

Pattern Hacking Practice

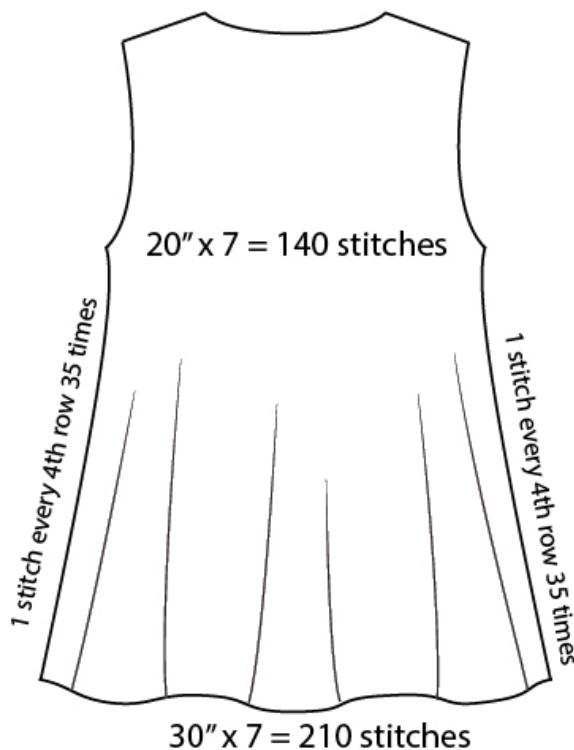
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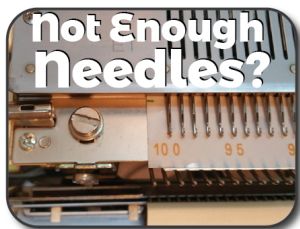
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You want to knit this shape, but at the gauge of 7 stitches per inch, you don't have enough needles on your knitting machine to cast on 210 stitches.

Let's explore 5 options for adding panels

1	Seam down the center (easiest)
2	Seam on each side (also easy)
3	Knitted insert down the center (more math, but do-able)
4	Seamless yoke
5	Added Godet





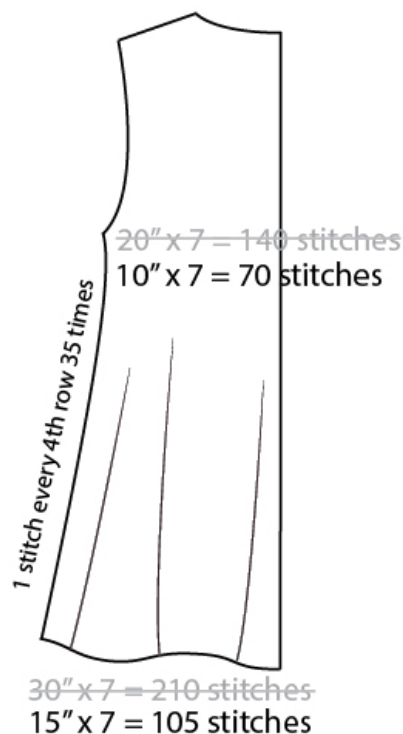
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1 SEAM DOWN THE CENTER

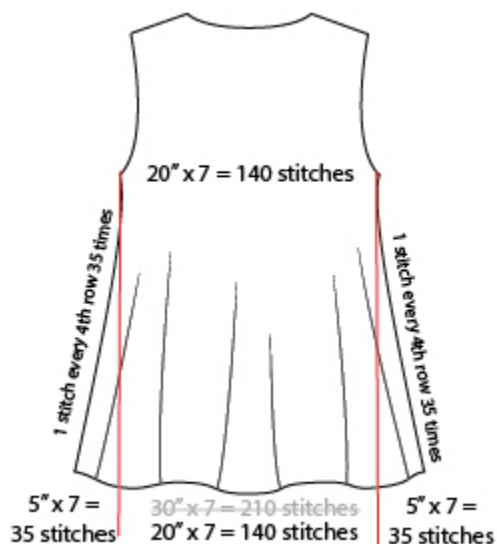
If you have enough width at the bust and just need more needles for the hem you can knit 2 pieces.

- Cast on 1/2 the stitches at the hem
- Follow the pattern instructions as written working left and right side separately.
- Remember to add a seaming stitch on both pieces.



2 SEAM AT THE SIDES

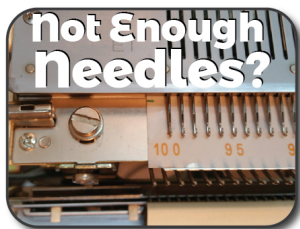
Avoid a center seam and hide the panels at the side seams.



If you have enough width at the bust and just need more needles for the hem you can knit 3 pieces.

- Cast on the number of stitches at the widest part of the body (the bust)
- Knit straight to the armholes and follow the pattern instructions for the bodice. Remember to add a seaming stitch on both sides.
- Cast on the remaining stitches and knit 2 sides, following the pattern instructions for the shaping and knit to the underarms
- Knit a second side, mirroring the side





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seam shaping.

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ADD A CENTER PANEL

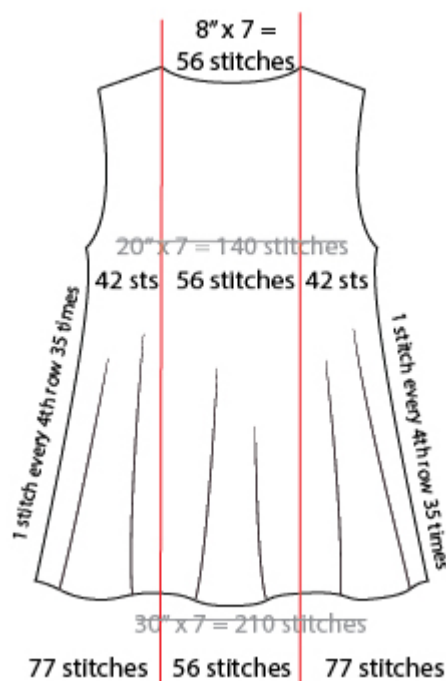
If you need more needles for the bust, you can add a panel in the center of the piece.

Center panel:

- Determine the number of stitches that are needed for the neck opening (56 stitches)
- Cast on and knit a panel this width, following the pattern row counts to the neck opening.
- Knit the neck opening according to the pattern

Side panels:

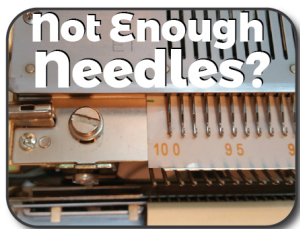
- Subtract the center panel stitches from the initial pattern cast on stitches ($210 - 56 = 154$ stitches)
- Divide this number by 2 ($154/2 = 77$ stitches)
- Cast on the side panel stitches and follow the pattern instructions for the side seam, armhole and shoulder shaping. (Be sure to add a seaming stitch)
- Knit a second panel, reversing the shaping.



Neatly join the 3 panels together with mattress stitch or add a decorative seam as a design element.

Your piece will be the width you need, without being limited to the width of your machine's needlebed.





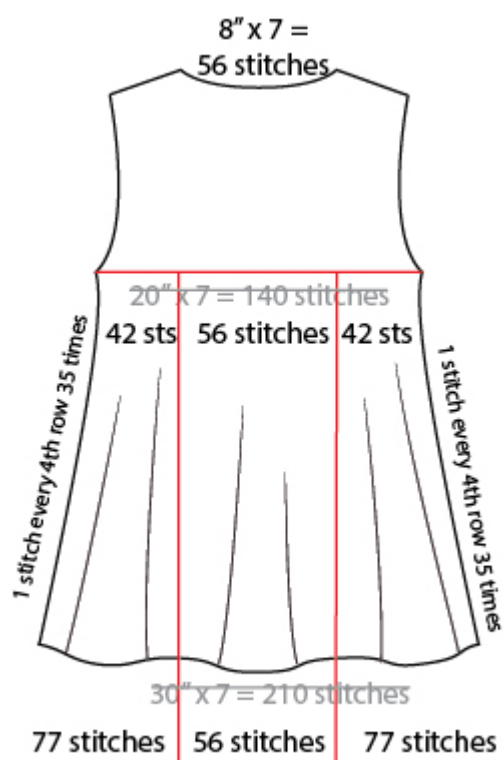
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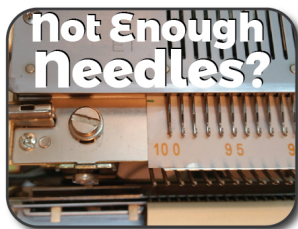
SEAMLESS YOKE

If you have enough width at the bust and just need more needles for the hem.



- Knit the lower section in 3 pieces (as in #2), then seam them together and rehang the completed "skirt" on the machine.
- Continue knitting the yoke, shaping the armholes and neckline according to the pattern





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godet

A triangular piece of material inserted in a dress, shirt, or glove to make it flared or for ornamentation.

5 SEPARATE GODETS

If you have enough width at the bust and need more needles for the hem.

Lower section:

- Knit the low section in 3 pieces without any side seam shaping (each piece should be 1/3 of the total stitches needed at the bust) Add seaming stitches
- Scrap off each of the 3 lower pieces
- Knit 2 godet pieces, mimicking the side seam shaping from the original pattern (Add seaming stitches)
- Neatly seam the godets inserting them between the 3 lower section pieces

Bodice

- Rehang the lower stitches on the machine from the waste yarn
- Continue knitting the upper bodice, shaping the armholes and neckline according to the pattern.

