



Notorious

Some shapes deserve their moment in the sun—and this sweater shines with fitted detail! Ribbed sides and back emphasize the front waist shaping, exaggerating the curve of the hip and the bust. Horizontal I-cord adds a hint of underwire shaping, with a crochet neck edging, twisted cord bust detail, and knit-on drape sleeves worthy of a committed knitter. Loosen the front ties for a modest look, or tie them tight to create the illusion of cleavage. This project is not so much *difficult* as it is *complex*. Break it down, take it step by step, and conquer the sweetheart neckline corset!

Skill Level
ADVANCED

SIZE

To fit bust: 25½ (34, 38½, 43, 51½, 56)" (65.5 [87, 98.5, 110.5, 132, 143.5] cm)

FINISHED MEASUREMENTS

Bust: 26½ (35, 39½, 44, 52½, 57)" (67.5 [89, 100, 112, 133.5, 145] cm)

Length: 22¾ (23¾, 24, 25, 26¼, 27½)" (58 [60, 61, 63.5, 66.5, 70] cm)

MATERIALS

Touché by Berroco (1¾ oz [50 g] skeins, each approx 89 yds [82 m] per skein, 50% cotton, 50% Modal® rayon)

A: Lemon Meringue 7914, 4 (5, 5, 5, 6, 7) skeins or 331 (414, 446, 482, 547, 587) yds (302 [377.5, 407, 439.5, 499, 535.5] m) worsted weight yarn

B: Green Tea 7930, 1 (1, 1, 1, 1, 1) skein or 73 (91, 98, 106, 121, 129) yds (66.5 [83, 89.5, 96.5, 109.5, 117.5] m) worsted weight yarn

Size 6 (4 mm) circular needle at least 24" (61 cm) long

Size 7 (4.5 mm) circular needle at least 24" (61 cm) long, or size to obtain gauge

Size 8 (5 mm) circular needle at least 24" (61 cm) long

Size F/5 (3.75 mm) crochet hook

Darning needle

Stitch markers

GAUGE

4 sts and 6 rows = 1" (2.5 cm) over k2, p2 rib using size 7 needle

Refer to glossary on page 136 for: C4L, C4R, CCO, DKSS, I-Cord Horizontal Stripe, K2togL, K2togR, K2tog Picot BO, PU&K, Twisted Cord, VDD, W&T, and YO.

BODY

With A and largest needle, cast on 117 (157, 177, 197, 237, 257) sts. Join, placing marker to note start of round.

NEXT ROUND: Work Row 1 of Chart A (Center Cable) across 17 sts between markers, then work Row 1 of Chart B (Rib) around rem sts 5 (7, 8, 9, 11, 12) times.

NEXT ROUND: Work Row 2 of Chart A between markers as est, work in rib as est around all rem sts.

Cont working in rib as est, slipping markers in each round and working center 17 sts in Chart A, until ribbing measures 1" (2.5 cm) from cast-on round.

Cont with 17 center sts in cable as est and work Rows 1 and 2 of Chart C (Bias Nondecrease Panel) around rem sts until piece measures 5½ (5½, 5¾, 5¾, 6, 6¼)" (14 [14, 14.5, 14.5, 15, 16] cm) from cast-on. End with Round 4 of Chart C.

WAIST SHAPING

NEXT ROUND: Work 17 center sts in Chart A as est, sm, work Row 1 of Chart D (Bias Decrease Panel) across next 20 sts (shaping panel), pm, rep Row 1 of Chart C 3 (5, 6, 7, 9, 10) times, pm, work Row 1 of Chart D across last 20 sts (shaping panel).

Work center panel in cable as est and cont in Charts C and D as est, working shaping only in panels on either side of cable with no shaping around sides and Back. Dec in shaping panels only as directed in chart to Row 18 of Chart D—101 (141, 161, 181, 221, 241) sts rem. Work even, rep Rows 17 and 18 of Chart D in shaping panels with no further decreasing until piece measures 8⅝ (8⅝, 8¾, 8¾, 8⅞, 9)" (22 [22, 22.2, 22.2, 22.5, 23] cm) from cast-on edge.

UPPER WAIST SHAPING

Cont with Chart D in shaping panels and working 17 cable sts and sides and Back as est, work to Row 36 of Chart D—117 (157, 177, 197, 237, 257) sts. Cont working with no further shaping, rep Rows 1 and 2 of Chart C around all noncable sts, until piece measures 18¾ (19¼, 19½, 20, 20¾, 21½)" (47.5 [49, 49.5, 51, 53, 54.5] cm) from cast-on (or desired length to Armholes). End with an even round, removing all markers in last round except for marker noting start of round.

DIVIDE FOR FRONT AND BACK

NEXT ROUND: Work 17 center sts in cable as est, work 21 (31, 36, 41, 51, 56) sts in Chart C as est, place double marker (right underarm), work 58 (78, 88, 98, 118, 128) sts in pats as est to 21 (31, 36, 41, 51, 56) sts before end of round, turn work. From this point work back and forth in rows. Note that when working a partial chart rep, omit YOs if the corresponding k2tog will not be worked and vice versa.



Notorious neckline with twisted cord tucked in.

NEXT ROW (WS): Work in charted pat as est to double marker, turn work.

BACK ARMHOLE SHAPING

Cont in pat as est, BO 5 (7, 8, 9, 11, 12) sts at start of next 2 rows, then dec 1 st at each edge of every row 8 (11, 12, 14, 17, 18) times—32 (42, 48, 52, 62, 68) sts rem across back. Work even until piece measures 3½ (4, 4, 4½, 5, 5½)" (9 [10, 10, 11.5, 12.5, 14] cm) from start of Armhole shaping.

RUFFLED CROCHET EDGING

With B and crochet hook, work k2tog picot BO across all sts, working 3 chains between each BO st. Do not break yarn. You will have a chain 3-space for each bound-off st, the BO edge will look ruffled. Turn work. *Working from WS to RS, insert hook into next chain 3-space, working from RS to WS, bring hook back through next chain 3-space; rep from * for next 2 chain 3-spaces—4 chain 3-spaces are resting on hook. Draw a loop through all 4 chain spaces, chain 4 sts, rep from * across rem ch spaces. Fasten off.

FRONT ARMHOLE AND BUST SHAPING

Removing each marker as you come to it across the Front, work horizontal l-cord across Front 59 (79, 89, 99, 119, 129) sts as follows: (K1 between next 2 sts on needle, k2, k2togL, slip 3 sts from right-hand needle back onto left-hand needle); rep until all sts have been worked, ending with k2togL before double marker—59 (79, 89, 99, 119, 129) sts across Front. NEXT ROW (WS): K29 (39, 44, 49, 59, 64) sts, p1, k to end of row.

NEXT ROW (RS): PU&K edge st from right end of l-cord 2 rows below, purl next st on needle, PU&K from l-cord st next to one just picked up (inc of 2 sts), p2, k to 1 st before center (knit) st, YO, VDD, YO, knit to last 3 sts, p2, PU&K edge st from left edge of l-cord, p1, PU&K from l-cord next st to one just picked up (inc of 2 sts)—63 (83, 93, 103, 123, 133) sts. NEXT ROW (WS): Wyif sl 1, k1, wyif sl 1, k2, purl to last 5 sts, k2, wyif sl 1, k1, wyif sl 1. NEXT ROW (RS): K1, wyif sl 1, k1, knit to 1 st before center st, YO, VDD, YO, knit to last 5 sts, p2, k1, wyif sl 1, k1. Rep last 2 rows until piece measures 6 (7¼, 7¾, 8½, 10, 10¾)" (15 [18.5, 19.5, 21.5, 25.5, 27.5] cm) from middle of horizontal l-cord band. End with a WS row. Work Ruffled Crochet Edging across all sts as for Back, working last ruffle with fewer than 3 chain spaces if necessary.

SLEEVES (MAKE 2)

With B and smallest needle, PU&K 23 (22, 22, 25, 27, 29) sts up Front Armhole edge, cable cast on 20 (30, 30, 34, 34, 38) sts, PU&K 17 (16, 16, 17, 19, 21) sts down Back Armhole edge—60 (68, 68, 76, 80, 88) sts. NEXT ROW (WS): Wyif sl 1, k1, wyif sl 1, k2 (DKSS edge), *k2, p2 rep from * to last 5 sts, k2, wyif sl 1, k1, wyif sl 1 (DKSS edge). NEXT ROW (RS): K1, wyif sl 1, k1, p2 (DKSS edge), work 27 (31, 31, 35, 37, 41) sts in pat as est, W&T. NEXT ROW (WS): Work 4 sts, W&T. NEXT ROW: Work to 3 st past last wrapped st, W&T. Change to medium needle. Rep last row, slipping wraps

up to needle and working together with wrapped st, until all sts are worked, ending with a RS row. NEXT ROW (WS): Work 32 (36, 36, 40, 42, 46) in pat as est, W&T. NEXT ROW (RS): Work 4 sts, W&T. NEXT ROW: Work to 3 sts past last wrapped st, W&T. Change to largest needle. Rep last row until all sts are worked at each edge, end with a WS row. Knit 2 rows. BO all sts loosely.

FINISHING

Weave in ends. Create a 40" (101.5 cm) finished piece of 2-color twisted cord using A and B. Starting at the top center front, weave strand down through right Front bust eyelets, then weave through loose sts under left cup. Rep with other end of cord, weaving through left bust eyelets and under right bust. With a darning needle, tack edges of cord to inner sides of corset. Pull cord tight, gathering center Front bust, and tie in a bow (you can cut and knot the ends of the cord or leave it in a loop or tuck it in as shown in the detail).

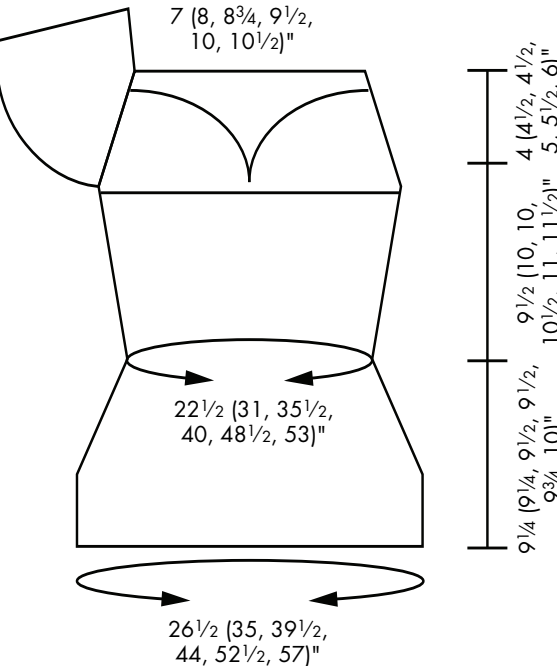


CHART A CENTER CABLE
(work only across center 17 sts)

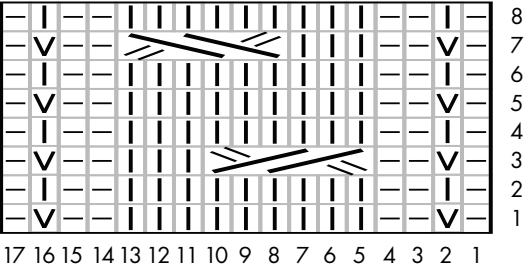


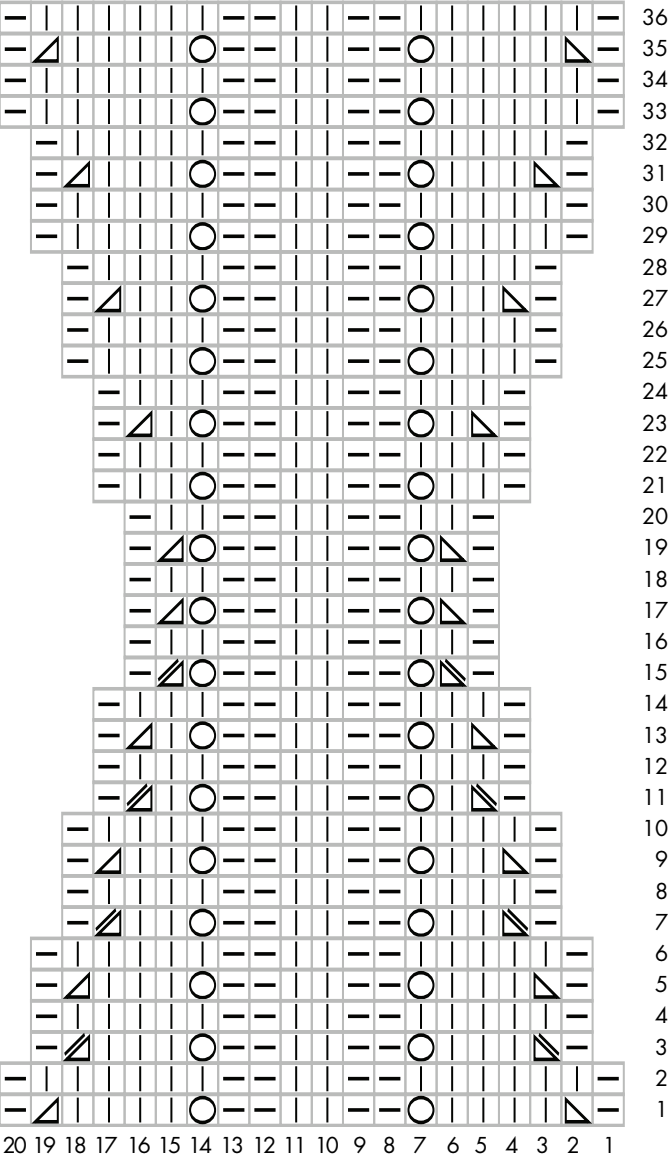
CHART B RIB
(work across all noncenter Cable Chart sts)



CHART C BIAS NONDECREASE PANEL
(repeat these 2 rows in all nondecreasing bias panels)



CHART D BIAS DECREASE PANEL CHART
(work only in panels on either side of center front Cable Chart)



- Purl 1
- | Knit 1
- ∨ Slip stitch
- ≡ Cable 4 left
- ≡ Cable 4 right
- ⚡ Knit 3 together with a right slant
- ⚡ Knit 3 together with a left slant