

MILLA'S RAGLANTOP

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Sizes: S – M – L – XL (the sizes are generous)

**Bust circumference of the finished top:
approx. 95 – 100 – 106 – 112 cm**

Yarn: Sirdar Cotton DK.

(100 % cotton, 100 g = 212 m)

**3 colours. For sizes S and M you'll only
need one skein for the two bottom stripes,
otherwise 2 skeins of all colours.**

Needles: 3,5–4 mm circulars, 80–100 cm.

You will also need one button.

Stitch count: 21 stitches and 27 rows = 10 cm.



The top is knitted seamlessly, from the bottom up. First you'll work the body until the armholes, knit the sleeves separately and then connect them with the body to begin the yoke and the raglan-decreases.

Body:

Cast on 202 – 212 – 222 – 232 stitches, connect to round and start by knitting an edge trim with the broken seed stitch: Round 1: *K1, P1*, repeat *–*; Rnd 2: knit; Rnd 3: *P1, K1*, repeat *–*; Rnd 4: knit. Repeat these four rounds, until the work measures 3 cm. Then, continue in st st (stocking stitch).

Place a marker into the beginning of the round and another marker 101 – 106 – 111 – 116 stitches from the first (to mark the middles of each side). After two rounds of st st, begin the decorative lace rows on both sides: When you have 5 stitches remaining before the marker: yo (yarn over needle), SKP (slip 1, knit 1, pass the slipped st over), K6, K2TOG (knit 2 sts together), yo. Continue with st st, until you have 5 stitches remaining before the next marker, then work the lace row as above.

Repeat the lace pattern every 8th round, that is: knit 7 rnds st st and knit the lace holes on the 8th round, starting 5 sts before the marker on both sides. Continue to work the lace rows all the way until the armholes.

When the work measures 10 – 10 – 11 – 12 cm, begin the waist decreases: Place markers, counting 20 sts from the lace holes towards the middle of the work. Altogether, there will four markers: two on the front and two on the back. Decrease inside the markers: when you have started the round from the side and reach the first marker: slip marker, SKP, knit until 2 sts remain before the 2nd marker, K2TOG, slip marker. Repeat the same decreases on the other side of the body. In this way, the decreases should lean towards the middle front and middle back. Repeat the decrease round every 4th round and knit altogether 5 decrease rounds.

Remember to change the colour for the middle colour when the work measures 16 – 16 – 17 – 17 cm and for the top colour when the work measures 32 – 32 – 34 – 34 cm.

After you have completed the 5 decrease rounds, continue without decreases for 7 cm.

Next, begin increases for the bust in the same places where you did the decreases for the waist (in four places,



counting 20 sts from the lace holes towards the middle): Similarly as before, work the increases inside the markers. Increase 1 by picking up the yarn between the sts and knitting it through the back loop. During one increase round, you'll add altogether 4 sts. Repeat the increases every 4th round and knit altogether 4 increase rounds.

After you have completed the increases, knit 9–10 cm without increases.

At both sides, cast off 10 – 10 – 12 – 12 sts for the armholes and leave rest of the stitches to wait on a cable or a waist yarn while you knit the sleeves.

Sleeves:

Cast on 64 – 70 – 74 – 80 sts to work in the round (with double-pointed needles or circulars, using either two circulars or magic loop). Begin with the broken seed stitch as in the body, follow the pattern for 5 rounds (approx. 1,5 cm). Knit 3–4 rnds in st st, then cast off 10 – 10 – 12 – 12 sts for the armhole. Knit another sleeve in the same manner.

Yoke:

To begin the yoke, knit the sleeves and the body to the same circular needle: Place marker on the beginning of the round at the middle front of the body. Knit in st st until you reach the armpit. Place marker and knit the stitches of one sleeve. Place marker and knit the back stitches of the body. Place marker, knit another sleeve, place marker. Knit until you reach the beginning of the round at the middle front.

On the next round, begin the raglan decreases:

1st decrease round: Knit from the middle front, until 2 sts remain before the marker placed between the front and the sleeve. SKP, slip marker, K2TOG. Knit until 2 sts remain before the next marker and decrease as before. Repeat the decrease also at the following two markers. Altogether, you'll decrease at four places, always at the markers placed between the sleeve and body stitches. One decrease round will decrease the stitches with 8 sts.

Knit one round without decreases.

2nd decrease round with the lace holes: Work the decrease as on the 1st decrease rnd but add the lace rows. Knit from the middle front, until 2 sts remain before the marker placed between the front and the sleeve. SKP, slip marker, K2TOG, K1, yo, K2TOG. Knit, until 5 sts remain before the next marker. K2TOG, yo, K1, SKP, slip marker, K2TOG. Knit on the back piece, until 2 sts remain before the marker. Do the decreases and lace for the second sleeve as above.

Knit one round without decreases.

Repeat these 4 rounds: 1st decrease rnd, knit rnd, 2nd decrease rnd and knit rnd.

When the yoke measures 6 – 6 – 8 – 8 cm, cast off 4 sts at the middle front for the button decoration. Cast off the 4 sts when you are about to begin a decrease round, work the decrease round from the right side as usual until you reach the beginning of the cast-off. Now you'll begin to work flat. Next, turn the work and purl one row from the wrong side of the work with no decreases. Continue with the decreases as before, except now every right side row will be a decrease row and the purl rows are worked with no decreases.

At the same time, begin additional decreases at the sleeves. Knit 15 sts from the 1st marker, SKP, knit until 17 sts remain before the next marker, K2TOG. Repeat the decreases when you reach the other sleeve. Repeat the sleeve decreases at the same place every 4th row.

Knit until you have worked 5–7 cm on flat. Try the knit on at this stage. You can adjust the size of the yoke at this stage by doing additional decreases, if needed. When the work has reached the height you wish, decrease on the next row by knitting together every 10th and 11th st. Purl one row from the wrong side and if you need more decreases, on the next row, knit together for example every 6th and 7th st. Cast off all stitches.



Finishing the decoration:

“The flap” (knitted horizontally): Pick up 12–14 sts from the right edge of the hole, knit st st (or purl, if you wish) for 4–5 cm, then cast off the stitches. Sew by hand the left edge and the bottom of the flap neatly into the body part. Attach a button on top of the flap.

Another possibility to finish the decoration (use especially if you have some extra space in the yoke): Crochet with double crochet (Am: single crochet) around the hole and crochet the edges together at the top. Attach a button to decorate the top.

Finishing:

Sew the underarm seams. Weave in ends. Wet the knit, position it on top of a towel to its correct measurements and leave to dry.

Wear with pride!



Possible colour combinations for Sirdar Cotton DK:

(The colours for the blue & green XL-sized top on the previous page are: 516, 517 and 515)

