Racerback tank top

S, to fit bust 33 in (84 cm) · US terms



Finished size
About 34 in (86.5 cm) at the bust and about 31 in (78.5 cm) at the waist
To fit a bust of 33 in (84 cm)

Skill
Easy
Basic stitches, a post stitch rib and simple shaping

Yarn
Light (3), 3 colors

Hook
4.5 mm (US 7)

Gauge
16 stitches and 13½ rows to 4 in (10 cm)
In half double crochet (UK half treble).

What you need

Yarn A: rose, main color **about 500 yd (457 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: cream, contrast **about 250 yd (229 m), an estimate**
Yarn C: berry, color 3 **about 80 yd (73 m), an estimate**

By weight: about 330 g in all, an estimate, where 100 g is 250 yd (229 m).

Hook: 4.5 mm (US 7), or the size that gives you the gauge. Also: yarn needle, scissors and tape measure.

To find how many balls: divide by the length on your yarn's label and round up. Buy them from one dye lot. The estimate is from the stitches of this size at this gauge.

Sizes

Size	To fit bust	Yarn, an estimate	Bust	Waist	Length at the back	Length below the underarm	Each strap	Racer back across its top	Front across, below the neck
XS	29 in (73.5 cm)	about 750 yd (686 m)	30 in (76 cm)	27 in (68.5 cm)	21½ in (54.5 cm)	16½ in (42 cm)	9¾ in (25 cm)	2½ in (6.5 cm)	8 in (20.5 cm)
S (this file)	**33 in (84 cm)**	**about 830 yd (759 m)**	**34 in (86.5 cm)**	**31 in (78.5 cm)**	**21½ in (54.5 cm)**	**16½ in (42 cm)**	**9¼ in (23.5 cm)**	**2½ in (6.5 cm)**	**8½ in (21.5 cm)**
M	37 in (94 cm)	about 935 yd (855 m)	38 in (96.5 cm)	35 in (89 cm)	21¾ in (55 cm)	16½ in (42 cm)	9½ in (24 cm)	2½ in (6.5 cm)	9 in (23 cm)
L	41 in (104 cm)	about 1,070 yd (978 m)	42 in (106.5 cm)	39 in (99 cm)	23 in (58.5 cm)	17 in (43 cm)	9½ in (24 cm)	2½ in (6.5 cm)	9½ in (24 cm)
1X	45 in (114.5 cm)	about 1,180 yd (1,079 m)	46 in (117 cm)	43 in (109 cm)	23¼ in (59 cm)	17 in (43 cm)	10 in (25.5 cm)	2½ in (6.5 cm)	10 in (25.5 cm)

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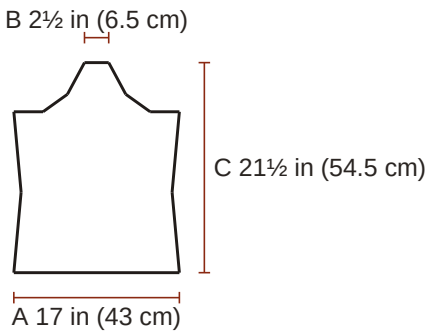
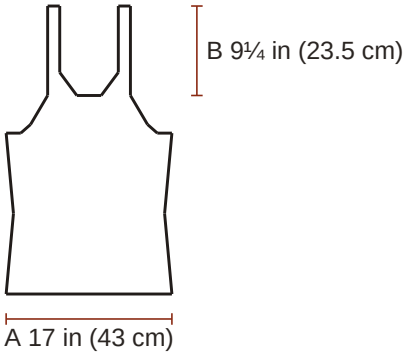
2X	49 in (124.5 cm)	about 1,335 yd (1,221 m)	50 in (127 cm)	47 in (119.5 cm)	24¼ in (61.5 cm)	17¾ in (45 cm)	9¾ in (25 cm)	3½ in (9 cm)	10 in (25.5 cm)
3X	53 in (134.5 cm)	about 1,440 yd (1,317 m)	54 in (137 cm)	51 in (129.5 cm)	24½ in (62 cm)	17¾ in (45 cm)	10¾ in (27.5 cm)	3½ in (9 cm)	10 in (25.5 cm)
4X	57 in (145 cm)	about 1,550 yd (1,417 m)	58 in (147.5 cm)	55 in (139.5 cm)	24½ in (62 cm)	17¾ in (45 cm)	10¾ in (27.5 cm)	3½ in (9 cm)	10½ in (26.5 cm)
5X	61 in (155 cm)	about 1,680 yd (1,536 m)	62 in (157.5 cm)	59 in (150 cm)	25½ in (65 cm)	18¼ in (46.5 cm)	11 in (28 cm)	3½ in (9 cm)	10½ in (26.5 cm)

Schematic



Back
A half the bust
B the width
C from top to bottom



Front, the straps laid straight
A half the bust
B how deep the neck is

Gauge

16 stitches and 13½ rows to 4 in (10 cm) in half double crochet.

> **The swatch.** A test piece to measure and pull out. It is not the start of the pattern. Ch 25; begin in the 2nd ch from the hook and work 20 rows of half double crochet on 24 sts, about 6 in (15 cm) wide and 6 in (15 cm) high, and measure 4 in (10 cm) in the middle. Use a larger hook if your swatch is small, a smaller one if it is large. Post stitch rib: about 8.5 rows to 4 in (10 cm), as in double crochet (UK: treble). Edgings in single crochet (UK: double crochet): about 18.5 rounds to 4 in (10 cm).

Notes

- The finished bust is 1 in (2.5 cm) wider than the body measurement at each size. Choose by the finished measurement you like; no fit is promised beyond the measurements given.
- Worked in rows from the hem up. Two lower body pieces, the same for the front and the back, come first; the front with its two straps and the racer back go on from them. Left and right are as worn.
- The chain at the start of a round or row (ch 1 for single and half double crochet, ch 2 for double crochet) never counts as a stitch. Work the first stitch into the stitch at its base. The last stitch of a row goes into the last stitch of the row below.
- Row 1 of the front and row 1 of the back are right side rows.

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- For the rib, always work around the post (the upright part) of the stitch below, not into its top. A stitch that is a front post stitch on one side is worked as a back post stitch on the other side, so that the ribs line up.
- A decrease counts as one stitch.
- The neck and armhole edgings are worked in rounds that are not turned; the right side faces you.
- Color changes in rows: work the last yarn over of the last stitch of the row before with the new yarn. Cut the old yarn, leaving an end of about 6 in (15 cm), or, if it is needed again at the same edge after 6 rows or fewer and that edge is straight, carry it loosely up the edge.

Instructions

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ch chain, **sl st** slip stitch, **sc** single crochet (UK double crochet), **hdc** half double crochet (UK half treble), **dc** double crochet (UK treble), **Rnd** round, **st** stitch.
RS right side, the one that shows.
2 hdc in next st: both in one stitch. **hdc in next 12 sts**: one in each.
[ ] 34 times: work what is inside 34 times in all.
(68 dc): the stitches you have when the row is done. **How to read a pattern**.

Special stitches

sc2tog (single crochet 2 stitches together (UK double crochet 2 together)): Insert the hook in the next stitch and pull up a loop, insert the hook in the following stitch and pull up a loop (3 loops on the hook); yarn over and pull through all 3 loops.

hdc2tog (half double crochet 2 stitches together (UK half treble 2 together)): [yarn over, insert the hook in the next stitch and pull up a loop] twice (5 loops on the hook); yarn over and pull through all 5 loops.

fpdc (front post double crochet (UK front post treble)): Yarn over, insert the hook from the front to the back and to the front again around the post of the stitch named, pull up a loop, [yarn over and pull through 2 loops] twice. The front is the side that faces you. A post stitch takes the place of the stitch it is worked around: do not work into the top of that stitch as well.

bpdc (back post double crochet (UK back post treble)): As fpdc, but insert the hook from the back to the front and to the back again around the post.

Lower body piece: make 2

Yarn C, berry.

☐ **Foundation**	With yarn C, ch 70. Colors: rows 1 to 3 yarn C; rows 4 to 11 yarn B; rows 12 and 13 yarn A; rows 14 to 19 yarn B; rows 20 to 23 yarn A; rows 24 to 27 yarn B; rows 28 to 33 yarn A; rows 34 and 35 yarn B; rows 36 to 54 yarn A.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Dc in 3rd ch from hook and in each ch across	(68 dc)
☐ **Rows 2 to 3** 2 3	Ch 2, turn; **[**fpdc around next st, bpdc around next st**] 34 times**	(34 fpdcs, 34 bpdcs)
☐ **Rows 4 to 14** 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14	Ch 1, turn; hdc in each st across	(68 hdc)
☐ **Row 15**	Ch 1, turn; hdc2tog, hdc in each st across to last 2 sts, hdc2tog	(66 hdc)

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☐ **Rows 16 to 23** 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23	Repeat Rows 12 to 15, 2 more times (64, 62 hdc at the ends of the repeats)	(62 hdc)
☐ **Rows 24 to 40** 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31 32 33 34 35 36 37 38 39 40	Ch 1, turn; hdc in each st across	(62 hdc)
☐ **Row 41**	Ch 1, turn; 2 hdc in next st, hdc in each st across to last st, 2 hdc in last st	(64 hdc)
☐ **Rows 42 to 49** 42 43 44 45 46 47 48 49	Repeat Rows 38 to 41, 2 more times (66, 68 hdc at the ends of the repeats)	(68 hdc)
☐ **Rows 50 to 54** 50 51 52 53 54	Ch 1, turn; hdc in each st across	(68 hdc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off. Row 54 is a wrong side row.	

Front

Yarn A, rose.

☐ **Foundation**	This is worked on one lower body piece. With its right side facing, skip the first 6 sts of row 54 and join yarn A in the next st, st 7. The front is worked in rows on that st and the next 55 sts, sts 7 to 62; the last 6 sts of the row stay free for the underarm.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Ch 1; hdc in each st across	(56 hdc)
☐ **Rows 2 to 3** 2 3	Ch 1, turn; hdc2tog twice, hdc in each st across to last 4 sts, hdc2tog twice	(48 hdc)
☐ **Rows 4 to 7** 4 5 6 7	Ch 1, turn; hdc2tog, hdc in each st across to last 2 sts, hdc2tog	(40 hdc)
☐ **Row 8**	Ch 1, turn; hdc in each st across	(40 hdc)
☐ **Rows 9 to 12** 9 10 11 12	Repeat Rows 7 and 8, 2 more times (38, 36 hdc at the ends of the repeats)	(36 hdc)
☐ **Row 13**	Ch 1, turn; hdc2tog, hdc in each st across to last 2 sts, hdc2tog	(34 hdc)
☐ **End**	Do not fasten off.	

Front, first side of the neck

Yarn A, rose.

☐ **Foundation**	Go on from row 13 of the front. This is the right side as worn. The neck edge is at the end of the next row.	
☐ **Row 14**	Ch 1, turn; hdc in next 12 sts, leave the last 22 sts unworked	(12 hdc)
☐ **Row 15**	Ch 1, turn; hdc2tog, hdc in each st across	(11 hdc)
☐ **Row 16**	Ch 1, turn; hdc in each st across to last 2 sts, hdc2tog	(10 hdc)

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☐ **Rows 17 to 20**	Repeat Rows 15 and 16, 2 more times (8, 6 hdc at the ends of the repeats)	(6 hdc)
17 18 19 20		
☐ **Row 21**	Ch 1, turn; hdc2tog, hdc in each st across	(5 hdc)
☐ **Rows 22 to 44**	Ch 1, turn; hdc in each st across	(5 hdc)
22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31 32 33 34 35 36 37 38 39 40 41 42 43 44		
☐ **End**	The 5 sts left are the end of the strap, which goes over the shoulder to the back. Fasten off, leaving an end of about 10 in (25 cm) for sewing.	

Front, second side of the neck

Yarn A, rose.

☐ **Foundation**	Go back to row 13 of the front, with the same side facing you as for row 14 of the first side. Skip the next 10 unworked sts of row 13 for the neck and join yarn A in the next st. This is the left side as worn. The first st of row 14 goes in the joining st. The neck edge is at the beginning of that row.	
☐ **Row 14**	Ch 1; hdc in each st across	(12 hdc)
☐ **Row 15**	Ch 1, turn; hdc in each st across to last 2 sts, hdc2tog	(11 hdc)
☐ **Row 16**	Ch 1, turn; hdc2tog, hdc in each st across	(10 hdc)
☐ **Rows 17 to 20**	Repeat Rows 15 and 16, 2 more times (8, 6 hdc at the ends of the repeats)	(6 hdc)
17 18 19 20		
☐ **Row 21**	Ch 1, turn; hdc in each st across to last 2 sts, hdc2tog	(5 hdc)
☐ **Rows 22 to 44**	Ch 1, turn; hdc in each st across	(5 hdc)
22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31 32 33 34 35 36 37 38 39 40 41 42 43 44		
☐ **End**	The 5 sts left are the end of the strap, which goes over the shoulder to the back. Fasten off, leaving an end of about 10 in (25 cm) for sewing.	

Back

Yarn A, rose.

☐ **Foundation**	This is worked on the other lower body piece. With its right side facing, skip the first 12 sts of row 54 and join yarn A in the next st, st 13. The back is worked in rows on that st and the next 43 sts, sts 13 to 56; the last 12 sts of the row stay free for the underarm.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Ch 1; hdc in each st across	(44 hdc)
☐ **Rows 2 to 6**	Ch 1, turn; hdc2tog twice, hdc in each st across to last 4 sts, hdc2tog twice	(24 hdc)
2 3 4 5 6		
☐ **Rows 7 to 11**	Ch 1, turn; hdc2tog, hdc in each st across to last 2 sts, hdc2tog	(14 hdc)
7 8 9 10 11		
☐ **Row 12**	Ch 1, turn; hdc in each st across	(14 hdc)

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☐ **Rows 13 to 16** 13 14 15 16	Repeat Rows 11 and 12, 2 more times (12, 10 hdc at the ends of the repeats)	(10 hdc)
☐ **Row 17**	Ch 1, turn; hdc in each st across	(10 hdc)
☐ **End**	The 10 sts left are the top of the racer back. Fasten off.	

Neck edging

Yarn C, berry.

☐ **Foundation**	Work this at step 3 of Assembly. With the right side facing, join yarn C at the middle of the back, where the two straps meet at the top of the racer back; ch 1, along the 31 row ends of the left side of the neck, down from the seam to the front work [sc in the end of each of the next 5 rows, 2 sc in the end of the next row] 3 times, sc in the end of each of the next 5 rows, sc in the end of the next row, [sc in the end of the next row, 2 sc in the end of the next row] 3 times, sc in the end of the next row: 37 sc, sc in each of the 10 sts left at the front, along the 31 row ends of the right side of the neck, up to the seam work sc in the end of the next row, [sc in the end of the next row, 2 sc in the end of the next row] 3 times, sc in the end of the next row, [sc in the end of each of the next 5 rows, 2 sc in the end of the next row] 3 times, sc in the end of each of the next 5 rows: 37 sc (84 sc); join with sl st in first sc. This is rnd 1.	
☐ **Rnd 2**	Ch 1; sc2tog, sc in each st around to last 2 sts, sc2tog; join with sl st in first sc2tog	(82 sc)
☐ **End**	The two decreases of rnd 2 meet at the middle of the back, so that the edging lies flat between the straps. Fasten off.	

Left armhole edging

Yarn C, berry.

☐ **Foundation**	Work this at step 4 of Assembly. With the right side facing, join yarn C in the first of the 12 free sts of the back at the left underarm (as worn), next to the row ends of the back; ch 1, sc in each of these 12 sts and in each of the 6 free sts of the front, along the 44 row ends of the front and its strap up to the seam work sc in the end of the next row, 2 sc in the end of each of the next 2 rows, [sc in the end of the next row, 2 sc in the end of the next row] twice, [sc in the end of each of the next 5 rows, 2 sc in the end of the next row] 6 times, sc in the end of the next row: 54 sc, along the 17 row ends of the back down to the underarm work sc in the end of each of the next 5 rows, 2 sc in the end of the next row, sc in the end of the next row, [sc in the end of the next row, 2 sc in the end of the next row] twice, 2 sc in the end of each of the next 5 rows, sc in the end of the next row: 25 sc (97 sc); join with sl st in first sc. This is rnd 1.	
☐ **Rnd 2**	Ch 1; sc in each st around; join with sl st in first sc	(97 sc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off.	

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Right armhole edging

Yarn C, berry.

☐ **Foundation**	Work this at step 4 of Assembly. With the right side facing, join yarn C in the first of the 6 free sts of the front at the right underarm (as worn), next to the row ends of the front; ch 1, sc in each of these 6 sts and in each of the 12 free sts of the back, along the 17 row ends of the back up to the seam work sc in the end of the next row, 2 sc in the end of each of the next 5 rows, [sc in the end of the next row, 2 sc in the end of the next row] twice, sc in the end of each of the next 5 rows, 2 sc in the end of the next row, sc in the end of the next row: 25 sc, along the 44 row ends of the strap and the front down to the underarm work [sc in the end of each of the next 5 rows, 2 sc in the end of the next row] 6 times, sc in the end of the next row, [sc in the end of the next row, 2 sc in the end of the next row] twice, 2 sc in the end of each of the next 2 rows, sc in the end of the next row: 54 sc (97 sc); join with sl st in first sc. This is rnd 1.	
☐ **Rnd 2**	Ch 1; sc in each st around; join with sl st in first sc	(97 sc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off.	

Assembly

1. Side seams: lay the two lower body pieces together with right sides together, the rib at the bottom. With yarn A, sew the two side edges from the foundation chain up to row 54, the end of each row of one piece to the end of the same row of the other, so that the stripes meet.

2. Straps: the last row of the back has 10 sts. With right sides together, and with the end of yarn A left at each strap, sew the 5 sts of the last row of the left strap to the 5 sts at the left-hand end of it (as worn), and the 5 sts of the last row of the right strap to the 5 sts at the right-hand end. Do not twist the straps: the neck edges of both straps meet at the middle of the back, the armhole edges lie at the two outer ends.

3. Neck edging: work it now, as written above.

4. Left armhole edging and right armhole edging: work them now, as written above.

Finishing

- Weave in all the ends. Wash as the yarn label says and lay flat to the measurements to dry.

In all: 2 pieces.

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