



Town & Country Vest

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- Sizes:** - XS(S, M, L, XL)
Finished chest: - 31(35, 39, 43, 47) inches
Materials: - 5 (5, 7, 8, 9) balls PolarKnit™ Worsted 80m/88yds
- 5.5mm (US 9) straight or circular, or size needed to obtain gauge
- Size I/5.5mm crochet hook
- Darning needle
- 22" separating zipper, sewing needle, matching thread
Gauge: - 14sts/18rows = 4 inches (10cm)

Notes:

Vest is fitted with approx. 3" of ease to allow for layering. For a closer fit, choose a finished size closer to your actual chest measurement.

Work shaping on WS rows as follows-

Decreases: K2, SSK, work in pattern to last 4 sts, K2tog, K2.

Increases: K2, M1, work in pattern to last 4 sts, M1, K2.

Instructions:

Back:

Cast on 54 (61, 68, 75, 82) sts. Work in reverse stockinette st until piece measures 4" from cast on edge, ending with a RS row. Begin waist shaping- decrease 1 st at each edge of piece every 6 (6, 6, 6, 8) rows 3 times. Work in rev St st until piece measures 9 (9, 9.5, 9.5, 10)" from cast on edge, ending with a RS row. Increase 1 sts at each

edge of piece every 6 (6, 6, 6, 8) rows 3 times. Work in rev St st until piece measures 16 (16, 17, 17, 18)'' from cast on edge, ending with a RS row. Begin armhole shaping- bind off 3 (4, 5, 6, 7) st at the beginning of the next two

Rows. Decrease one st at each edge of piece every other row 5 (5, 6, 6, 7) times. Work in rev St st until piece measures 7 (7.5, 8, 8.5, 9)'' from beginning of armhole. Bind off 4 (4, 4, 5, 5) sts at the beginning of the next two rows. Bind off 4 (5, 5, 6, 6) sts at the beginning of the next two rows. Bind off all remaining sts.

Right front:

Cast on 27(30, 34, 38, 41) sts. Work set up rows-

Row 1(RS): P4, K6, P2, K6, K to end of row.

Row2(WS): K9 (12, 16, 20, 23), P6, K2, P6, K4.

Begin lace pattern: P4, work charted lace over next 14 sts, P to end of row. Continue in established lace and rev St st pattern until piece measures 4''. Continuing in est pattern, work waist and armhole shaping along left hand edge of piece as for back, until piece measures 4.5 (5, 5.5, 6, 6.5)'' from beginning of armhole, ending with a WS row.

Begin neck shaping- Bind off 6 (6, 7, 7, 8) sts at beginning of next RS row, work in est pattern to end of row.

(Note- Discontinue lace patterning when necessary due to too few stitches.) Work WS rows in est pattern. Bind off 3 (3, 4, 5, 4) sts at beginning of next RS row, work in est pattern to end of row. Bind off 2 (3, 3, 3, 4) sts at beginning of next RS row, work in est pattern to end of row. Continue in est pattern until piece measures 7 (7.5, 8, 8.5, 9)'' from beginning of armhole, ending with a RS row. Bind off 4 (4, 4, 5, 5) sts at the beginning of the next WS row. Work RS row as est. Bind off 4 (5, 5, 6, 6) sts at the beginning of the next WS row. Cut yarn and tie off rem st.

Left front:

Cast on 27 (30, 34, 38, 41) sts. Work set up rows-

Row 1(RS): P9 (12, 16, 20, 23), K6, P2, K6, P4.

Row2(WS): K4, P6, K2, P6, K to end of row

Begin lace pattern: P9 (12, 16, 20, 23), work charted lace pattern over next 14 sts, P4. Work as for right front, reversing all shaping.

Finishing:

Seam shoulders. With RS facing and beginning at right front neck, pick up & knit 19 (22, 25, 26, 29) sts along right front neckline, 22 (25, 28, 29, 32) sts along back neck, and 19 (22, 25, 26, 29) sts along left front neckline. Knit 5 rows. Bind off all sts.

With crochet hook and RS facing, attach yarn at bottom edge of right front opening. Work one row single crochet to end, ch1, with RS facing, work one row of crab stitch (reverse single crochet) along edge. Cut yarn and tie off. Repeat 2-row crochet edging along left front opening.

Using sewing needle and thread, sew zipper into front opening.

Sew side seams.

Work 2-row crochet edging around armhole openings. Weave in all ends.

Always machine wash and dry finished garment to remove excess fluff.

