

Fabrics:

Cotton knits and cotton blend knits

## Yardage:

 $\frac{3}{4}$  yard of print or solid interlock, ribbed knit or jersey for body of tees ribbing (cotton/lycra or cotton/spandex) or interlock for neckline and trim (Note: Ribbing or interlock are the best choices for the neckline and trim. Jerseys will not have enough stretch, and 100% cotton ribbed knits will lose their shape and sag after being pulled on.)

## Approximate Finished Measurements:

Chest: Measured from underarm seam to opposite underarm seam Length: Measured from the top of the neckband to the hem

Sleeve: Measured from the underarm seam to the tip of the hem at

wrist

12 Months Chest: 10 1/4" Length: 11" 18 Months Chest: 11" Length: 12" 24 Months/2T Chest: 12" Length: 13"

3T Chest: 13" Length:  $13\frac{1}{2}$ "
4T Chest: 14" Length: 14"
5T Chest: 15" Length: 15"

Note: The stretch in knit fabrics makes it easy to get a custom fit perfect for your child by combining cut lines. For example, for slimmer children, you may get a nicer fit by using a smaller pattern size through the body than the ready-to-wear size you normally purchase and cutting the length of the body, sleeves and pants legs to the next larger size.

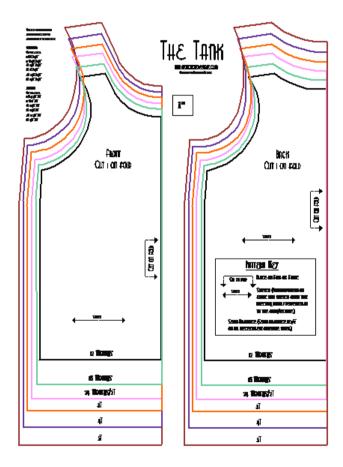


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Prepare your pdf pattern. Before printing the pattern pieces, check your printing options to be sure that "rotate and center" is selected and sizing options such as "fit to page" are **not** selected.

Each page is marked with a row number and a column number to help with lining up the pages. All pages will overlap 1" on each side.

When properly pieced, your completed pattern should look like this graphic:



Begin by cutting out your pattern pieces.





Hem: When sewing knit tops, I prefer to hem before sewing or serging. You can choose to hem now or hem as your final step. When hemming knits, I like to use spray starch and iron the hem before sewing. The hem allowance is one inch. You can serge the edge

and fold up  $\frac{3}{4}$ " or fold over  $\frac{1}{4}$ " and then  $\frac{3}{4}$ ", iron and hem the bottom edge of both front and back.

Pin front of shirt to back of shirt right sides facing at the shoulders and sew or serge using a  $\frac{1}{2}$ " seam allowance or  $\frac{1}{4}$ " cutting allowance for 4-thread serging.



Fold each arm trim piece in half and match up long edges. Press. With right sides of both front and back body pieces facing up, pin trim along shoulder curve with all raw edges matched up. Line up centers first, then edges and stretch trim to ease into place. Pin evenly.



Stretch trim slightly to lie flat against arm opening while you sew or serge it on using a 3/8" seam allowance or 1/8" cutting allowance for 4-thread serging.



Topstitch arm trim 1/8" from edge.



Fold neck band in half the long way with right sides facing and sew or serge the short edge. Turn right side out and flip in half the long way.



With top inside out, pin band inside neckline, lining up seam with the middle of the back of neck.



Stitch the neckband on using a 3/8" seam allowance or cutting off 1/8" while serging. Stretch neckband slightly as you go to fit into neckline.

Turn top right side out and top-stitch around the neckband approximately 1/8" from the edge.



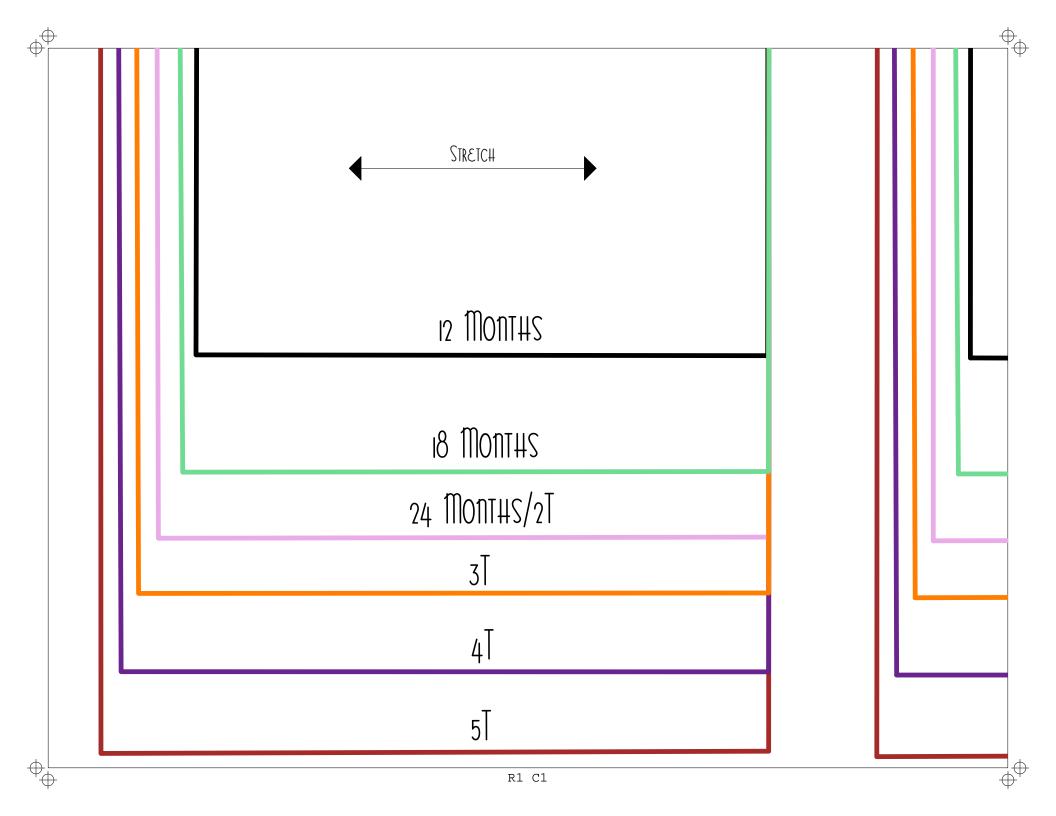
Flip body pieces so that right sides are facing and line up edges. Pin, lining up bottom edge and underarm seam.



Sew or serge using a  $\frac{1}{2}$ " seam allowance or  $\frac{1}{4}$ " cutting allowance for 4-thread serging from the bottom hem to the underarm. Backstitch at each end or tie off serging.

Enjoy your finished top!





FABRIC WITH STRETCH GOING THIS DIRECTION, USUALLY PERPENDICULAR TO THE GRAIN/SELVAGE.)

SEAM ALLOWANCE (SEAM ALLOWANCE IS 1/2" ON ALL PIECES UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED.)

12 MONTHS

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24 MONTHS/2T

3T

4

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