

Armitage  
Fade



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# ARMITAGE FADE

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*This wide and flowy top features deep arm holes and a subtle fade for a fun summer look. Knit from the bottom up and using larger needles, this top is an ideal layering garment and knits up quick for a fast and easy project. This pattern was included as a free pattern from Firefly Fiber Arts Studio as part of the 2020 Chicago Yarn Crawl.*

## MEASUREMENTS AND SIZING

Sizes: 1 (2, 3, 4) [5, 6, 7] {8, 9, 10}  
Bust Measurements: 32" (36", 40", 44")  
[48", 52", 56"] {60", 64", 68"}

This garment is intended to be worn with 3–5" of positive ease.

## YARN

The Wandering Flock, Merino Fingering Base, 415yd/100g

- C1: Lavender Highlights, 1 skein
- C2: Cosmic Tie-Dye, 1 Skein
- C3: Ombre Skies, 1 Skein

## NEEDLES AND NOTIONS

Size 6 US/4 mm needles with 32" cable  
Stitch marker  
Tapestry needle

## GAUGE

20st x 26rows = 4in x 4 in/10 cm x 10 cm

## PATTERN NOTES

- ▶ You should be familiar with the following skills: stockinette in the round and flat, knit, purl, decreasing, knitting i-cord and kitchener stitch



- ▶ This top is intended to be worn loose and slightly cropped. It can easily be extended or shortened, although your yarn requirements will change.
- ▶ This top features a rolled hem. If you want a more stable hem, you can opt to use a 1x1 ribbing at the bottom.
- ▶ The straps on this top are created by knitting an i-cord. If you are unfamiliar with this technique, here is a video reference: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=700AG7Kvbhc>

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## ABBREVIATIONS

BO - bind off  
BOR - beginning of round  
CO - cast on  
C1 - color 1  
C2 - color 2  
C3 - color 3  
k - knit  
k2tog - knit two together  
p - purl  
p2tog - purl two together  
p3tog - purl three together  
RS - right side of the work  
sl - slip stitch  
st - stitch(es)  
WS - wrong side of the work

## INSTRUCTIONS

### BODY:

Using C1, CO 160 (180, 200, 220) [240, 260, 280] {300, 320, 340} st, placing marker at BOR  
Join to work in the round, being careful not to twist stitches

Knit stockinette stitch for 3 ½ (3 ½, 4, 4) [4, 4, 4 ½] {4 ½, 4 ½, 5}”

Join C2 and knit 1 round  
Return to C1 and knit 1 round

Continue alternating between C1 and C2, knitting 1 round with each until your garment measures 6 ½ (7, 7, 7 ¼) [7 ¾, 8, 8 ¼] {8 ½, 9, 9}” from the hem

Cut C1 and continue with only C2  
Knit stockinette until piece measures 6 ¾ (7 ¼, 7 ½, 8) [8 ½, 9, 9 ½] {10, 10 ½, 10 ½}”

Note: If you would like your top to be longer, add length here, although this may affect where you will fade your colors.

Dividing for front and back:

Move the first 80 (90, 100, 110) [120, 130, 140] {150, 160, 170} st on to holder

Do not cut yarn

We will now be switching from working stockinette in the round to working stockinette flat

### BACK:

Starting with the WS:

Row 1: p3tog, p 74 (84, 94, 104) [114, 124, 134] {144, 154, 164} st, p3tog

Row 2: k2tog, k to last 3 st, k2tog, sl 1 – 72 (82, 92, 102) [112, 122, 132] *st total*

Row 3: p2tog, p to last 3 st, p2tog, sl 1 – 70 (80, 90, 100) [110, 120, 130] *st total*

Repeat Rows 2 & 3 until back measures 10 ¼ (10 ½, 11, 11 ¼) [11 ¾, 12, 12 ¾] {13, 13 ½, 14}” from hem

Join C3

Using C3:

Row 4: k2tog, k to last 3 st, k2tog, sl 1

Row 5: p2tog, p to last 3 st, p2tog, sl 1

Switch to C2

Repeat Rows 4 & 5

Switch to C3

Row 6: k to last st, sl 1

Row 7: p to last st, sl 1

Switch to C2

Row 8: k2tog, k to last st, sl 1

Row 9: p2tog, p to last st, sl 1

Repeat Rows 6 - 9 until back measures 13 ½ (14, 14, 14 ½) [15 ½, 16, 16 ½] {17, 18, 18} from hem

Switch to C3

Row 10: k to last st, sl 1

Row 11: p to last st, sl 1

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Cut C2 and continue with only C3

Row 12: k2tog, k to last st, sl 1

Row 13: p2tog, p to last st, sl 1

Row 14: k to last st, sl 1

Row 15: p to last st, sl 1

Row 16: k2tog, k to last st, sl 1

Row 17: p2tog, p to last st, sl 1

Row 18: k to last st, sl 1

Row 19: p to last st, sl 1

Row 20: k to last st, sl 1

Row 21: p to last st, sl 1

Repeat Rows 16 - 21 until back measures 16 (16 ½, 17, 17 ½) [18 ½, 19, 20] {20 ½, 21 ½, 22}” from hem

Knit 4 st, BO until 4 st remain, k to end

Move 4 st on each end to holder



FRONT:

Set up:

With RS facing, rejoin C2 at left underarm

For Size 1 only:

Row 1: k2tog, k to last st, sl 1

Row 2: p2tog, p to last st, sl 1

Row 3: k2tog, k to last st, sl 1

Row 4: p to last st, sl 1

Row 5: k to last 3 st, k2tog, sl 1

Row 6: p to last 3 st, p2tog, sl 1

Row 7: k to last 3 st, k2tog, sl 1

Row 8: Repeat Row 4

Repeat Rows 1 - 8

Repeat Rows 1 - 4

Join C3

Using C3:

Repeat Rows 5 & 6

Switch to C2

Repeat Rows 7 & 8 – 62 st total

NECK SHAPING:

We will now be splitting the front into two sections. The left and right fronts are worked separately as follows:

LEFT SIDE:

Switch to C3

Row 1: k2tog, k 28, sl 1, turn to work WS row

Row 2: p2tog, p to last st, sl 1

Switch to C2

Row 3: k2tog, k to 1 st before gap, sl 1

Row 4: p to last st, sl 1

Switch to C3

Row 5: k to last 3 st before gap, k2tog, sl 1

Row 6: p to last 3 st, p2tog sl 1

Switch to C2

Row 7: k to 3 st before gap, k2tog, sl 1

Row 8: Repeat Row 4

Switch to C3

Row 9: k2tog, k to last st, sl 1

Repeat Rows 2 - 8



# ARMITAGE FADE

Cut C2 and continue with only C3

Row 10: k2tog, k to last st, sl 1

Row 11: p2tog, p to last st, sl 1

Row 12: k2tog, k to last st, sl 1

Row 13: p to last st, sl 1

Row 14: k to last 3 st, k2tog, sl 1

Row 15: p to last 3 st, p2tog, sl 1

Row 16: k to last 3 st, k2tog, sl 1

Row 17: Repeat Row 13

Repeat Rows 10 - 17 until 10 st remain, ending with Row 12

k3tog tbl, k2tog tbl, k2tog, k3tog

Knit 4 strand i-cord until the strap measures 4 ½"

Cut C3 leaving a long tail to graft to back

Place remaining 4 st onto holder

**RIGHT SIDE:**

With RS facing, rejoin C3 at center front ready to work a knit row

Row 1: k2tog, k to last st, sl 1

Row 2: p2tog, p to last st, sl 1

Join C2

Using C2:

Row 3: k2tog, k to last st, sl 1

Row 4: p to last st, sl 1

Switch to C3

Row 5: k to last 3 st, k2tog sl 1

Row 6: p to last 3 st, p2tog, sl 1

Switch to C2

Row 7: k to last 3 st, k2tog sl 1

Row 8: Repeat Row 4

Switch to C3

Repeat Rows 1 - 8

Cut C2 and continue with only C3

Row 9: k2tog, k to last st, sl 1

Row 10: p2tog, p to last st, sl 1

Row 11: k2tog, k to last st, sl 1

Row 12: p to last st, sl 1

Row 13: k to last 3 st, k2tog, sl 1

Row 14: p to last 3 st, p2tog, sl 1

Row 15: k to last 3 st, k2tog, sl 1

Row 16: Repeat Row 12

Repeat Rows 9 - 16 until 10 st remain, ending with Row 11

K3tog tbl, k2tog tbl, k2tog, k3tog

Knit 4 strand i-cord until the strap measures 4 ½"

Cut C3 leaving long tail

Move 4 st to holder

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**For Size 2 only:**

Row 1: k2tog, k to last st, sl 1

Row 2: p2tog, p to last st, sl 1

Row 3: k2tog, k to last st, sl 1

Row 4: p to last st, sl 1

Row 5: k to last 3 st, k2tog, sl 1

Row 6: p to last 3 st, p2tog, sl 1

Row 7: k to last 3 st, k2tog, sl 1

Row 8: Repeat Row 4

Repeat Rows 1 - 8

Repeat Rows 1 - 4

Join C3

Using C3:

Repeat Rows 5 & 6

Switch to C2

Repeat Rows 7 & 8

Switch to C3

Repeat Rows 1 & 2 - 70 st total

**NECK SHAPING:**

We will now be splitting the front into two sections. The left and right fronts are worked separately as follows:

**LEFT SIDE:**

Switch to C2

Row 1: k2tog, k 32, sl 1, turn to work WS row

Row 2: p to last st, sl 1

Switch to C3

Row 3: k to 3 st before gap, k2tog, sl 1

Row 4: p to 3 st before gap, p2tog, sl 1

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Switch to C2

Row 5: k to 3 st before gap, k2tog, sl 1

Row 6: Repeat Row 2

Switch to C3

Row 7: k2tog, k to 1 st before gap, sl 1

Row 8: p2tog, p to last st, sl 1

Switch to C2

Row 9: k2tog, k to last st, sl 1

Repeat Rows 2 - 8

Cut C2 and continue with only C3

Row 10: p to last st, sl 1

Row 11: k to 3 st before gap, k2tog, sl 1

Row 12: p to 3 st before gap, p2tog, sl 1

Row 13: k to 3 st before gap, k2tog, sl 1

Row 14: Repeat Row 10

Row 15: k2tog, k to 1 st before gap, sl 1

Row 16: p2tog, p to last st, sl 1

Row 17: k2tog, k to last st, sl 1

Repeat Rows 10 - 17 until 10 st remain, ending with Row 11

K3tog tbl, k2tog tbl, k2tog, k3tog

Knit 4 strand i-cord until the strap measures 4 ½"

Cut C3 leaving a long tail to graft to back

Place remaining 4 st onto holder

**RIGHT SIDE:**

With RS facing, rejoin C2 at center front ready to work a knit row

Row 1: k2tog, k to last st, sl 1

Row 2: p to last st, sl 1

Join C3

Using C3:

Row 3: k to last 3 st, k2tog, sl 1

Row 4: p to last 3 st, p2tog, sl 1

Switch to C2

Row 5: k to last 3 st, k2tog, sl 1

Row 6: Repeat Row 2

Switch to C3

Row 7: k2tog, k to last st, sl 1

Row 8: p2tog, p to last st, sl 1

Switch to C2

Repeat Rows 1 - 8

Cut C2 and continue with only C3

Row 9: k2tog, k to last st, sl 1

Row 10: p to last st, sl 1

Row 11: k to last 3 st, k2tog, sl 1

Row 12: p to last 3 st, p2tog, sl 1

Row 13: k to last 3 st, k2tog, sl 1

Row 14: Repeat Row 10

Row 15: k2tog, k to last st, sl 1

Row 16: p2tog, p to last st, sl 1

Repeat Rows 9 - 16 until 10 st remain, ending with Row 9

K3tog tbl, k2tog tbl, k2tog, k3tog

Knit 4 strand i-cord until the strap measures 4 ½"

Cut C3 leaving long tail

Move 4 st to holder

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**For Sizes 3, 4, 5, 6 & 7 only:**

Row 1: k2tog, k to last st, sl 1

Row 2: p2tog, p to last st, sl 1

Repeat Rows 1 & 2 an additional x (x, 9, 10) [12, 13, 14] {x, x, x} times

Join C3

Using C3:

Repeat Rows 1 & 2

Switch to C2

Repeat Rows 1 & 2 - x (x, 76, 84) [90, 98, 106]

{x, x, x} st total

**NECK SHAPING:**

We will now be splitting the front into two sections. The left and right fronts are worked separately as follows:

**LEFT SIDE:**

Switch to C3

Row 1: k2tog, k x (x, 35, 39) [42, 46, 50]{x, x, x}

st, sl 1, turn to work WS row

Row 2: p2tog, p to last st, sl 1



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Switch to C2

Row 3: k2tog, k to 1 st before gap, sl 1

Row 4: p2tog, p to last st, sl 1

Switch to C3

Row 5: k2tog, k to 1 st before gap, sl 1

Row 6: p2tog, p to last st, sl 1

Switch to C2

Row 7: k2tog, k to 1 st before gap, sl 1

Row 8: p2tog, p to last st, sl 1

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Repeat Rows 5 - 8 an additional  $x(x, 2, 2)$  [3, 3, 4] { $x, x, x$ } times

Cut C2 and continue with only C3

Row 9: k2tog, k to 1 st before gap, sl 1

Row 10: p2tog, p to last st, sl 1

Repeat Rows 9 & 10 until 10 st remain

K3tog tbl, k2tog tbl, k2tog, k3tog

Knit 4 strand i-cord until the strap measures  $x(x, 4\frac{1}{2}, 4\frac{1}{2})$  [ $4\frac{1}{2}, 5, 5$ ] { $x, x, x$ }

Cut C3 leaving a long tail to graft to back

Place remaining 4 st onto holder

**RIGHT SIDE:**

With RS facing, rejoin C3 at center front ready to work a knit row

Row 1: k2tog, k to last st, sl 1

Row 2: p2tog, p to last st, sl 1

Join C2

Using C2:

Row 3: k2tog, k to last st, sl 1

Row 4: p2tog, p to last st, sl 1

Switch to C3

Row 5: k2tog, k to last st, sl 1

Row 6: p2tog, p to last st, sl 1

Switch to C2

Row 7: k2tog, k to last st, sl 1

Row 8: p2tog, p to last st, sl 1

Repeat Rows 5 - 8 an additional  $x(x, 2, 2)$  [3, 3, 4] { $x, x, x$ } times



Cut C2 and continue with only C3

Row 9: k2tog, k to last st, sl 1

Row 10: p2tog, p to last st, sl 1

Repeat Rows 9 & 10 until 10 st remain

K3tog tbl, k2tog tbl, k2tog, k3tog

Knit 4 strand i-cord until the strap measures  $4\frac{1}{2}$ "

Cut C3 leaving long tail

Move 4 st to holder

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**For Size 8 & 9 only:**

Row 1: k2tog, k to last st, sl 1

Row 2: p2tog, p to last st, sl 1

Row 3: k2tog, k to last st, sl 1

Row 4: p2tog, p to last 3 st, p2tog, sl 1

Row 5: k to last 3 st, k2tog, sl 1

Row 6: p to last 3 st, p2tog, sl 1

Row 7: k to last 3 st, k2tog, sl 1

Row 8: Repeat Row 4

Repeat Rows 1 - 8 an additional  $x(x, x, x)$  [ $x, x, x$ ] {2, 2,  $x$ } times

# ARMITAGE FADE

Join C3

Using C3:

Repeat Rows 1 & 2 -  $x(x, x, x)[x, x, x]$  {118, 128,  $x$ } st total

NECK SHAPING:

We will now be splitting the front into two sections. The left and right fronts are worked separately as follows:

LEFT SIDE:

Switch to C2

Row 1: k2tog, k  $x(x, x, x)[x, x, x]$  {51, 56,  $x$ } st, sl 1, turn to work WS row

Row 2: p2tog, p to last 3 st, p2tog, sl 1

Switch to C3

Row 3: k to last 3 st, k2tog, sl 1

Row 4: p to last 3 st, p2tog, sl 1

Switch to C2

Row 5: k to last 3 st, k2tog, sl 1

Row 6: Repeat Row 2

Switch to C3

Row 7: k2tog, k to last st, sl 1

Row 8: p2tog, p to last st, sl 1

Switch to C2

Row 9: k2tog, k to last st, sl 1

Repeat Rows 2 - 9 three more times

Repeat Row 2

Cut C2 and continue with only C3

Row 10: k to last 3 st, k2tog, sl 1

Row 11: p to last 3 st, p2tog, sl 1

Row 12: k to last 3 st, k2tog, sl 1

Row 13: p2tog, p to last 3 st, p2tog, sl 1

Row 14: k2tog, k to last st, sl 1

Row 15: p2tog, p to last st, sl 1

Row 16: k2tog, k to last st, sl 1

Row 17: Repeat Row 13

Repeat Rows 10 - 17 until 4 st remain, ending with Row  $x(x, x, x)[x, x, x]$  {12, 16,  $x$ }

Knit 4 strand i-cord until the strap measures 5"

Cut C3 leaving a long tail to graft to back

Place remaining 4 st onto holder

RIGHT SIDE:

With RS facing, rejoin C2 at center front ready to work a knit row

Row 1: k2tog, k to last st, sl 1

Row 2: p2tog, p to last 3 st, p2tog sl 1

Join C3

Using C3:

Row 3: k to last 3 st, k2tog, sl 1

Row 4: p to last 3 st, p2tog, sl 1

Switch to C2

Row 5: k to last 3 st, k2tog, sl 1

Row 6: Repeat Row 2

Switch to C3

Row 7: k2tog, k to last st, sl 1

Row 8: p2tog, p to last st, sl 1

Switch to C2

Repeat Rows 1 - 8 three more times

Cut C2 and continue with only C3

Row 9: k2tog, k to last st, sl 1

Row 10: p2tog, p to last 3 st, p2tog, sl 1

Row 11: k to last 3 st, k2tog, sl 1

Row 12: p to last 3 st, p2tog, sl 1

Row 13: k to last 3 st, k2tog, sl 1

Row 14: Repeat Row 10

Row 15: k2tog, k to last st, sl 1

Row 16: p2tog, p to last st, sl 1

Repeat Rows 9 - 16 until 4 st remain, ending with Row  $x(x, x, x)[x, x, x]$  {12, 16,  $x$ }

Knit 4 strand i-cord until the strap measures 5"

Cut C3 leaving long tail

Move 4 st to holder

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**Size 10 only:**

Row 1: k2tog, k to last st, sl 1

Row 2: p2tog, p to last st, sl 1

Row 3: k2tog, k to last st, sl 1

Row 4: p2tog, p to last 3 st, p2tog, sl 1



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Row 5: k to last 3 st, k2tog, sl 1  
Row 6: p to last 3 st, p2tog, sl 1  
Row 7: k to last 3 st, k2tog, sl 1  
Row 8: Repeat Row 4

Repeat Rows 1 - 8 three more times  
Repeat Rows 1 - 4

Join C3

Using C3:

Repeat Rows 5 & 6  
Switch to C2  
Repeat Rows 7 & 8 – *120 st total*

NECK SHAPING:

We will now be splitting the front into two sections. The left and right fronts are worked separately as follows:

LEFT SIDE:

Switch to C3  
Row 1: k2tog, k 57 st, sl 1, turn to work WS row  
Row 2: p2tog, p to last st, sl 1  
Switch to C2  
Row 3: k2tog, k to 1 st before gap, sl 1  
Row 4: p2tog, p to last 3 st, p2tog, sl 1  
Switch to C3  
Row 5: k to last 3 st, k2tog, sl 1  
Row 6: p to last 3 st, p2tog, sl 1  
Switch to C2  
Row 7: k to last 3 st, k2tog, sl 1  
Row 8: p2tog, p to last 3 st, p2tog sl 1  
Row 9: k2tog, k to last st, sl 1

Repeat Rows 2 - 9 three more times

Cut C2 and continue with only C3

Row 10: p2tog, p to last st, sl 1  
Row 11: k2tog, k to last st, sl 1  
Row 12: p2tog, p to last 3 st, p2tog, sl 1  
Row 13: k to last 3 st, k2tog, sl 1  
Row 14: p to last 3 st, p2tog, sl 1  
Row 15: k to last 3 st, k2tog, sl 1  
Row 16: Repeat Row 12

Row 17: k2tog, k to last st, sl 1

Repeat Rows 10 - 17 until 4 st remain, ending with Row 14

Knit 4 strand i-cord until the strap measures 5”  
Cut C3 leaving a long tail to graft to back  
Place remaining 4 st onto holder

RIGHT SIDE:

With RS facing, rejoin C3 at center front ready to work a knit row

Row 1: k2tog, k to last st, sl 1

Row 2: p2tog, p to last st, sl 1

Join C2

Using C2:

Row 3: k2tog, k to last st, sl 1

Row 4: p2tog, p to last 3 st, p2tog, sl 1

Switch to C3

Row 5: k to last 3 st, k2tog, sl 1

Row 6: p to last 3 st, p2tog, sl 1

Switch to C2

Row 7: k to last 3 st, k2tog, sl 1

Row 8: p2tog, p to last 3 st, p2tog, sl 1

Repeat Rows 1 - 8 three more times

Cut C2 and continue with only C3

Row 9: k2tog, k to last st, sl 1

Row 10: p2tog, p to last st, sl 1

Row 11: k2tog, k to last st, sl 1

Row 12: p2tog, p to last 3 st, p2tog, sl 1

Row 13: k to last 3 st, k2tog, sl 1

Row 14: p to last 3 st, p2tog, sl 1

Row 15: k to last 3 st, k2tog, sl 1

Row 16: Repeat Row 12

Repeat Rows 9 & 10 until 4 st remain, ending with Row 13

Knit 4 strand i-cord until the strap measures 5”  
Cut C3 leaving long tail  
Move 4 st to holder

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## FINISHING

Graft 4 live stitches on end of strap to 4 live stitches on back using Kitchener stitch. Repeat for left strap.

Weave in ends and block. Enjoy!

### NOTE FROM THE DESIGNER:

Thanks to you for knitting my pattern! I would absolutely love to see your finished garment, so please share your pictures using the hashtag #armitagefade. Thank you and I hope you enjoy your new knit!



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$a : 32 (36, 40, 44) [48, 52, 56] \{60, 64, 68\}''$

$b : 6\frac{1}{2} (7, 7\frac{1}{2}, 8) [8\frac{1}{2}, 9, 9\frac{1}{2}] \{10, 10, 10\frac{1}{2}\}''$

$c : 17 (17\frac{1}{2}, 18, 18\frac{1}{2}) [19\frac{1}{2}, 20, 21] \{21\frac{1}{2}, 22\frac{1}{2}, 23\}''$

$d : 5 (5\frac{1}{2}, 6, 6\frac{1}{2}) [7, 7\frac{3}{4}, 8\frac{1}{2}] \{9, 9\frac{1}{2}, 10\}''$