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THE BAR-STEWARD SONS OF VAL DOONICAN

Official Band Approved Knitting Pattern
Hand-Knitted Tank Top

SKILL LEVEL:
EASY

Aran
2-5 Balls
28 - 62"
chest/bust



Using your own choice of fun, eye-catching colours, this Doonicans Official Eye-Candy Approved™ Knitting Pattern, is our post-modern take on the classic hand-knitted Tank-Top. Now you can be the talk of the Tarn, with our unisex 'His & Hers' Aran knitting-pattern for our favourite choice of knitwear.

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SIZES

To fit bust/chest measurement

Extra-Small/Small

28-34" [71-86.5 cm]

Medium

36-38" [91.5-96.5 cm]

Large

40-42" [101.5-106.5 cm]

Extra-Large

44-46" [112-117 cm]

2/3 X-Large

48-54" [122-137 cm]

4/5 X-Large

56-62" [142-157.5 cm]

Finished bust/chest

Extra-Small/Small 37" [94 cm]

Medium 40½" [103 cm]

Large 44½" [113 cm]

Extra-Large 49" [124.5 cm]

2/3 X-Large 55" [140 cm]

4/5 X-Large 63" [160 cm]



MATERIALS

Sizes

XS/S **M** **L** **XL** **2/3XL** **4/5XL**

Soft Aran Yarn (170g/6oz; 288m/315 yds)

2 **2** **3** **3** **4** **5** **balls**

Sizes Old UK 7 (4.5 mm) Old UK 6 (5 mm) knitting needs or size needed to obtain gauge. 1 st holder

Modelled above by Alan Doonican in 'Kinky Pink'

ABBREVIATIONS:

Alt = Alternate

Beg = Beginning

Cont = Continue(ity)

Dec = Decrease(ing)

Inc = Increase(ing)

K = Knit

K2tog = Knit next 2 stitches together

P = Purl

P2tog = Purl next 2 stitches together

P2togtbl = Purl next 2 stitches together through back loops

Rem = Remaining

Rep = Repeat

RS = Right side

Ssk = Slip next 2 stitches knitwise one at a time. Pass them back onto left-hand needle, then knit through back loops together

St(s) = Stitch(es)

WS = Wrong side

GAUGE

18 sts and 24 rows = 4" [10 cm] in stocking st with larger needles.

INSTRUCTIONS

The instructions are written for smallest size. If changes are necessary for larger sizes the instructions will be written thus (). Numbers for each size are shown in the same color throughout the pattern. When only one number is given in black, it applies to all sizes.

BACK

With smaller needles cast on **78 (86-98-106-122-138) sts.

1st row: (RS). *K2. P2. Rep from * to last 2 sts. K2.

2nd row: *P2. K2. Rep from * to last 2 sts. P2.

Rep last 2 rows (K2. P2) ribbing for 2½" [6 cm], ending with a

2nd row and inc **3 (3-1-3-1-3)** st(s) evenly across last row. **81 (89-99-109-123-141)** sts.

Change to larger needles and proceed in stocking st until work from beg measures **15 (15-15-15½-15½-15½)" [38 (38-38-39.5-39.5-39.5)** cm] for Her Version

or **16** (**16-16-16½-16½-16½**)" [**40.5** (**40.5-40.5-42-42-42**) cm] for His Version, ending on a purl row.

Shape armholes: Cast off **6** (**8-10-12-9-12**) sts at beg of next **2** (**2-2-2-4-4**) rows. **69** (**73-79-85-87-93**) sts.

1st row: (RS). K2. ssk. Knit to last 4 sts. K2tog. K2.

2nd row: Purl.**

Rep last 2 rows **5** (**6-8-9-8-9**) times more. **57** (**59-61-65-69-73**) sts rem.

Cont even until armhole measures **8** (**8½-9-9-9½-10**)" [**20.5** (**22.5-23-23-24.5-25.5**) cm], ending on a purl row.

Shape shoulders: Cast off **7** (**7-7-8-9-9**) sts at beg of next 2 rows, then **7** (**7-8-8-9-10**) sts at beg of following 2 rows. Leave rem **29** (**31-31-33-33-35**) sts on a st holder.

FRONT

Work from ** to ** as given for Back.

Rep last 2 rows **2** (**3-5-6-5-6**) times more. **63** (**65-67-71-75-79**) sts rem.

Left Front Neck

Shape V-neck: 1st row: (RS). K2. ssk. **K25** (**26-27-29-31-33**). K2tog (neck edge). **Turn.** Leave rem sts on a spare needle.

2nd row: Purl.

3rd row: K2. ssk. Knit to last 2 sts. K2tog.

4th row: Purl.

Rep last 2 rows once more. **25** (**26-27-29-31-33**) sts rem.

Keeping armhole edge even, dec 1 st at neck edge only on next and alt rows until there are **19** (**17-17-18-21-22**) sts rem, then on following 4th rows until there are **14** (**14-15-16-18-19**) sts rem.

Cont even until armhole measures **8** (**8½-9-9-9½-10**)" [**20.5** (**22.5-23-23-24.5-25.5**) cm], ending on a purl row.

Shape shoulder: Cast off **7** (**7-7-8-9-9**) sts at beg of next row. Purl 1 row. Cast off rem **7** (**7-8-8-9-10**) sts.

Right Front Neck

Shape V-neck: 1st row: With RS facing, slip center st onto a safety pin. Join yarn to rem sts. ssk. Knit to last 4 sts. K2tog. K2.

2nd row: Purl.

3rd row: ssk. Knit to last 4 sts. K2tog. K2.

4th row: Purl.

Rep last 2 rows once more. **25 (26-27-29-31-33)** sts rem.

Keeping armhole edge even, dec 1 st at neck edge only on next and alt rows until there are **19 (17-17-18-21-22)** sts rem, then on following 4th rows until there are **14 (14-15-16-18-19)** sts rem.

Cont even until armhole measures **8 (8½-9-9-9½-10)" [20.5 (22.5-23-23-24.5-25.5) cm]**, ending on a knit row.

Shape shoulder: Cast off **7 (7-7-8-9-9)** sts at beg of next row. Knit 1 row. Cast off rem **7 (7-8-8-9-10)** sts.

FINISHING

Sew right shoulder seam.

V-neckband: With RS facing and smaller needles pick up and knit **34 (38-38-42-42-42)** sts down left front neck edge. K1 from safety pin (place marker for center st). Pick up and knit **33 (37-37-41-41-43)** sts up right front neck edge.

K29 (31-31-33-33-35) from back neck st holder dec **0 (2-2-0-0-0)** st(s) evenly across. **97 (105-105-117-117-121)** sts.

1st row: (WS). *P2. K2. Rep from * **14 (15-15-17-17-18)** times more. P2tog. P1 (center st). P2tog. **K2. P2. Rep from ** to end of row.

2nd row: *K2. P2. Rep from * to 3 sts before center st. K1. P2tog. K1 (center st). P2tog. Rib to end of row.

3rd row: *P2. K2. Rep from * to 2 sts before center st. K2tog. P1 (center st). K2tog. Rib to end of row.

Rep last 2 rows twice more. Cast off in ribbing, dec as before.

Sew left shoulder and neckband seam.

Armbands: With RS facing and smaller needles, pick up and knit **82 (86-94-94-98-102)** sts evenly across armhole edge.

Beg and ending on a WS row, work 7 rows in (K2. P2) ribbing as given for Back. Cast off in ribbing. Sew side and armband seams.

