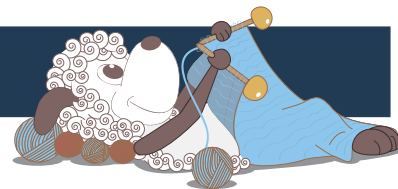


# Begonia - a fun summer top



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*For Begonia the designer has played with the combination of our glitter yarn Paia and the more matte mix of wool and cotton in our Merci yarn. These two yarns are worked in combination in the pretty wave pattern, creating a slightly oversized summer blouse with that sweet nostalgic 80s vibe.*

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## Materials

Colour 1: 150 (150) 200 (200) 200 (200) 250 (250) 250 (300) g Merci by Filcolana in colour 1636 (Papaya)

Colour 2: 75 (75) 75 (100) 100 (100) 125 (125) 125 (150) g Paia by Filcolana in colour 704 (Peach Shimmer)

4 mm and 4,5 mm circular needles, 60 and 100 cm

4 mm and 4,5 mm double-pointed needles

2 stitch markers

Stitch holder or scrap yarn

## Sizes

XXS (XS) S (S1) M (M1) L (XL) 2XL (3XL)

## Measurements

Body, chest: 81 (86) 91 (96) 101 (112) 122 (132) 142 (152) cm

Top, chest: 105 (110) 116 (120) 126 (138) 148 (159) 168 (179) cm

Total length: 52 (52) 59 (59) 65 (65) 65 (65) 65 (65) cm

This top is designed to be worn with 24 - 27 cm of positive ease

## Gauge

21 sts and 28 rows in stockinette stitch with one strand of each yarn held together on 4,5 mm needles after blocking = 10 x 10 cm.





## Special techniques

### German Short rows -

- on a knit row: Knit to the stitch specified in the pattern and turn work to the purl side. With yarn in front, slip the first stitch to the right-hand needle as if to purl, then bring yarn over the top of the needle to the back of the work and pull tight. This will distort the stitch and makes it look like a doubled stitch (DS). Bring yarn to front between the needles and begin purling keeping a tighter tension for a few first sts.
- on a purl row: Purl to the stitch specified in the pattern and turn work to the knit side. Bring yarn to the front between the needles. Slip the first stitch to the right-hand needle as if to purl, then bring yarn over the top of the needle to the back of the work and pull tight. This will distort the stitch and makes it look like a doubled stitch (DS). Begin knitting keeping a tighter tension for a few first sts.
- picking up doubled stitches: Work each doubled stitch like a single stitch: knit through both legs of the DS on a knit row (as a knit 2 together) and purl through both legs of the DS on a purl row (as a purl 2 together).

## Directions for knitting

This top is knitted from the top down. First, you knit the back and front separately, then, when you reach the underarms, join both pieces to work them together for the body. The neckline shaping is worked using German Short rows.

## Back yoke

Cast on 109 (114) 120 (123) 129 (139) 150 (159) 169 (178) sts provisionally on 4,5 mm needles with one strand of colour 1 and one strand of colour 2 held together.

**Set up Row (WS):** Knit 35 (36) 37 (37) 38 (40) 44 (47) 50 (54) sts, place marker, knit 39 (42) 46 (49) 53 (59) 62 (65) 69 (70) sts, place marker, k to end of row.

## Short row neckline shaping

**Short row 1 (RS):** K to marker, slip marker, k1, turn.

**Short rows 2, 4, 6, 8, and 10 (WS):** DS, p to end of row.

**Short row 3:** K to 2 sts past DS, turn.

**Short rows 5 and 7:** K to 3 sts past DS, turn.

**Short row 9:** K to 5 sts past DS, turn.

**Short row 11:** K to end of row.

**Short row 12:** P to marker, slip marker, p1, turn.

**Short rows 13, 15, 17, 19, and 21:** DS, k to end of row.

**Short row 14:** P to 2 sts past DS, turn.

**Short rows 16 and 18:** P to 3 sts past DS, turn.

**Short row 20:** P to 5 sts past DS, turn.

**Short row 22:** P to end of row.

**Row 1 (RS):** Knit.

## Technique: Provisional cast-on

Crochet a row of chain stitches in a contrasting yarn (later to be removed). The row needs to be 5-10 chain sts longer than the required number of cast on stitches.

Pick up and knit the required number of cast on stitches using the project yarn. The stitches are picked up from under the third leg of the chain stitch - ie. the little "bump" behind the chain.



**Row 2 (WS):** Purl.

Repeat last two rows 0 (0) 1 (1) 2 (2) 2 (2) 2 (2) more times.

**Next 5 rows:** Knit.

**Next Row:** Purl.

**Next 2 rows:** Knit.

## First shimmer wedge

Work loosely in colour 2 as follows:

**Short row 1 (RS):** Knit 23 (24) 26 (27) 28 (30) 32 (34) 36 (38) sts, turn.

**Short rows 2, 4, 6, 8, and 10 (WS):** DS, p to end of row.

**Short rows 3 and 5:** K to 3 sts past DS, turn.

**Short row 7:** K to 4 sts past DS, turn.

**Short row 9:** K to 8 sts past DS, turn.

**Short row 11:** K to end of row.

**Short row 12 (WS):** Purl 23 (24) 26 (27) 28 (30) 32 (34) 36 (38) sts, turn.

**Short rows 13, 15, 17, 19, and 21 (RS):** DS, k to end of row.

**Short rows 14 and 16:** P to 3 sts past DS, turn.

**Short row 18:** P to 4 sts past DS, turn.

**Short row 20:** P to 8 sts past DS, turn.

**Short row 22:** P to end of row.

## First stockinette stitch section

Beginning with a RS row, work in colour 1 and colour 2 held together as follows:

**Rows 1 – 3:** Knit.

**Row 4:** Purl.

**Next 5 rows:** Knit.

**Next Row:** Purl.

Now work 6 (8) 10 (10) 12 (12) 12 (12) 12 (12) rows in stockinette stitch. The work now measures approx. 16 (16) 17 (17) 18 (18) 18 (18) 18 (18) cm from the cast on edge.

Cut both strands of yarn and place all sts on a stitch holder.

## Front yoke

Carefully remove provisional cast on and place all sts on a 4,5 mm needle.

Work with both colour 1 and colour 2 and beginning with a WS row, continue as follows:

**Set up Row (WS):** Knit 35 (36) 37 (37) 38 (40) 44 (47) 50 (54) sts, place marker, place next 39 (42) 46 (49) 53 (59) 62 (65) 69 (70) sts on a stitch holder (back neck), cast on 39 (42) 46 (49) 53 (59) 62 (65) 69 (70) sts provisionally (for front neck), k to end of row.

There are a total of 109 (114) 120 (123) 129 (139) 150 (159) 169 (178) sts on the needle.

Work as Back, but do not cut yarn.

## Body

Slip the back sts from the stitch holder to a spare needle.

**Set up Round 1:** Knit across front, cast on 1 (1) 1 (2) 2 (3) 3 (4) 4 (5) new sts in extension of the front sts, place marker, cast on 1 (1) 1 (2) 2 (3) 3 (4) 4 (5) additional underarm stitches, knit across back sts from spare needle, cast on 1 (1) 1 (2) 2 (3) 3 (4) 4

(5) new sts in extension of the back sts, place marker, cast on 1 (1) 1 (2) 2 (3) 3 (4) 4 (5) additional underarm sts, knit to marker - this is the new beginning of round.

There are a total of 222 (232) 244 (254) 266 (290) 312 (334) 354 (376) sts on the needle.

**Round 1:** Knit.

Work 5 (3) 3 (3) 3 (3) 3 (3) 3 (3) rounds in stockinette stitch.

**Next Round 1:** Purl.

**Next Round 2:** Knit.

**Next Round 3:** Purl.

**Next Rounds 4 – 6:** Knit.

**Next Round 7:** Purl.

## Second shimmer wedge

Work loosely in colour 2 as follows:

**Short row 1 (RS):** K to 42 (43) 45 (47) 48 (51) 53 (56) 58 (61) sts before side marker, turn.

**Short row 2 (WS):** DS, p to 42 (43) 45 (47) 48 (51) 53 (56) 58 (61) sts before side marker, turn.

**Short row 3:** DS, k to 8 sts past DS, turn.

**Short row 4:** DS, p to 8 sts past DS, turn.

**Short row 5:** DS, k to 4 sts past DS, turn.

**Short row 6:** DS, p to 4 sts past DS, turn.

**Short row 7:** DS, k to 3 sts past DS, turn.

**Short row 8:** DS, p to 3 sts past DS, turn.

**Short row 9:** Work as Short row 7.

**Short row 10:** Work as Short row 8.

**Short row 11:** Do not make DS, yarn over, k to side marker, slip marker, k to 42 (43) 45 (47) 48 (51) 53 (56) 58 (61) sts before next side marker, turn.

**Short row 12:** DS, p to 42 (43) 45 (47) 48 (51) 53 (56) 58 (61) sts before side marker, turn.

**Short row 13:** DS, k to 8 sts past DS, turn.

**Short row 14:** DS, p to 8 sts past DS, turn.

**Short row 15:** DS, k to 4 sts past DS, turn.

**Short row 16:** DS, p to 4 sts past DS, turn.

**Short row 17:** DS, k to 3 sts past DS, turn.

**Short row 18:** DS, p to 3 sts past DS, turn.

**Short row 19:** Work as Short row 17.

**Short row 20:** Work as Short row 18.

**Short row 21:** Do not make DS, yo, k to end of row.

**Next Round:** \*K to 1 st before yarn over, knit next st together with yarn over, k to side marker, repeat from \* one more time.

## Second stockinette stitch section

Work in colour 1 and colour 2 held together as follows:

**Round 1:** Knit.

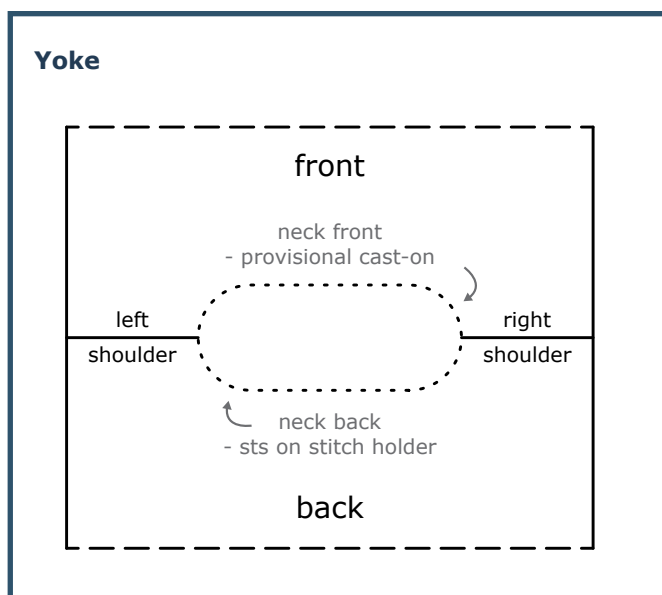
**Round 2:** Purl.

**Rounds 3 – 5:** Knit.

**Round 6:** Purl.

**Round 7:** Knit.

**Round 8:** Purl.



Work 13 (13) 15 (15) 17 (17) 17 (17) 17 (17) rounds in stockinette stitch.

**Next Round 1:** Purl.

**Next Round 2:** Knit.

**Next Round 3:** Purl.

**Next Rounds 4 – 6:** Knit.

**Next Round 7:** Purl.

### Third shimmer wedge

Work loosely in colour 2 as follows:

**Short row 1 (RS):** Knit 24 (25) 27 (28) 29 (31) 33 (35) 37 (39) sts, turn.

**Short row 2 (WS):** DS, p to side marker, slip marker, p24 (25) 27 (28) 29 (31) 33 (35) 37 (39), turn.

**Short row 3:** DS, k to 3 sts past DS, turn.

**Short row 4:** DS, p to 3 sts past DS, turn.

**Short row 5:** Work as Short row 3.

**Short row 6:** Work as Short row 4.

**Short row 7:** DS, k to 4 sts past DS, turn.

**Short row 8:** DS, p to 4 sts past DS, turn.

**Short row 9:** DS, k to 8 sts past DS, turn.

**Short row 10:** DS, p to 8 sts past DS, turn.

**Short row 11:** Do not make DS, yarn over, k to side marker, slip marker, k to next side marker, slip marker, knit 24 (25) 27 (28) 29 (31) 33 (35) 37 (39) sts, turn.

**Short rows 12 – 20:** Work as Short rows 2 – 10.

**Short row 21:** Do not make DS, yarn over, k to marker, slip marker, k to 1 st before yarn over, knit together next st with yarn over, k to end of round.

**Next Round:** K to 1 st before yarn over, knit together next st with yarn over, k to end of round.

### Third stockinette stitch section

Work in colour 1 and colour 2 held together and repeat entire Second stockinette stitch section.

### Forth shimmer wedge

Work loosely in colour 2 and repeat entire Second shimmer wedge section.

### Hem

Work in colour 1 and colour 2 held together as follows:

**Round 1:** Knit.

**Round 2:** Purl.

**Rounds 3 – 5:** Knit.

**Round 6:** Purl.

**Round 7:** Knit.

**Round 8:** Purl.

Work 13 (13) 15 (15) 17 (17) 17 (17) 17 (17) rounds in stockinette stitch.

Change to 4 mm needles and work 4 rounds in garter st starting with a purl round.



**Next round:** Purl to end of round while decreasing evenly 3 sts across both front and back. There are a total of 216 (226) 238 (248) 260 (284) 306 (328) 348 (370) sts on the needle.

Work 6 more rounds in garter stitch starting with knit round. Bind off all sts purl-wise.

### Armhole edges (both alike)

Begin at the centre of the underarm sts and pick up and knit sts from the RS with 4 mm needles and in colour 1 and colour 2 held together. Pick up and knit 32 (32) 34 (36) 38 (40) 40 (42) 46 (48) sts along the armhole edge to the shoulder "seam", pick up and knit 32 (32) 34 (36) 38 (40) 40 (42) 46 (48) sts along armhole edge to underarm sts. Join in the round and place a marker for the beginning of the round. You need to pick up approx. 2 sts for every 3 rows except for the underarm sts where you will pick up an equal number of stitches.

There are a total of 64 (64) 68 (72) 76 (80) 80 (84) 92 (96) sts on the needle.

**Note:** Although a specific number of sts is given, it does not matter if you end up with a slightly different number.

**Round 1:** Purl.

**Round 2:** Knit.

Repeat Round 1 and 2 once more. Bind off all sts purl-wise.

## Neckband

Work in colour 1 and colour 2 held together from the RS. Place the back neck sts onto a 4 mm needle, then carefully remove provisional cast-on and place front neck sts onto the same needle. Place maker and join in the round.

There are a total of 78 (84) 92 (98) 106 (118) 124 (130) 138 (140) sts on the needle.

Begin at the right shoulder "seam" and work as follows:

**Round 1:** Purl.

**Round 2:** Knit.

Repeat Round 1 and 2 once more. Bind off all sts purl-wise.

## Finishing

Weave in all ends and block sweater.

