Sand & Sky Tank
Designed by Rachel Brockman

SIZES
Extra Small (Small, Medium, Large, 1X, 2X, 3X, 4X, 5X)
Shown in Small size with 3½" positive ease.

FINISHED MEASUREMENTS
Bust: 31 (35½, 39, 43, 46¾, 51, 54¾, 59, 63)"
Length: 22 (22½, 23, 24, 24½, 25, 26, 26½, 27)"

MATERIALS
Universal Yarn *Bamboo Pop Sock* (55% bamboo, 37% cotton, 8% pbt; 100g/492 yds)

- 501 Waves (A) – 1 (1, 1, 1, 2, 2, 2, 2, 2) balls
- 504 Corals (B) – 1 (1, 1, 1, 2, 2, 2, 2, 2) balls

Needles: US Size 4 (3.5 mm) 24-32" circular
US Size 3 (3.25 mm) 24-32" circular, 16" circular, and set of dpns *or size needed to obtain gauge*
Notions: Stitch markers, tapestry needle, stitch holders or waste yarn

GAUGE
25 sts x 33 rnds = 4" in St st
Save time, check your gauge.

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PATTERN NOTES
Sand & Sky is the perfect tank for beating the heat whether you're enjoying a day at the beach or exploring the desert. The A-line shape and drape of Bamboo Pop Sock add to the comfort of this piece. This top alternates stripes of self-shading Bamboo Pop Sock and the results are so fun. Choose your favorite colors and cast on!

This top is knit in the round from the bottom up. The front and back are separated at the underarms and worked flat. The shoulders are joined with a three-needle bind-off. Stitches are picked up around the neck and armholes for a ribbed edging.

When working in Stripes sections, do not break yarn at the end of each stripe. Instead, carry the yarn up the inside of the work and twist the strands of yarn around one another every color change to prevent holes.

STITCH GUIDE
Garter Rib
(even number of sts)
Rnd 1: Knit.
Rnd 2: * K1, p1; rep from * to end.
Rep Rnds 1-2 for patt.

Stripe Sequence
(any number of sts, worked in the rnd)
Rnds 1-4: With B, knit.
Rnds 5-8: With A, knit.
Rep Rnds 1-8 for patt.

Stripe Sequence
(any number of sts, worked flat)
Row 1 (RS): With B, knit.
Row 2 (WS): With B, purl.
Rows 3-4: Rep Rows 1-2.
Row 5: With A, knit.
Row 6: With A, purl.
Rows 7-8: Rep Rows 1-2.
Rep Rows 1-8 for patt.

TANK
Hem
With smaller 24-32" circ ndl and Color A, cast on 206 (234, 256, 280, 304, 330, 354, 380, 406) sts. PM and join to knit in the rnd, being careful not to twist. Work in Garter Rib until piece meas ¾" from cast-on edge.
Change to larger ndl. Join Color B, do not break Color A.
Establish Pattern
Work Rnds 1-8 of Stripe Sequence.
Cont even as est'd until piece meas 3" from cast-on edge.

Shape Waist
Note: Continue Stripe Sequence throughout waist shaping.
Set-up Rnd: K103 (117, 128, 140, 152, 165, 177, 190, 203) sts, pm, knit to end.
Rnds 1-14: Cont as est'd to end.
Rnd 15 (Dec Rnd): Knit to 2 sts bef m, k2tog, sl m, knit to last 2 sts, ssk – 2 sts dec'd, 204 (232, 254, 278, 302, 328, 352, 378, 404) sts rem.
Rep Rnds 1-15, 5 more times – 10 sts dec'd, 194 (222, 244, 268, 292, 318, 342, 368, 394) sts rem.
Cont even as est'd until piece meas 15 (15, 15, 15½, 15½, 15½, 16, 16, 16)" from cast-on edge.

Separate Front and Back
Note: After the Separation Round you will begin working flat. Continue Stripe Sequence as established throughout Front and Back.
Next Rnd: Cont as est'd to last 4 (5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12) sts.
Separation Rnd: Bind off 4 (5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12) sts, remove bor m, bind off 4 (5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12) sts, k89 (101, 110, 120, 130, 141, 151, 162, 173) Front sts, bind off 8 (10, 12, 14, 16, 18, 20, 22, 24) sts removing marker as you come to it, k89 (101, 110, 120, 130, 141, 151, 162, 173) Back sts, turn work. 89 (101, 110, 120, 130, 141, 151, 162, 173) rem for each Front and Back. Place Front sts on holder or waste yarn.

Back

Shape Armholes

Bind off 3 sts at the beg of the next 2 rows, then bind off 2 sts at the beg of the foll 2 rows – 79 (91, 100, 110, 120, 131, 141, 152, 163) sts rem.

Dec Row (WS): P1, p2tog, purl to last 3 sts, ssp, p1 – 2 sts dec'd, 77 (89, 98, 108, 118, 129, 139, 150, 161) sts rem.

Dec Row (RS): K1, ssk, knit to last 3 sts, k2tog, k1 – 2 sts dec'd, 75 (87, 96, 106, 116, 127, 137, 148, 159) sts rem.

Rep a Dec Row, every row, 3 (7, 9, 11, 13, 16, 21, 26, 31) more times – 69 (73, 78, 84, 90, 95, 95, 96, 97) sts rem.

Work even as est'd until piece meas 4½ (5, 5½, 6, 6½, 7, 7½, 8, 8½)" from Front/Back Separation, ending with a WS row.

Shape Neck

Set-up Row (RS): K24 (26, 28, 31, 34, 36, 36, 36, 36) Right Back sts, bind off 21 (21, 22, 22, 22, 23, 23, 24, 25) Back Neck sts, k24 (26, 28, 31, 34, 36, 36, 36, 36) Left Back sts. Place Right Back sts on holder or waste yarn.

Left Back

Row 1 (WS): Purl.

Row 2 (RS): Bind off 4, cont as est'd to end – 20 (22, 24, 27, 30, 32, 32, 32, 32) sts rem.

Row 3: Purl.

Row 4: Bind off 3, cont as est'd to end – 17 (19, 21, 24, 27, 29, 29, 29, 29) sts rem.

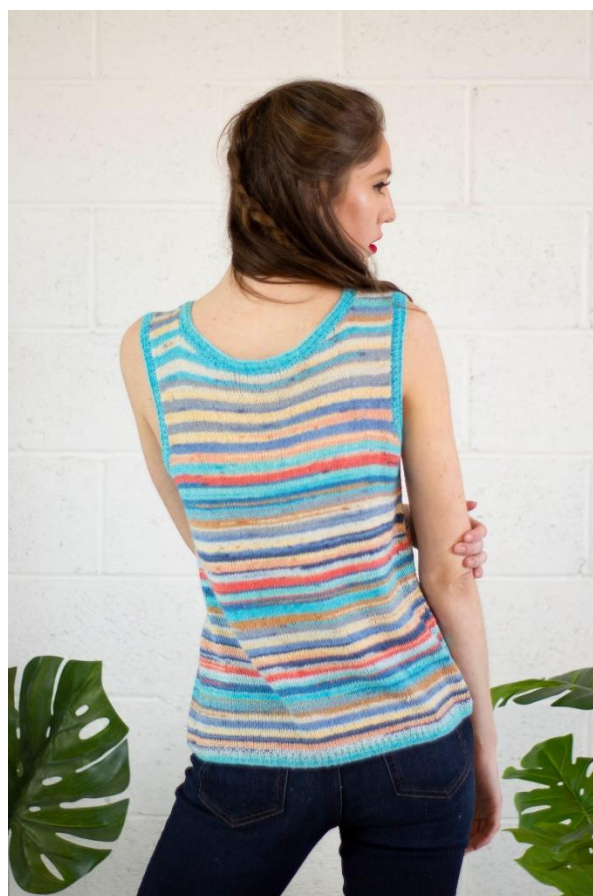**Rows 5-6:** Rep Rows 3-4 – 14 (16, 18, 21, 24, 26, 26, 26, 26) sts rem.

Row 7: Purl.

Row 8: Bind off 2, cont as est'd to end – 12 (14, 16, 19, 22, 24, 24, 24, 24) sts rem.

Row 9: Purl.

Row 10: Bind off 1, cont as est'd to end – 11 (13, 15, 18, 21, 23, 23, 23, 23) sts rem.

Cont even as est'd until piece meas 7 (7½, 8, 8½, 9, 9½, 10, 10½, 11)" from Front/Back Separation, ending with a WS row. Place Left Back sts on holder or waste yarn. Return Right Back sts to ndl.

Right Back

Row 1 (WS): Bind off 4, cont as est'd to end – 20 (22, 24, 27, 30, 32, 32, 32, 32) sts rem.

Row 2 (RS): Knit.

Row 3: Bind off 3, cont as est'd to end – 17 (19, 21, 24, 27, 29, 29, 29, 29) sts rem.

Row 4: Knit.

Rows 5-6: Rep Rows 3-4 – 14 (16, 18, 21, 24, 26, 26, 26, 26) sts rem.

Row 7: Bind off 2, cont as est'd to end – 12 (14, 16, 19, 22, 24, 24, 24, 24) sts rem.

Row 8: Knit.

Row 9: Bind off 1, cont as est'd to end – 11 (13, 15, 18, 21, 23, 23, 23, 23) sts rem.

Cont even as est'd until piece meas 7 (7½, 8, 8½, 9, 9½, 10, 10½, 11)" from Front/Back Separation, ending with a WS row. Place Left Back sts on holder or waste yarn. Return Front sts to ndl, ready to work a WS row.

Front
Shape Armholes
Bind off 3 sts at the beg of the next 2 rows, then bind off 2 sts at the beg of the foll 2 rows – 79 (91, 100, 110, 120, 131, 141, 152, 163) sts rem.
Dec Row (WS): P1, p2tog, purl to last 3 sts, ssp, p1 – 2 sts dec'd, 77 (89, 98, 108, 118, 129, 139, 150, 161) sts rem.
Dec Row (RS): K1, k2tog, knit to last 3 sts, ssk, k1 – 2 sts dec'd, 75 (87, 96, 106, 116, 127, 137, 148, 159) sts rem.
Rep a Dec Row, every row, 3 (7, 9, 11, 13, 16, 21, 26, 31) more times – 69 (73, 78, 84, 90, 95, 95, 96, 97) sts rem.
Work even as est'd until piece meas 3 (3½, 4, 4½, 5, 5½, 6, 6½, 7)" from Front/Back Separation, ending with a WS row.
Shape Neck
Set-up Row (RS): K30 (32, 34, 37, 40, 42, 42, 42, 42) Left Front sts, bind off 9 (9, 10, 10, 10, 11, 11, 12, 13) Front Neck sts, k30 (32, 34, 37, 40, 42, 42, 42, 42) Right Front sts. Place Left Front sts on holder or waste yarn.

Right Front
Row 1 (WS): Purl.
Row 2 (RS): Bind off 3, cont as est'd to end – 27 (29, 31, 34, 37, 39, 39, 39, 39) sts rem.
Rows 3-6: Rep Rows 1-2, 2 times – 21 (23, 25, 28, 31, 33, 33, 33, 33) sts rem.
Row 7: Purl.
Row 8: Bind off 2, cont as est'd to end – 19 (21, 23, 26, 29, 31, 31, 31, 31) sts rem.
Rows 9-14: Rep Rows 7-8, 3 times – 13 (15, 17, 20, 23, 25, 25, 25, 25) sts rem.
Row 15: Purl.
Row 16: Bind off 1, cont as est'd to end – 12 (14, 16, 19, 22, 24, 24, 24, 24) sts rem.
Rows 17-18: Rep Rows 15-16 – 11 (13, 15, 18, 21, 23, 23, 23, 23) sts rem.
Cont even as est'd until piece meas 7 (7½, 8, 8½, 9, 9½, 10, 10½, 11)" from Front/Back Separation, ending with a WS row. Place Right Front sts on holder or waste yarn. Return held Left Front sts to ndl.

Left Front
Row 1 (WS): Bind off 3, cont as est'd to end – 27 (29, 31, 34, 37, 39, 39, 39, 39) sts rem.
Row 2 (RS): Knit.
Rows 3-6: Rep Rows 1-2, 2 times – 21 (23, 25, 28, 31, 33, 33, 33, 33) sts rem.
Row 7: Bind off 2, cont as est'd to end – 19 (21, 23, 26, 29, 31, 31, 31, 31) sts rem.
Row 8: Knit.
Rows 9-14: Rep Rows 7-8, 3 times – 13 (15, 17, 20, 23, 25, 25, 25, 25) sts rem.
Row 15: Bind off 1, cont as est'd to end – 12 (14, 16, 19, 22, 24, 24, 24, 24) sts rem.
Row 16: Knit.
Rows 17-18: Rep Rows 15-16 – 11 (13, 15, 18, 21, 23, 23, 23, 23) sts rem.
Cont even as est'd until piece meas 7 (7½, 8, 8½, 9, 9½, 10, 10½, 11)" from Front/Back Separation, ending with a WS row. Place Left Front sts on holder or waste yarn.

FINISHING
With RS facing tog, join Left Front and Left Back shoulder sts using the three-needle bind-off. Rep for Right Front and Right Back sts.
Gently wash and block to finished to measurements. Weave in ends.
Neck Edge
With Color A, RS facing, and smaller 16" circ, beg at Right shoulder. Pick up and knit 63 (63, 64, 64, 64, 65, 65, 66, 67) sts evenly along Back Neck, pick up 71 (71, 72, 72, 72, 73, 73, 74, 75) sts evenly along Front Neck – 134 (134, 136, 136, 136, 138, 138, 140, 142) sts.
PM and join in the rnd. Work in Garter Rib until piece meas ¾" from picked up edge, ending with Rnd 1 of patt. Bind off all sts kwise.
Armhole Edge
With Color A, RS facing, and smaller dpns, beg at center of underarm. Pick up and knit 102 (110, 118, 128, 136, 144, 152, 160, 168) sts evenly along Armholes. PM and join in the rnd. Work in Garter Rib until piece meas ¾" from picked-up edge, ending with Rnd 1 of patt. Bind off all sts kwise. Weave in rem ends.

Abbreviations

bef	before
beg	begin(ning)
bor	beginning of round
circ	circular
cont	continue
dec('d)	decrease(d)
dpn(s)	double pointed needle(s)
est'd	established
foll	follow
k	knit
k2tog	knit 2 stitches together (1 st dec'd)
kwise	knitwise
m	marker
meas	measures
ndl	needle
p	purl
p2tog	purl 2 sts together (1 st dec'd)
patt	pattern
pm	place marker
rem	remain(ing)
rep	repeat
rnd	round
RS	right side
sl	slip
ssk	slip next 2 sts individually knitwise, slip them back to left needle in this position, knit them together through the back loops (1 st dec'd)
ssp	slip next 2 sts individually knitwise, slip them back to left needle in this position, purl them together through the back loops (1 st dec'd)
St st	Stockinette stitch (knit on RS rows, purl on WS rows; in the rnd, knit every rnd)
st(s)	stitch(es)
tog	together
WS	wrong side

1¾ (2, 2½, 3,
3½, 3¾, 3¾, 3¾, 3¾)"

7½ (7½, 7½, 7½,
7½, 7¾, 7¾, 8, 8)"

7 (7½, 8, 8½,
9, 9½, 10, 10½, 11)"

31 (35½, 39, 43,
46¾, 51, 54¾, 59, 63)"

15 (15, 15, 15½,
15½, 15½, 16, 16, 16)"

33 (37½, 41, 44¾,
48½, 52¾, 56½, 60¾, 65)"