

## *Ruffled Summer Top in Adult Sizes*

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I have had a few requests to up size this pattern into an adult size.

The ideas I had for this top in toddler sizes are the same I am implementing here.

1. I wanted this top to be loose fitting and a bit stretchy (so the pattern has 2 inches of positive ease incorporated into it). So if you want it to be close fitting, go down a size.
2. I wanted this top to be very breezy.
3. I like my tops to be on the longish side.

### **Sizes available:**

32 inch chest

34 inch chest

**Gauge:** 20 sts per 4 inches

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I am not sure how much yardage will be required for the project in the adult size, but my guess will be 1000-1200 yards.

### Method:

Cast on 120 (124) sts. Place marker and join in the round

Work in 1x1 rib (ie knit1, purl1) for ~ 4 inches.

Next round, knit 2, yo to the end of the round (180, 186 sts).

Knit in stockinette stitch for ~ 2 inches.

Next round, knit 3, make1 to the end of the round (240, 248 sts).

Knit in stockinette stitch for ~ 1.5 inch.

Next round, knit 8, make 1 to the end of the round (270, 279 sts).

Knit in stockinette stitch for 1 (1.5) inches.

The yoke depth is 8.5 (9) inches in length at this point. If it is too deep or too shallow for your body, you can just decrease or increase the stockinette stitch sections.

Next round, knit 68 (72) sts, place next 67 (68) sts on hold on a scrap yarn, then cast on 16 (18) sts for the underarm. Knit next 68(73) sts, place next 67 (68) sts on hold on a scrap yarn, then cast on 16 (18) sts for the underarm. Join in the round.

You should have 168 (181) sts to work in the round.

Knit in stockinette stitch for about 8.5 (9) inches.

Next round will be the first increase round.

Knit 14 (15), make 1 to the end of the round. (12 sts increased, ie 180, 193 sts).

*Note: for size 34" knit 16, make 1, then knit 15 and make1 to the end of the round.*

Knit for 2 inches.

Next round is an increase round.

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Knit 15 (16), make 1 to the end of the round. (12 sts increased, ie 180, 193 sts).

*Note: for size 34" knit 17, make 1, then knit 16 and make 1 to the end of the round.*

Keep increasing in the following manner till desired length (about 3-4 increase rounds or 6-8 inches from the first increase round).

Next round knit into front and back of every stitch.

Knit a round.

Bind off.

#### **Sleeves:**

Pick up 67 (68) sts from the waste yarn. Then pick up additional 18 (20) sts from the cast on underarm stitches. Join in the round.

Knit 4 rnds.

Next round, knit 1, k2tog, knit to the last 3 sts before the marker, ssk, knit 1.

Knit 4 rounds.

Keep decreasing in the following manner till you have 67 (68) sts. If you want a shorter sleeve, decrease the knitting rounds between the decrease rounds.

Next round knit into front and back of every stitch.

Knit one round.

Bind off.

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