Classic-body shaping lines

Double-taper shaping lines

A double-tapered body follows the curves of the hips, waist, and bust.

Conversion of Measurements to Numbers of Stitches and Rows

WIDTHS

Number of stitches in hip width (hip width × body stitch gauge + 2 selvedge stitches)

18¼" (46.5 cm) × 4.34 stitches/inch + 2 selvedge stitches = 81.2 stitches; round down to nearest odd number = 81 stitches

Number of stitches in waist width (waist width × body stitch gauge + 2 selvedge stitches)

15¼" (38.5 cm) × 4.34 stitches/inch + 2 selvedge stitches = 68.2 stitches; round up to nearest odd number = 69 stitches

Number of stitches in bust width (bust width × body stitch gauge + 2 selvedge stitches)

17" (43 cm) × 4.34 stitches/inch + 2 selvedge stitches = 75.78 stitches; round down to the nearest odd number = 75 stitches

Number of stitches in cross-back (cross-back width × body stitch gauge + 2 selvedge stitches)

14½" (37 cm) × 4.34 stitches/inch + 2 selvedge stitches = 64.93 stitches; round up to nearest odd number = 65 stitches

Number of stitches in neck width (neck width × body stitch gauge)

7½" (19 cm) × 4.34 stitches/inch = 32.55 stitches; round up to nearest odd number = 33 stitches

Number of stitches in each shoulder (shoulder width × body stitch gauge + 1 selvedge stitch)

3½" (9 cm) × 4.34 stitches/inch + 1 selvedge stitch = 16.19 stitches; round down to nearest even number = 16 stitches

LENGTHS

Number of rows from beginning to beginning of waist (length × body row gauge)

5½" (14 cm) × 5.64 rows/inch = 31.02 rows; round up to nearest even number = 32 rows

Number of rows in waist (length × body row gauge)

1½" (3.8 cm) × 5.64 rows/inch = 8.46 rows; round down to nearest even number = 8 rows

Number of rows from top of waist to beginning of armhole (length × body row gauge)

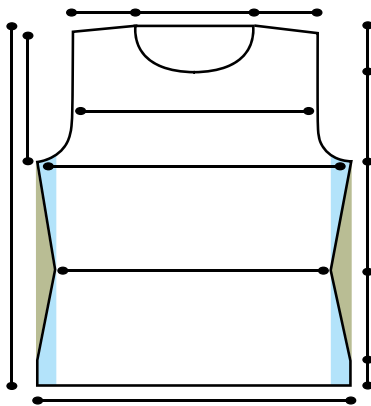6½" (16.5 cm) × 5.64 rows/inch = 36.66 rows; round down to nearest even number = 36 rows

Number of rows from beginning of armhole to beginning of neck (length × body row gauge)

4" (10 cm) × 5.64 rows/inch = 22.56 rows; round down to nearest even number = 22 rows

Number of rows from beginning of neck to top of shoulders (length × body row gauge)

3" (7.5 cm) × 5.64 rows/inch = 16.92 rows; round up to next even number = 18 rows

✳ *tip*   If there is an odd number of stitches for the hips, there must also be an odd number of stitches for the waist and vice versa.