

# Mojito - a feminine t-shirt



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*Mojito is a feminine top with a lovely open neckline. The designer has found inspiration in contrasting the delicate and the rustic. The result is a design with a lovely lace pattern in a chunky gauge. On top of that, it is a quick knit, which makes it even more perfect for a spring or summer knitted top.*

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## Materials

250 (300) 350 (400) 450 g Merci by Filcolana in colour 1390  
5 and 5,5 mm circular needle

## Sizes

S (M) L (XL) XXL

## Measurements

Body, chest: 82-88 cm (89-96) 97-103 (104-112) 113-120 cm  
Sweater, chest: 96 (102) 108 (120) 129 cm  
Total length mid front: 56 (57) 59 (65) 68 cm  
Armholes: approx. 35 (36,5) 38,5 (46) 48 cm

## Gauge

18 sts and 28 rows in lace pattern with yarn held double on a 5 mm needle = 10 x 10 cm.  
17 sts and 24 rows in stockinette stitch with yarn held double dobbelt garn på 5,5 mm needle = 10 x 10 cm.

## Special techniques

**Short rows - GSR (German short rows):** Work to where the turn needs to be, turn, then slip the first stitch purl-wise with the yarn held in front. Bring the working yarn up and over the needle and down on the other side, pulling hard enough on the yarn to make the stitch on the needle look like a double stitch (the 2 legs of the stitch are visible). Continue row as pattern describes.

When working across the stitch that looks like a double stitch, work it as 1 stitch, either knitting or purling the 2 legs together, as the pattern describes.

## Directions for knitting

Mojito is started with the lace pattern, which is worked from sleeve to sleeve. The i-cord neck edge is worked at the same time. Then stitches are picked up along the edge of the lace pattern and the body is worked down from there. The top is finished with a couple of short rows along the back, to accentuate the feminine silhouette.

## Lace

Cast on 46 (46) 46 (60) 60 sts on a 5 mm needle with two strand of yarn held together and work back



and forth. Work edge stitch and lace pattern as follows: Work k1 edge st, \*work the chart 3 (3) 3 (4) 4 times\*, k2, repeat from \* to \*. End with a k1 edge stitch.

Work as established until work measures 17,5 (18) 19 (21) 23 cm. End on a WS row.

Now divide the work for the neck and work an i-cord edge on the front as follows: Work (23) 23 (23) 30 (30) sts (to the middle of the row), (knit, then knit through the back loop, then knit again) in the next stitch. Turn, slip the next 3 sts purl-wise with the yarn help in front, purl to end of row.

Now work back and forth across these sts for the front, knitting the last 3 sts of every RS row and slipping the first 3 sts of every WS row with the yarn held in front, to create the i-cord edge.

Work in pattern with the i-cord edge across the 25 (25) 25 (32) 32 sts for the front until the work measures 27 (28) 29 (30) 30 cm from where the work was split. End on a RS row.

Now work the second half of the sts in the same way for the back, knitting 3 sts in the first stitch on the first RS row, for the i-cord edge. Knit the first 3 sts of every RS row and slip the last 3 sts of every WS row, for the i-cord edge. Continue until the back has the same length as the front.

Now join the 2 sections on a WS row as follows: Work across the back to the last 3 sts, purl these 3 sts together, then join the front and knit the 3 first sts of the front together as well, work to the end of the row. Continue across all 46 (46) 46 (60) 60 sts until the work measures 17,5 (18) 19 (21) 23 cm since the 2 sections were joined. Bind off.

## Body

Pick up and knit 90 (94) 100 (110) 118 sts with a 5,5 mm needle and 2 strands of yarn held together along the side of lave for the front. Work 11 (13) 15 (15) 17 rows in stockinette stitch, knitting the first and last stitch of every row – edge sts. Be mindful that the armholes are a bit slim, so a few rows extra might be needed if you prefer a bit of extra width (remember to do the same on the back).

Bind off 2 at the beginning of the next 2 rows, then 1 stitch at the beginning of the 2 rows after that. Break the yarn.

Work the back in the same way as the front, then join the front and back and work in the round in stockinette stitch. Place markers where front and back meet. Continue until measures 42 (43) 45 (47) 50 cm from where sts were picked up along the lace section.

## Short rows

Now work short rows to elongate the back as follows: Turn at marker between back and front, work short rows stitch, purl across back sts to other marker, turn and work short rows stitch, knit to 3 sts before last turn, turn and work short row stitch, purl to 3 sts before last turn, turn and work short row stitch. Continue in this way until a total 3 3 turn have been worked at either marker. Knit 1 round from the RS.

## I-cord edge at hem

Finish the hem with i-cord as follows: Cast on 3 sts and join these to the sts for the body on the left needle. \*K2, k2tog through the back loops. Slip the 3 sts just knit back on the left needle \*. Repeat from \* to \* to end of round. The last 3 sts are sewn together with the 3 cast on sts.

## I-cord edge on sleeves

Pick up and knit 1 stitch in each garter bump along the sleeve edge and work an i-cord edge the same way as for the hem. Repeat for the second sleeve.

## Finishing

Sew the seam under the sleeve. Weave in the ends. Wash the top and lay it on a flat surface to dry.

**Chart**

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- k2tog
- ssk
- yarn over
- knit on RS  
purl on WS