



Isabella Camisole

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This warm-weather camisole inspires remembrance of a brave Spanish Queen who proudly led her soldiers into battle to protect her home from those who threatened its safety. Solid Moss stitch bands surround and encase delicate Chain Mail mesh to create a light linen and cotton blend cami for sultry summer weather. The Isabella Camisole pays homage to the undergarments the daring Queen of Castile would have donned beneath her armor.

Skill level: Intermediate to Advanced- Picking up stitches, Knitting on edges, Color change and Stitch change

Sizes: (under bust measurement): XS, S, M, L (30 in, 32 in, 34 in, 36 in)

Needles: Size 7 needle

Gauge:

Moss St.- 4 x 4 in. = 19 sts by 20 rows

Chain Mail Mesh- 4 x 4 in. = 17sts by 25 rows

Yarn: Color A Berrocco weekend in tangerine; 1 , 1, 2, 2 skein(s)

Color B Rowan Linen Lenpur in Rye; 2, 3, 3, 4 skeins

Notions: Stitch markers, Stitch Holder, Tapestry needle

Important Notes:

Moss stitch: (odd number of stitches) *K1, P1* to last st, K1. Repeat row

Chain Mail Mesh: (even number of stitches) K1, *YO, K2tog* to last st, K1. Repeat row



Waist Band

In Color A cast on 9 sts. Knit in Moss stitch till your band measures 30 (32, 34, 36) in long. Cast off in pattern.

Cups

Measure from one end of band 15 (16, 17, 18) in. and mark center with stitch markers. Starting 4 sts over from center, with Color B pick up 38 (42, 44, 48) sts. Knit in Lace pattern for 3 ¼ in
Decrease Row 1: Slip 1, K2tog, Psso, (twice) *YO, K2tog* to last 7 sts, K1, Sl 1, K2tog, Psso (twice).
Row 2: Sl1, K2tog, Psso, *YO, K2tog* to last 3 sts, Sl1, K2tog, Psso.
Repeat these 2 decrease rows till 6 sts are left (for XS & S): Sl1, K2tog, psso (twice). Cast off
For M knit till 8 sts left then repeat Decrease Row 2. Then K2tog (twice). Cast off



For L, K2tog (twice). Cast off

To pick up other cup, count over 42 (46, 48, 52) sts from center (You can only pick up going one way) and then pick up 38 (42, 44, 48) sts, stopping 4 sts from center marker. Repeat above instructions to complete second cup.

Cup Band

With Color A pick up 9 sts from the center (You would think there is only 8 sts but you can find 9)

Knit first row in Moss stitch

Row A: wyib pick up loop from left cup and knit loop together with first stitch, knit in Moss starting with purl to last stitch, slip knitwise, pickup loop from right cup (pick up loop from the backside so it looks twisted), knit the slipped stitch and the twisted pickup loop like SSK.

Row B: Moss stitch

Repeat Row A and B till you have picked up 3 stitches from each cup, start increase on the next WS row

Increase Row 1: K, P, P, Pf&b, Kf&b, P,K,P,K (11 sts)

Increase Row 2: P/u as in Row A above, P, K, P, K, Pf&b, K, P,K, P, P/u as in Row A above. (12 sts)

Increase row 3: *K1, P1* twice, K1 Pf&b, Pf&b, *K1, P1* twice, K1. (14 sts)

Next row: Knit 7 sts in Moss stitch, move remaining 7 sts to stitch holder.

Next row: Knit in Moss stitch

Continue to P/u stitches on the cup side and knit in Moss stitch till you have picked up and knit all the way around the cup, cast off loosely in Moss stitch.

Sew bound off end to band.

Repeat with other cup, knitting stitches from stitch holder.

Front Skirt

From end of band mark 7.5 (8, 8.5, 9) in on both sides. With Color B pick up 62 (68, 74, 80) sts

(roughly every other one), knit 2 rows in Lace stitch

Row 3 (RS): K1, M1, *YO, K2tog* to last st, M1, K1

Row 4 (WS): K2, *YO, K2tog* to last 2 sts, K2

Row 5 (RS): K1, M1, K1, *YO, K2tog* to last 2 sts, K1, M1, K1

Row 6 (WS): K1, *YO, K2tog*, to last sts, K1

Repeat increase rows 3-6 until 98 (104, 110, 116) sts

Continue knitting until front piece measures 9 in in length.

Switch to Color A and knit in Moss stitch till the last stitch, Kf&b

Continue in Moss stitch for 1 ¼ in. Cast off in pattern



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Back Skirt

Sew ends of waist band together.

Use instructions from Front Skirt to pick up and knit back skirt, starting to pick up from one side of front skirt stopping at the other side.

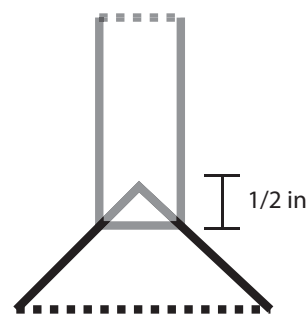
Straps

With Color A cast on 5 sts, knit in Moss stitch until 16 in long. Cast off in pattern

Repeat for second strap.

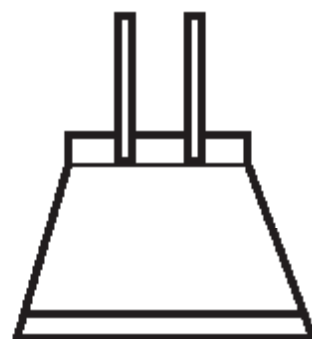
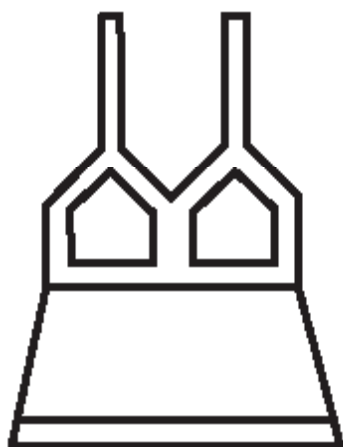
For strap placement to cups, fold each cup in half and mark the top with a stitch marker (confirm the marker placement by measuring to make certain of center). Pull marker up to stretch cup into a triangle shape. Using $\frac{1}{2}$ in of one end of the strap, stitch the strap to the cup, maintaining the triangle shape. This means the tip of the cup should be secured $\frac{1}{2}$ in from the end and the ends of the strap should be secured to the edge of the cup $\frac{1}{2}$ in down from the top (see drawing). Repeat for other cup.

For strap placement to back, measure and mark 4 in in from each side. Sew end of strap to the outside of the of the waist band, lining the edge of the strap with the 4 in marker. Bottom edge of the strap will line up with the bottom edge of the band. Sew all the way around to secure (see picture above).



Finishing

Sew front skirt to back skirt, weave in ends. Block lightly if needed.



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