

STRAWBERRY



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Hand knit halter top
eBook





For Strawberry fans. This hand knitted top is so yummy and fun! Made in Apron style, this halter is so easy adjustable and can be worn as a top or paired with matching top or blouse.

SKILL LEVEL



SIZES

2/3, 4/5, 6/7 years

MATERIALS

- Katia Bamboo (60% bamboo, 40% cotton/50 g(1.75oz)/109yd) or Tahki Cotton Classic (100% cotton/50 g/108 yd) or ANY other cotton or blend yarn about the same yardage in red – 1- 1 1/2 balls and apple green – 1/3 ball.
- Small amount of baby sport yarn in white and lime for contrasting rows.
- About 50-60 yellow 5mm Opaque pony beads
- 2 - 3/8" satin red/white gingham ribbons, each 35" long.
- 3 daisy appliqué flowers and 3D pink strawberry pin (optional).

Knitting needles: 3 3/4 mm (US size #3)

Crochet hooks: C-2/2.75MM;
B-1/2.25MM; an extremely fine crochet hook for beaded stitches.

GAUGE

approx. 21 sts x 30 rows = 4" x 4"

TENSION

Be sure to check your tension before starting to knit - if tension is too tight, change to large needles; if it is too loose, change to smaller needles.

KNIT WITH BEADS

The tutorial for String-as-You-Go technique (recommended) is available on p.5. More info for "knit with beads" techniques is available on p.6.

Crab st

(backward single crochet): Work 1 row sc from left to right, instead of from right to left (as in single crochet).

Picot edging

Row 1: sc, *ch 1, picot (ch 3, sc in the 1st ch), ch 1, skip 2 sts, sc* rep from *to* across.

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KNITTING TOP

- Work as one piece. With needles size #3 and red yarn CO 13 sts, Mark 7th st and work in st st, inc **at the beg of every row** (see schematic on p. 5): 3/3/3 sts (5 times) = 43/43/43 sts, 5/5/5 sts (3 times) = 73/73/73 sts and one time 15/15/21 sts = 103/103/115 sts.

NOTE: Step by step instruction how to inc sts by loop-cast-on method available on p. 7.

At the same time when work 11th row (= 43 sts), make a first beaded st (see tutorial on p. 6) in 21th marked middle st.

- Continue work beaded stitches as foll (see diagram on p. 6):

Rows 1-10: work in st st across.

Row 11: K2, *Beaded st, K11* repeat from * to* 8/8/9 more times, Beaded st, K2.

Rows 12-20: work in st st.

Row 21: K8, *Beaded st, K11* repeat from * to* 7/7/8 more times, Beaded st, K8.

Row 22: P across.

- Repeat Rows 1-22 until your knitting measurements 8"/9"/10 1/2 " from CO edge.

Shape bodice

- Bind off 15/15/20 sts at beg of each of the next two rows. **From the beg of every row**, dec 5 sts 2/2/2 times, 1 st 6/6/7 times, 3 sts 2/2/2 times = 29 sts.
- BO all 29 sts. Fasten off.
- Switch color to green for foliage.

Foliage (a green part)

- With WS facing and green yarn, pick up 29 sts from BO (work all sts in the front loop only).
- Work in st st pattern and inc from beginning of every row as foll: 3 sts 2 times, 1 st 6 times = 53 sts.
- For leaves mark 14th, 27th and 40th sts accordingly.

NOTE: Make one leaf at a time - 4 total.

- With RS facing work on first 14 sts as foll:

Row 1: SKP, K8, K2tog, turn.

Row 2: P across, turn.

Row 3: SKP, K6, K2tog, turn.

Row 4: P across, turn.

Row 5: SKP, K4, K2tog, turn.

Row 6: P across, turn.

Row 7: SKP, K2, K2tog, turn.

Row 8: P across, turn.

Row 9: SKP, K2tog, turn.

Row 10: P all sts together. Do not fasten off.

- With C-2/2.75MM hook work ch 1, 11 sc in each st across left side of leaf until marked st. Place loop of 11th sc on left needle (count as 1th st of second leaf) work 2nd leaf on 14 sts in the same manner.
- Work the same way for 3th and 4th leaves. Do not fasten off.

MAKE UP

Finishing edge (bodice)

- With RS facing sc in right lower corner of bodice (see schematic on p. 5, point **A** for detail), sc evenly along bodice until point **B**. Do not fasten off.

Finishing edge (leaves)

- With RS facing ch 1, sc in left lower corner of bodice (see schematic on p. 5, point **C** for detail), work Picot edging (see instruction on p. 2) along every leaf. Fasten off, leaving 20" yarn tail.
- Using yarn needle and yarn tail sew the foliage to the bodice.

Finishing edge (bodice trim)

- With RS facing and B-1/2.25MM hook join lime baby sport yarn with sl st at right lower corner of bodice (see schematic on p. 5, point **A** for detail), ch 1, sc evenly along bodice until point **B** and then 1 crab st row in each st across until point **A**. Fasten off.

Finishing edge (skirt)

- With RS facing and C-2/2.75MM hook join red yarn with sl st at left corner of top of bodice (see schematic on p. 5, point **B**), ch 1, sc evenly along both sides and bottom edge until point **A**. Fasten off.
- With RS facing and B-1/2.25MM hook join

white yarn with sl st at left corner of top of bodice (see schematic on p. 5, point **B**) and work evenly along both sides and bottom edge until point **A** as foll (work all stitches in the back loop only):

Row 1: ch 3, skip 2 st, *sc, picot (ch 3, sc in the 1st ch), ch 5, skip 3 sts*, sc, ch 3 skip 2st, sc rep from *to* across. Fasten off.

- With B-1/2.25MM hook and lime baby sport ch about 10" long and sew to the bodice as shown on details pictures. Sew daisy flowers (optional). Sew ribbon straps.

Weave in all ends.

ABBREVIATIONS:

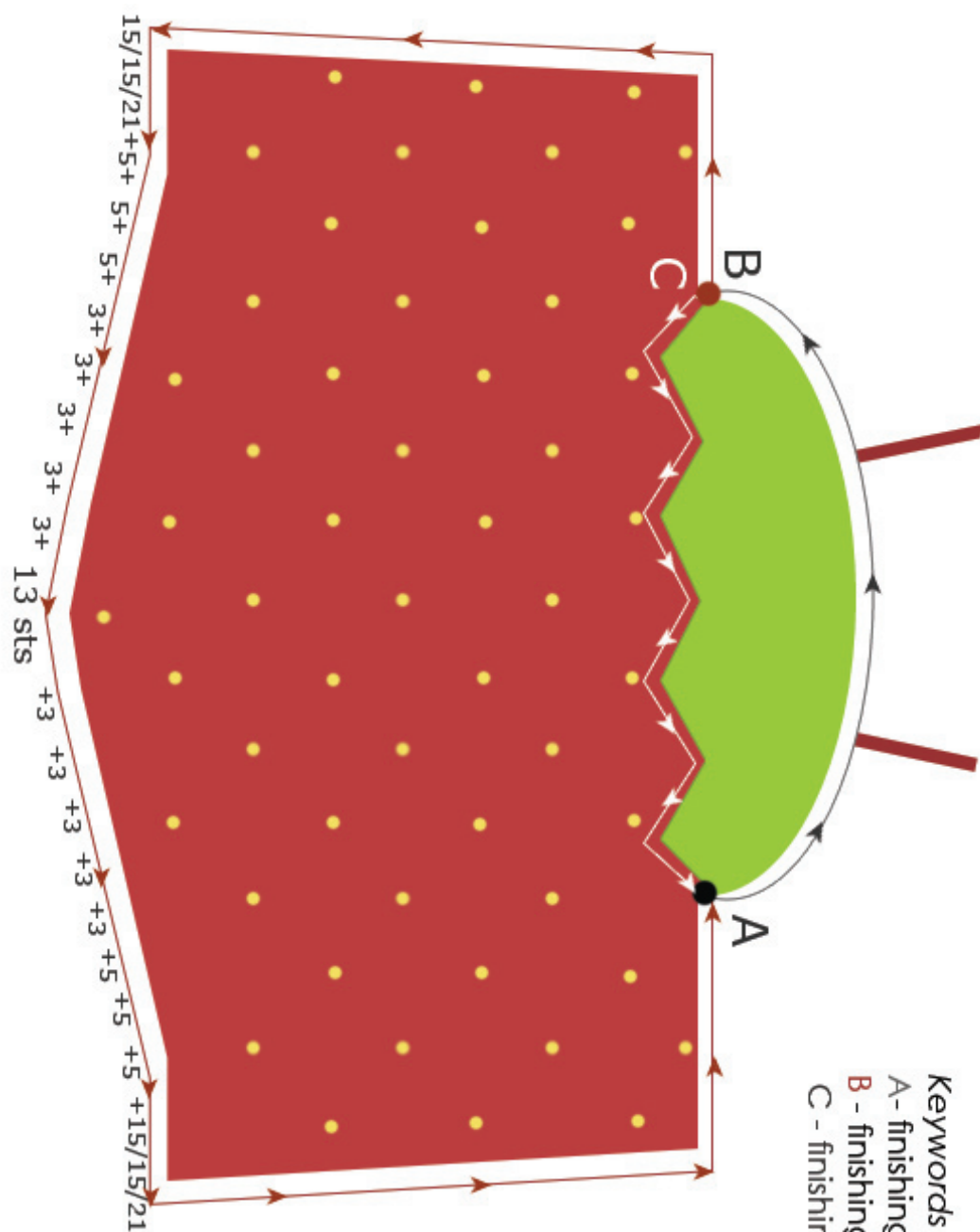
K - knit
P - purl
CO - cast on
BO - bind off
sts - stitch(es)
st st - stocking stich
RS - right side
WS - wrong side
dec - decrease
inc - increase (ing)
foll - follow(s)
2tog - knit 2 sts together
sc - single crochet
ch - chain
sl st- slip st
SKP - sl1, K1, pass slipped st over knitted st

SKILL LEVELS

● ○ ○ ○ ○ beginner	Perfect for new knitters and crocheters using basic stitches. Minimal shaping.
● ● ○ ○ ○ easy	Projects using yarn with basic stitches, repetitive stitch patterns, simple color changes, and simple shaping and finishing.
● ● ● ○ ○ intermediate	Projects using a variety of techniques, such as basic lace patterns or color patterns, mid-level shaping and finishing.
● ● ● ● ○ experienced	Projects with intricate stitch patterns, more advanced techniques, or detailed shaping.

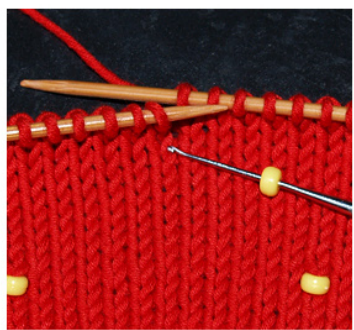
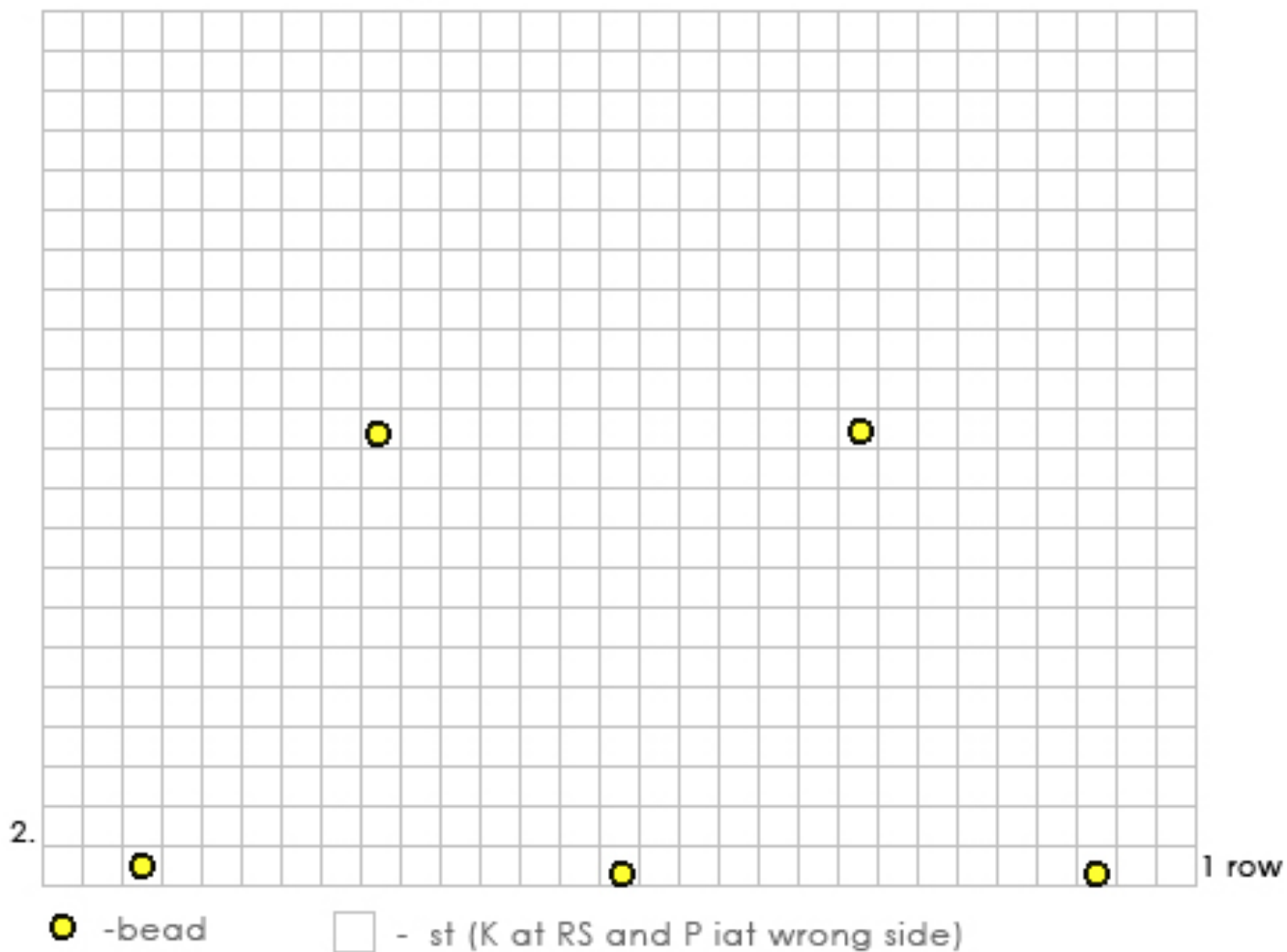


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Keywords
 A- finishing edge (bodice)
 B - finishing edge (skirt)
 C - finishing edge (leaves)

Beaded sts diagram



1. With crochet hook small enough to fit through the hole of the beads you are using, slide one bead onto it.



2. Snag the stitch in question off your left knitting needle and slide the bead down from the crochet hook deep onto the yarn loop.

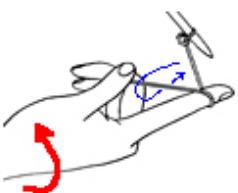


3. Place the loop back on your knitting needle.

Loop Cast-on



Put on the working yarn on your right forefinger.



Turn inside your hand and hook the yarn with the left needle as the illustration.



After the loop was made, pull off the finger.



A loop-cast-on-stitch was made. Repeat it until you required. This stitches tend to loosen when you knit on them. So, you had better keep tight the loops.

TIPS

Knit with beads



- Getting Started: Stringing Your Beads
- Before you can knit with beads, you need to get the beads onto your yarn. There are two basic ways to do this. The most common method is simply to pre-string the beads onto your yarn.

If you're using a fine yarn or small beads, you'll need to use a beading needle to string the beads onto your yarn. Beading needles are inexpensive and easily available in most craft stores.

If you have access to thin wire, you can also create one yourself. To do so, you'll need approximately six inches of very thin wire.

- Bend the wire in half, then twist the two single ends together until you reach the loop end of the wire. Keep the loop wide enough to accommodate your yarn. Voilà, instant needle!

String-as-You-Go technique

If spending 30 minutes stringing tiny beads onto yarn doesn't excite you, fear not. There is another technique that allows you to add the beads as you go.

- You'll need an extremely fine crochet hook - one so fine that the tip will fit through the hole in your bead. Knit until you reach the stitch where you'd like to add the bead.
- Pick up the crochet hook, slide one bead onto it, and use it to snag the stitch in question off your left knitting needle.

- Slide the bead down from the crochet hook deep onto the yarn loop, then place the loop back on your knitting needle.
- The bead is now in place and you can continue knitting.
- The major benefit of this technique is that your bead is held very securely. The drawback is that your bead will be positioned vertically in your work, rather than horizontally.
- Depending on the kind of bead you're using and the overall effect you're trying to achieve, this may not make much of a difference.



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