

# FRAMEWORK BRALETTE

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*I wanted to emulate the seaming and structure of a more traditional bra for a bralette with a modern, architectural feel. False seams create a soft symmetry, and some basic purl stitches framed by a stockinette border provide shape and support for a bralette that's as sexy as it is comfortable.*



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**Sizes:** Finished Garment Measurements are as follows:

XXS, XS (S, M, L, 1X)(2X, 3X, 4X, 5X)

20,23(28,31,36,39)(44,47,52,55)"

50.8,58.4(71.1,78.7,91.4,99.1)(111.8,119.4,132.1,139.7)cm

This range of finished garment measurements will accommodate bust sizes from 24" [61cm] – 68" [172.7cm].

Instructions on how to choose a size are included within the pattern.

**Yardage:**

115-184, 145-225 (164-309, 193-350, 242-390, 275-438)(350-540, 396-577,440-598,500-660)yds

105-168, 133-206 (150-282, 176-320, 221-356, 251-400)(320-494, 362-527, 402-547, 457-603)m

*A note about yardage: accommodation for larger cup sizes in this pattern is achieved through knitting a longer body. If you have a large cup size, you will use closer to the high end of the range for your size, and maybe more. At the end of the Ravelry pattern page, I've included a link to a sizing spreadsheet that lists precise yardage used by testers of a wide range of sizes. You may find this helpful when trying to estimate how much yarn you will need.*

**Suggested Yarn:**

Sweet Sparrow Yarns Goldfinch 4-ply DK, 100% SW Merino

*For this design, I suggest a DK weight merino yarn. When choosing yarn, keep in mind that this will be worn against bare skin. If you have sensitive skin, you will want to make sure you choose a fiber that won't feel itchy or scratchy.*

*I used a 100% SW Merino. You could use one that has some nylon in it for durability and spring if you'd like. You could also hold two strands of sock yarn together, or use a worsted weight.*

*If you would like to use a natural fiber such as cotton, you may want to size down to accommodate the lack of memory and elasticity in these fibers.*

**Gauge:**

20 sts & 30 rows in 4" x 4" square of stockinette knit flat and blocked (main body)

28 sts & 32 rows in 4" x 4" square of 1x1 ribbing knit in the round (band)

### **Suggested Needles:**

**Ribbing:** US 3 – 3.25mm 16-32” circular needles. This needle should be one size smaller than your main body needle.

**Main Body:** US 4 – 3.5 mm 16-32” circular needles.

Choose a circular needle circumference that is at least several inches shorter than the garment measurement. For more information on choosing a circular needle size, see the link titled “Choosing a Circular Needle Length” in the “Video Tutorials and Other Helpful Links” section of the Ravelry pattern page.

**Materials:** DK or worsted weight yarn, circular needles, sewing tape measure, stitch markers (one unique marker for BOR, three to mark the front, side, and back, and four of a unique color to mark the false bust seams,) scrap yarn or stitch holders, extra needle for 3-needle bind off darning needle

**Techniques:** knitting in the round, decreasing, holding stitches, wet blocking

**Construction:** Bralette is knit from the bottom up in ribbing first. Main body is worked in stockinette in the round. Garment is then turned inside out, such that the reverse stockinette side is on the outside, and cups are worked flat through the strap. Straps are then connected at the shoulder using a three-needle bind off or kitchener stitch.

### **Helpful Extras!**

While everything you need to knit the bralette is included within the pattern, I’m including the following additional resources for your reference.

#### ***Modification for Cup Height***

Depending on personal preference, you may prefer a longer or shorter upper cup height (measurement C of the schematic on the last page) for your bralette. I’ve included instructions on the second to last page on how to adjust this section.

#### ***Framework Bralette Sizing Information Spreadsheet***

I used a large testing group of around fifty people to assist me in perfecting this design. I always collect a lot of feedback from testers, and I thought for this release I would share some of the feedback I received in order to help knitters who purchase the pattern.

I’ve created a spreadsheet that contains information on testers’ bra sizes, under bust and full bust measurements, and the lengths that they knit portions of the pattern that are variable like body and strap length. It also contains exact yardage for each project, and feedback on whether testers found that the size they chose

was appropriate. The spreadsheet has tabs for both imperial and metric measurements.

The link to the spreadsheet is included under the “Sizing Information Spreadsheet” heading of the “Video Tutorials and Other Helpful Links” section near the bottom of the Ravelry pattern page.

#### ***Video Tutorials***

There are numerous video tutorials available for parts of the pattern that might be confusing. Links to the videos are available in the “Video Tutorials and Other Helpful Links” section near the bottom of the Ravelry pattern page.

#### ***Underbust to Apex Measurement***

You will be asked to measure vertically from your underbust to the point where you would like the body of the bralette to end and the cup shaping to begin. Note that the red lines are just a guide. You may want more or less coverage based on your personal preference.

