

# my first top down



**Size :** 38 (Deutschland, Switzerland), 40 (France), 12 (USA, UK)

**Yarn :** shown in Phoenix (Bernetta), 6 balls (1 ball : 50 g, 36,58 yds)

**Needles :** circular needle  
n° 12 (France) / n° 17 (USA)  
4 markers

**Gauge :** 4" = 8 sts and 12 rows

**Stitches :**

- garter stitch
- stockinette

**Abbreviations :**

st(s) : stitch(es)

k: knit

kfb: Knit in front and back loop of st.

**M** : marker

sm : slip marker

With circular needle, cast on 52 sts.

Place markers as follows : 9 sts. - **M** - 9 sts. - **M** - 16 sts. - **M** - 9 sts. - **M** - 9 sts.

**R1 (Right side) :** knit all sts.

**R2 (Wrong side) and all even numbered rows :** knit all stitches, slipping markers.

**R3 :** k8, **kfb**, sm, **kfb**, k7, **kfb**, sm, **kfb**, k14, **kfb**, sm, **kfb**, k7, **kfb**, sm, **kfb**, k8  
= 8 increases a row

**R5, R7, R9, R11, R13, R15, R17, R19 :** as R3 :

k to one st. before **M**, **kfb**, sm, **kfb**, k to one st. before **M**, **kfb**, sm, **kfb**, k to one st. before **M**, **kfb**, sm, **kfb**, k to end.

After **R19**, you have 124 sts.

**R10 :** k18, bind off 27 st, k34, bind off 27 st, k18.

Yoke is over, it's the beginning of body (70 sts. on needle).  
Continue in stockinette on all sts. except the 5 first and 5 last sts. maintained in garter stitch, till height you want. You can knit last 10" in garter st.



It would be wiser to check the harmhole to be sure it fits: at the end of R19, slip all sts. on a thread and try on the work. It's easy to knit some more rows, to increase 8 sts. a row.  
When good width is reached, knit R10, adapting stitches number, and begin body in stockinette.

To fasten this sleeveless cardigan, you can use a cute brooch, or, as I did, some strips : I cut three 10" woollen pieces and made a cord to be sewed on the front, or even just knotted in the edges.



Happy knitting !!!

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