

## Young Touch Top with Lace Border

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The lower border of the top is knit first and joined to form the body. Stitches are picked up from the straight upper edge of the lace border and knit to form the upper parts of the front and back. Stitches for the armhole and neckline edges are picked up and knit last.

Sizes 32(35, 38.5, 42) inches. Top is close fitting.

Tension: 20 sts = 4 inches in stocking stitch  
1 repeat of the lace pattern is 3 1/4 inches wide.

### Materials:

5 (6, 8, 9) 50g balls Estelle Young Touch  
4.5 mm circular needle 80cm length, or size required to obtain stated tension.  
Stitch markers

### Lace Pattern for Lower Border:

Cast on 31 sts.  
Row 1 (right side): Slip 1, knit 30  
Row 2: k24, p7  
Row 3: slip 1, k6, (yo, k2tog) 11times, yo, k2 (32 sts)  
Row 4: k25, p7  
Row 5: slip 1, k9, (yo, k2tog) 10 times, yo, k2 (33 sts)  
Row 6: k23, p10  
Row 7: slip 1, k12, (yo, k2tog) 9 times, yo, k2 (34 sts)  
Row 8: knit to last stitch, p1  
Row 9: slip 1, p15, (yo, k2tog) 8 times, yo, k2 (35 sts)  
Row 10: knit to last stitch, p1  
Row 11: slip 1, p18, (yo, k2tog) 7 times, yo, k2 (36 sts)  
Row 12: knit to last stitch, p1  
Row 13: slip 1, p15, (yo, k2tog) 9 times, yo, k2 (37 sts)  
Row 14: knit to last stitch, p1  
Row 15: slip 1, k12, (yo, k2tog) 11 times, yo, k2 (38 sts)  
Row 16: k25, p13  
Row 17: slip 1, k9, (yo, k2tog) 13 times, yo, k2tog (39 sts)  
Row 18: k29, p10  
Row 19: slip 1, k6, (yo, k2tog) 15 times, yo, k2tog (40 sts)  
Row 20: k33, p7  
Row 21: slip 1, knit to end  
Row 22: cast off 9 stitches, purl to end (31 sts)  
Repeat these 22 rows for length of lower edge - 10 (11, 12, 13) times  
Cast off.

Join cast on edge to cast off edge to form lower border.

Pick up 160 (176, 192, 212) sts along straight upper edge of lace. Place a marker before the first and the 80<sup>th</sup> (88, 96, 106) st - these mark the 'side seams' of the top.

Knit in the round until work measures 4, 4 3/4, 5 1/2, 6 1/4 inches from border.

On last round, knit until 5 (6, 6, 7) sts before first marker. Cast off next 10 (12, 12, 14) stitches. Knit to 5 (6,  
Every effort has been made to ensure the accuracy of this pattern, however we cannot be responsible for variance of individual  
knitters, human or typographical error.

6, 7) stitches before next marker. Cast off next 10 (12, 12, 14) stitches. You now have 70 (76, 84, 92) stitches for the front and 70 (76, 84, 92) stitches for the back. Leave the back stitches on a holder and continue with the front.

**Front:**

RS row: k1, ssk, knit to last 3 stitches, k2tog, k1

WS: purl

Repeat above two rows 4 (4, 5, 6) more times - 60 (66, 72, 78) sts remaining

Work without shaping until front measures 5 (5 ¼, 5 ½, 5 ½) inches from start of armhole shaping. Cast off centre 10 (16, 18, 24) sts - 25 (25, 27, 27) st rem on each side. Join another ball and shape neckline and shoulder sections by decreasing one stitch on each RS row at neck edge (on left shoulder knit to last 3 st, k2tog, k1; on right shoulder, k1, ssk, knit to end). Repeat 6 more times - 18 (18, 20, 20) st rem for each shoulder. Place stitches on a holder.

**Back:**

Rejoin yarn to 70 (76, 84, 92) st of back. Shape armholes as for front, 60 (66, 72, 78) st rem, then work without shaping until back is 1 inch short of total length of front.

Back neckline: Cast off centre 20 (26, 28, 34) sts - 20 (20, 22, 22) st rem. on each shoulder. Join another ball and shape neckline and shoulder sections by decreasing one st on each RS row at neck edge (on left shoulder knit to last 3 st, k2tog, k1; on right shoulder, k1, ssk, knit to end).

Repeat twice in all - 18 (18, 20, 20) sts rem.

Knit 4 more rows st st, ending with a RS row.

Next row (WS): knit

Next row: k1, \*(yo, k2tog) rpt to last st, k1

Next row: knit

Making sure that shoulders are correctly matched, join back and front shoulder seams with a 3 needle bindoff.

**Neck Edge:**

Pick up and knit 92 (102, 112, 122) st around neck edge. Do not join, work back and forth.

Row 1 (WS): knit through back loop

Row 2: k1, \*(yo, k2tog) rpt from \* to last st, k1

Row 3: knit

Cast off in knit. Join small seam.

**Armhole Edges:**

Pick up and knit 84 (88, 92, 92) sts for each armband. Work armhole edges as given for neck. Join small seams.

Block lightly.