

# Kessa In Stitches

## Klisa

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*A shapely silk tank that can also be worn as a vest over a blouse. The sheen of the silk yarn brightens up this simple ensemble and the subtle variation in the somewhat solid color makes the process interesting without being too gaudy. This top is worked in one piece so there is minimal seaming.*

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## DIFFICULTY LEVEL

Advanced Beginner

## SIZE

32 [34, 38, 42] inches (shown in 32 inch)

## MATERIALS

Hipknits Aran Weight Silk [100% silk; 195yd/ 180m per 100g skein]; color: Light Purple; 2 [2, 2, 2] skeins - MC

Hipknits Aran Weight Silk [100% silk; 195yd/ 180m per 100g skein]; color: Dark Purple; 1 [2, 2, 2] skeins - CC

1 US #6/4mm circular needle of a suitable length

4 stitch markers or scrape yarn

2 stitch holders

Tapestry needle

## GAUGE

20 sts over 10 cm/ 4 inches

## PATTERN NOTES

### Rib Pattern

[K5, P1]

(decreases will be made within the ribbing)

### M1

Make 1 stitch. Pick up from previous row, twist and knit into it.

### Stripe sequence (st st)



If yarn required for next row is on the other side, simply shift the sts to the other side of the circular needle.

## **PATTERN**

### **Set up**

Using MC, cast on 67(79, 79, 91) stitches. Place stitch marker (This will be SM2). Cast on 72(72, 84, 84) stitches. Slip last stitch back onto left needle and knit last stitch and first stitch together. Place stitch marker (This will be SM1).

Work Rib pattern till change of stitch indicated.

Work to 1.5"/4cm.

### **Begin Waist Shaping**

Waist shaping is optional. If you wish to omit this step, work till 10(10, 10.5, 10.5)"/26(26, 27.5, 27.5)cm from set up and skip this section.

At 1.5"/ 4cm:

Work to SM1. Slip SM1 over. K2, K2Tog, K1, P1.

Work to SM2. Slip SM2 over. K1, K2Tog, K2, P1.

Work in pattern established until piece measures 2"/ 5cm.

At 2"/ 5cm:

Work to 6 sts before SM1. K2, K2Tog, K1, P1. Slip SM1 over. K4, P1, K1, K2Tog, K2, P1.

Work to 6 sts before SM2. K2, K2Tog, K1, P1. Slip SM2 over. K4, P1, K1, K2Tog, K2, P1.

Work in pattern established until piece measures 2.5"/ 6.5cm.

At 2.5"/ 6.5cm:

Work to 17 sts before SM1. [K2, K2Tog, K1, P1] 2 times, [K4, P1] 3 times, [K1, K2Tog, K2, P1] 2 times.

Work to 17 sts before SM2. [K2, K2Tog, K1, P1] 2 times, [K4, P1] 3 times, [K1, K2Tog, K2, P1] 2 times.

Work in pattern established until piece measures 3"/ 7.5cm.

At 3"/ 7.5cm:

Work to 21 sts before SM1. K2, K2Tog, K1, P1, [K4, P1] 7 times, K1, K2Tog, K2, P1.

Work to 21 sts before SM2. K2, K2Tog, K1, P1, [K4, P1] 7 times, K1, K2Tog, K2, P1.

Work in pattern established until piece measures 3.5"/ 9cm.

At 3.5"/ 9cm:

Work to SM1. Slip SM1 over. K1, K2Tog, K1, P1.

Work to SM2. Slip SM2 over. K1, K2Tog, K1, P1.

Work in pattern established until piece measures 4"/ 10cm.

At 4"/ 10cm:

Work to 5 sts before SM1. K1, K2Tog, K1, P1. Slip SM1 over. K3, P1, K1, K2Tog, K1, P1.

Work to 5 sts before SM2. K1, K2Tog, K1, P1. Slip SM2 over. K3, P1, K1, K2Tog, K1, P1.

Work in pattern established until piece measures 4.5"/ 12cm.

At 4.5"/ 12cm:

Work to 14 sts before SM1. [K1, K2Tog, K1, P1] 2 times, [K3, P1] 3 times, [K1, K2Tog, K1, P1] 2 times.

Work to 14 sts before SM2. [K1, K2Tog, K1, P1] 2 times, [K3, P1] 3 times, [K1, K2Tog, K1, P1] 2 times.

Work in pattern established until piece measures 5"/ 13cm.

At 5"/ 13cm:

Work to 17 sts before SM1. K1, K2Tog, K1, P1, [K3, P1] 7 times, K1, K2Tog, K1, P1.

Work to 17 sts before SM2. K1, K2Tog, K1, P1, [K3, P1] 7 times, K1, K2Tog, K1, P1.

Work in pattern established until piece measures 5.5"/ 14.5cm.

At 5.5" / 14.5cm:

Work to SM1. Slip SM1 over. K2, M1, K1, P1.

Work to SM2. Slip SM2 over. K1, M1, K2, P1.

Work in pattern established until piece measures 6" / 15.5cm.

At 6" / 15.5cm:

Work to 4 sts before SM1. K2, M1, K1, P1. Slip SM1 over. K4, P1, K1, M1, K2, P1.

Work to 4 sts before SM2. K2, M1, K1, P1. Slip SM2 over. K4, P1, K1, M1, K2, P1.

Work in pattern established until piece measures 6.5" / 17cm.

At 6.5" / 17cm:

Work to 13 sts before SM1. [K2, M1, K1, P1] 2 times, [K4, P1] 3 times, [K1, M1, K2, P1] 2 times.

Work to 13 sts before SM2. [K2, M1, K1, P1] 2 times, [K4, P1] 3 times, [K1, M1, K2, P1] 2 times.

Work in pattern established until piece measures 7" / 18cm.

At 7" / 18cm:

Work to 19 sts before SM1. K2, M1, K1, P1, [K4, P1] 7 times, K1, M1, K2, P1.

Work to 19 sts before SM2. K2, M1, K1, P1, [K4, P1] 7 times, K1, M1, K2, P1.

Work in pattern established until piece measures 7.5" / 19.5cm.

At 7.5" / 19.5cm:

Work to SM1. Slip SM1 over. K2, M1, K2, P1.

Work to SM2. Slip SM2 over. K2, M1, K2, P1.

Work in pattern established until piece measures 8" / 21cm.

At 8" / 21cm:

Work to 5 sts before SM1. K2, M1, K2, P1. Slip SM1 over. K5, P1, K2, M1, K2, P1.

Work to 5 sts before SM2. K2, M1, K2, P1. Slip SM2 over. K5, P1, K2, M1, K2, P1.

Work in pattern established until piece measures 9" / 23.5cm.

At 9" / 23.5cm:

Work to 11 sts before SM1. K2, M1, K2, P1. [K5, P1] 3 times. K2, M1, K2, P1.

Work to 11 sts before SM2. K2, M1, K2, P1. [K5, P1] 3 times. K2, M1, K2, P1.

Work in pattern established until piece measures 10 (10, 10.5, 10.5)" / 26 (26, 27.5, 27.5)cm.



### **Begin Short Row**

(RS) Work to 1 st before SM1, P1, turn, wrap yarn around st, slip st.

(WS) Work in Rib pattern to SM2. Slip SM2 over. K1, turn, wrap yarn around st, slip st and SM2.

(RS) Work in Rib pattern to 4 sts before previous turn on this side. Work 1 st, turn, wrap yarn around st, slip st.

(WS) Work in Rib pattern to 4 sts before previous turn on this side. Work 1 st, turn, wrap yarn around st, slip st.

Repeat last 2 rows until approximately 5 sts are left.

Rib pattern ends here. The rest of the tank will be worked in Stripe sequence.

(RS) Using CC knit all stitches. Knit into the 'wraps' from the short rows (sts will be created). At the last st of the first knit row, slip st, K2Tog, PSSO. This is the centre of the front of the tank (it should be where the short row ended). Turn, slip st.

(WS) Purl 1 row back to the centre. (Do not knit centre st). Turn, slip the st before the centre st.

(RS) Knit 2 rows. At the last st of the 2<sup>nd</sup> knit row, slip st, K2Tog, PSSO. Turn, slip st.

(WS) Purl 1 row back to the centre. Turn, slip the st before the centre st.

(RS) Knit 1 row. Slip centre st over. Using MC, K1, PSSO. Knit the whole row in MC. At the end of the row, pick up CC through slipped stitch and knit that together with the last st in MC.

(WS) Slip 1. Purl 1 row

(RS) Slip 1, K1, PSSO. Knit to last 2 sts, K2Tog

Repeat last 2 rows until 2.5 (2.5, 3, 3)" / 6.5 (6.5, 8, 8)cm from end of Rib pattern.

### **Left Front**

(WS) Purl to 3 sts before SM2. Turn.

(RS) Bind off 3 sts. Slip 1, K1, PSSO. Knit to last 2 sts, K2Tog.

You will be working on this portion so the other sts can go on holders A (for right front. RS facing, right side sts up to 2 sts after SM1) and holder B (for back. All remaining sts).

For all WS rows, slip 1, purl to end.

At the neck edge of all RS rows, knit last 2 sts together.

At the arm edge of all RS rows, [sl1, K1, PSSO] for 3 rows, then every other RS row for 2 rows.

Work until 10 sts are left on the needles.

(WS) Slip 1, purl to end.

(RS) Slip 1, knit to end.

Repeat last 2 rows until piece measures 10 (10, 10.5, 10.5)" / 26 (26, 27.5, 27.5)cm from end of Rib pattern. Place rem sts on holder C.

## **Right Front**

Transfer sts from holder A to needle.  
(WS) Bind off 3 sts. Purl to end.  
(RS) Slip 1, K1, PSSO. Knit to last 2 sts, K2Tog.

For all WS rows, slip 1, purl to last st, turn.

At the neck edge of all RS rows, K1, PSSO.  
At the arm edge of all RS rows, K2Tog for 3 rows, then every other RS row for 2 rows.

Work until 10 sts are left on the needles.

(WS) Slip 1, purl to end.  
(RS) Slip 1, knit to end.

Repeat last 2 rows until piece measures 10 (10, 10.5, 10.5)'' / 26 (26, 27.5, 27.5)cm from end of Rib pattern. Place rem sts on holder A.

## **Back**

Transfer sts from holder B to needle.  
With RS facing, bind off 2 sts. Knit to end. Turn. Bind off 2 sts, Purl to end.  
(RS) Slip 1, K1, PSSO, knit to last 2 sts, K2Tog.  
(WS) Slip 1, purl to end.  
(RS) Slip 1, K1, PSSO, knit to last 2 sts, K2Tog.  
(WS) Slip 1, purl to end.

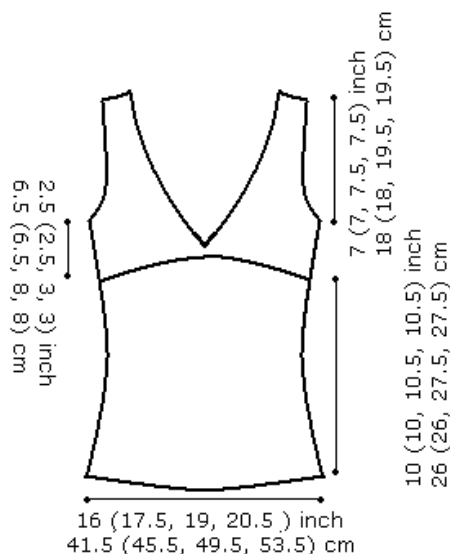
Knit the next row to the centre, place knitted sts on holder B. Bind off 1 st. Knit to the end.

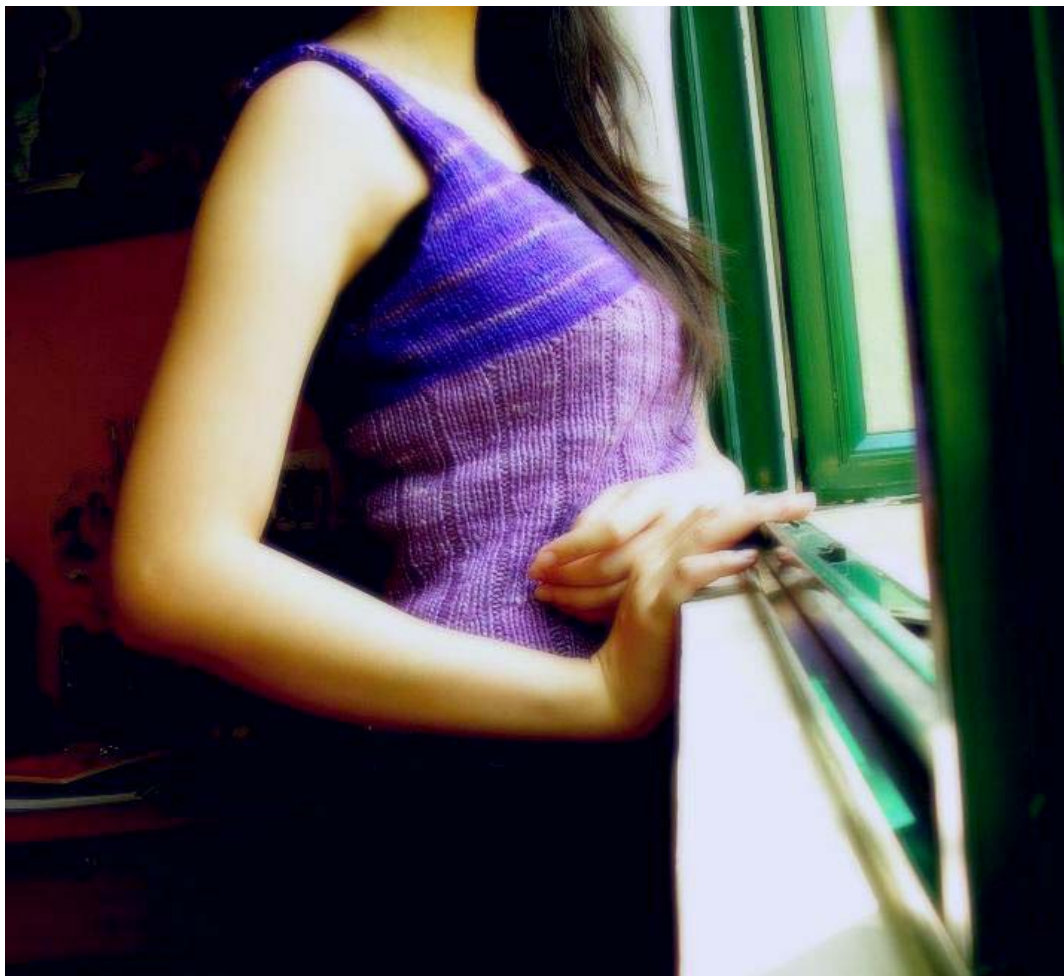
(WS) Slip 1, purl to end.  
(RS) Slip 1, K1, PSSO. Knit to end.  
Repeat last 2 rows until 10 sts are left on the needle.  
(WS) Slip 1, purl to end.  
(RS) Slip 1, knit to end.  
Repeat last 2 rows until piece measures 10 (10, 10.5, 10.5)'' / 26 (26, 27.5, 27.5)cm from end of Rib pattern. Transfer to holder D

Transfer sts on holder C to needle  
(WS) Slip 1, purl to end.  
(RS) Slip 1, knit to last 2 sts, K2Tog.  
Repeat last 2 rows until 10 sts are left on the needle.  
(WS) Slip 1, purl to end.  
(RS) Slip 1, knit to end.  
Repeat last 2 rows until piece measures 10 (10, 10.5, 10.5)'' / 26 (26, 27.5, 27.5)cm from end of Rib pattern. Transfer to holder C.

## **Finishing**

Graft sts from holder A to holder C, and sts from holder B to holder D. Weave in all ends.





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