work even: knit the knits and purl the purls, continuing pattern as established.
yo: yarn over

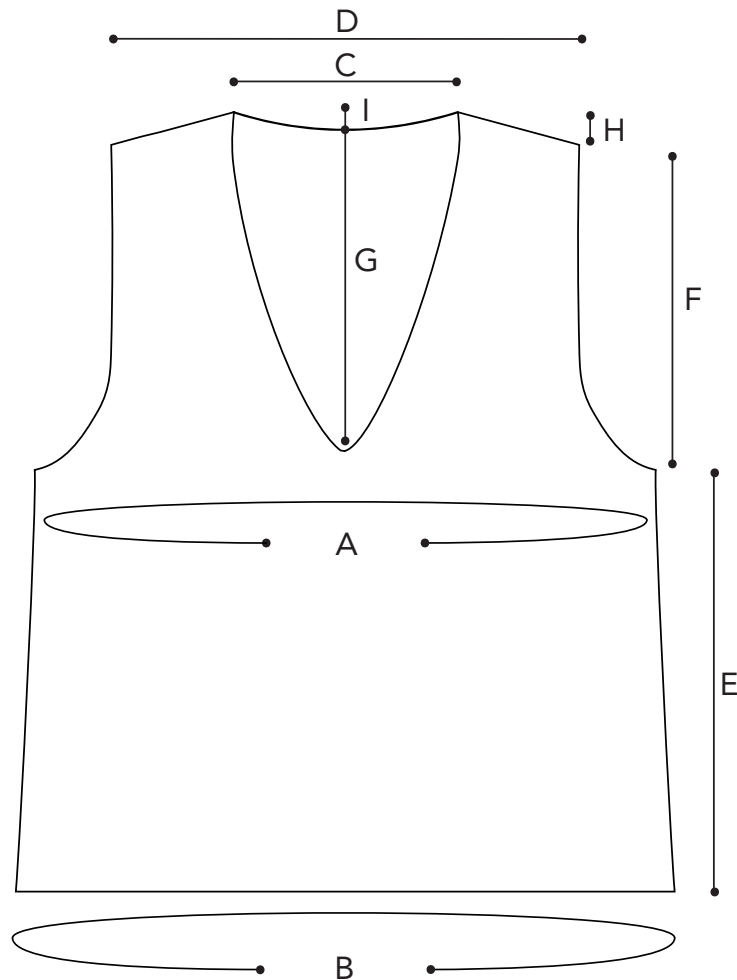


Lengthening the Body

This pattern was written with a total body length of 16.25 (16.25, 17, 17) [17.25, 17.75, 17.75] (18, 18.5, 18.75)" / 40.5 (40.5, 42.5, 42.5) [43, 44.5, 44.5] (45, 46.5, 47) cm. It's designed to hit between the waistline and the full hip, covering the waistband of a pant with moderately high rise.

There is gentle A-line shaping in this pattern. Because the pattern is knit from the bottom up, determine how many extra rounds are needed before the bust dart, and distribute them between decreases.

Schematics



Choosing A Cup Size

Measure the intended wearer's body from the top of the shoulder to the underbust line in the back and the front. This may require help from a second person. The back and the front underbust points should be parallel to the ground. It may be helpful to tie a piece of yarn or string around the underbust point so that the measurement is consistent.

Subtract the back length from the front length, then subtract 2" / 5 cm from this number (because the pattern accommodates a 2" / 5 cm difference already). The remaining difference is how much you need to add.

It's better to have slightly too few short rows than slightly too many. If you are in between or unsure, choose one cup size smaller.

Cup Size 1: Adds 1" / 2.5 cm

Cup Size 2: Adds 2" / 5 cm

Cup Size 3: Adds 3" / 7.5 cm

Cup Size 4: Adds 4" / 10 cm

Schematic measurements											
Size		A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J
To fit upper bust	in	31	34.25	37.5	40.75	44	47.25	50.5	53.75	57	60.25
	cm	77.5	85.5	94	102	110	118	126.5	134.5	142.5	150.5
To fit full bust	in	30	34	38	42	46	50	54	58	62	66
	cm	75	85	95	105	115	125	135	145	155	165
A) Full chest, circumference	in	31.25	35.25	39.25	43.25	47.25	51.25	55.25	59.25	63.25	67.25
	cm	78	88	98	108	118	128	138	148	158	168
B) Hem, circumference	in	33.25	37.25	41.25	45.25	49.25	53.25	57.25	61.25	65.25	69.25
	cm	83	93	103	113	123	133	143	153	163	173
Front width, at chest	in	15.75	18	19.75	22	24	26.25	28.25	30.5	32.75	34.75
	cm	39.5	45	49.5	55	60	65.5	70.5	76.5	82	87
Back width, at chest	in	15.5	17.5	19.25	21.25	23.25	25	27	29	30.5	32.5
	cm	39	44	48	53	58	62.5	67.5	72.5	76.5	81.5
C) Back neck, width	in	6.5	6.5	7	7	7.5	7.5	8	8	8.5	9
	cm	16.5	16.5	17.5	17.5	19	19	20	20	21.5	22.5
D) Wingspan at shoulder, width	in	13.25	13.25	13.5	14	14.5	15	15.5	15.75	16.5	16.75
	cm	33	33	34	35	36.5	37.5	39	39.5	41.5	42
E) Hem to arm separation, length	in	9.25	9.25	9.25	9.25	9.25	9	9	9	9	9
	cm	23	23	23	23	23	22.5	22.5	22.5	22.5	22.5
J) Armhole, length	in	6.75	7	7.25	7.5	8	8.25	8.5	9	9.25	9.5
	cm	17	17.5	18	19	20	20.5	21.5	22.5	23	24
K) V-neck, length	in	7.5	7.75	7.75	8	8	8.25	8.25	8.5	8.5	8.75
	cm	19	19.5	19.5	20	20	20.5	20.5	21.5	21.5	22

h) Shoulder rise: 0.75" / 2 cm

i) Back neck drop: 1" / 2.5 cm

All measurements are rounded to 1/4 inch or 1/2 cm.