

rugged vest

Keep your guy warm in style with this casual vest, perfect for workdays and weekends alike.

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 **SKILL LEVEL:** intermediate

sizes

S (M, L, 1X, 2X)

finished chest: 42 (45, 48, 51, 54)"/106.5 (114, 122, 129.5, 137)cm

gauge

16 sts and 27 rows = 4"/10cm in spike st pat using A and size H/8 (5mm) crochet hook.

Remember to check gauge for best results!

how to make a gauge swatch

With smaller hook and A, ch 18.

Row 1 Work Row 1 of spike st pat (below). Continue working spike st pat for a total of 27 rows. Swatch should measure 4" x 4"/10 x 10cm. If necessary, adjust hook size to obtain correct gauge.

note

Vest is constructed in one piece up to the arm openings, divided into sections, and then the back and right front, and left front panels are worked separately.

PATTERN STITCHES

spike st pat (multiple of 2 + 1 sts)

Row 1 (wrong side) Ch 1, turn, sc in first st, *sp-2 over next st, sc in next st; repeat from * across.

Row 2 Ch 1, turn, sc in first st; sc in each sp-2 and sp-2 over each sc across to last st; sc in last st. Repeat Row 2 for pattern.

crunch st pat (multiple of 2 + 1 sts)

Row 1 Turn, sl st in first st, *hdc in next st, sl st in next st; repeat from * across.

Row 2 Ch 2 (counts as first hdc), turn, sk first sl st, *sl st in next hdc, hdc in next sl st; repeat from * across.

Rows 3 and 4 Repeat Rows 1 and 2.

Rows 5 and 6 Ch 1, turn, sc in each st across.

Repeat Rows 1-6 for pattern.

Abbreviations used in this pattern

ch chain
dec decrease
hdc half double crochet
lp(s) loop(s)
pat(s) pattern(s)
rem remaining
sc single crochet
sk skip
sl st slip stitch
st(s) stitch(es)
yo yarn over

* Repeat directions following * as many times as indicated.

special abbreviations

sc2tog (sc 2 sts together) [Insert hook in next st, yo and draw up a lp] twice, yo and draw through all 3 lps on hook.

sp-2 (spike stitch 2 rows below) Insert hook into next stitch 2 rows below, yo, draw up lp, yo, draw through all lps on hook (stitch makes a visible V on fabric).

VEST BODY

Using smaller hook and A, ch 168 (180, 192, 204, 216).

Foundation Row (right side) Sc in 2nd ch from hook and each ch across – 167 (179, 191, 203, 215) sts.

Row 1 Work Row 1 of spike st pat.

Continue in spike st pat until body measures 13 (13½, 13¾, 14, 14)"/33 (34.5, 34.5, 35.5, 35.5)cm. End by working a wrong side row. Fasten off A.

RIGHT FRONT PANEL

From right side and using larger hook, join B in first st.

ARMHOLE SHAPING

Row 1 (right side) Ch 1, sc in first 38 (40, 44, 46, 50)

Graphic stripes lend a modern edge to this classic shape.

what you'll need

YARN

RED HEART Sport, 2½oz/70g balls, each approx 240yd/219m (acrylic)

n 6 (6, 7, 7, 8) balls #322 Fawn Beige (A)

n 2 (2, 2, 3, 3) balls #12 Black (B)

n 2 (3, 3, 3, 4) balls #330 Linen (C)

CROCHET HOOK

n Size H/8 (5mm) crochet hook or any size to obtain correct gauge

n Size I/9 (5.5mm) crochet hook

NOTIONS

n Stitch marker

n One 26 (26, 26, 28, 28)"/66 (66, 66, 71, 71)cm sport weight Molded Separating Zipper by Coats

n Sewing needle and matching thread

n Yarn needle

the yarn

 Sport in Linen

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tip

Be careful not to stretch the crochet fabric when attaching the zipper. Pin it in place or tack it down with fabric glue before sewing.

sts, leave rem sts unworked.

Row 2 Ch 1, turn, sc2tog, sc in each st across – 37 (39, 43, 45, 49) sts.

Row 3 Turn, sl st in first sc, *hdc in next st, sl st in next st; repeat from * across.

Row 4 Turn, sk first sl st, *sl st in next hdc, hdc in next sl st; repeat from * across – 36 (38, 42, 44, 48) sts.

Row 5 Turn, sl st in first hdc, *hdc in next sl st, sl st in next hdc; repeat from * across to last st; leave last st unworked – 35 (37, 41, 43, 47) sts.

Row 6 Repeat Row 4 – 34 (36, 40, 42, 46) sts.

Row 7 Ch 1, turn, sc in each st across to last 2 sts, sc2tog – 33 (35, 39, 41, 45) sts.

Row 8 Ch 1, turn, sc2tog, sc in each sc across – 32 (34, 38, 40, 44) sts.

Rows 9-12 Turn, *sl st in next st, hdc in next st; repeat from * across.

Rows 13 and 14 Ch 1, turn, sc in each st across.

Rows 15-26 Repeat Rows 9-14 twice. Fasten off B. From right side, with smaller hook, join C in first st.

Row 27 (right side) Ch 1, turn, sc in each st across.

Row 28 Ch 1, turn, sc in first sc, *sp-2 over next sc, sc in next sc; repeat from * across to last st, sc in last st.

Continue in spike st pat until front panel measures 19½ (22½, 22½, 23½, 24)"/54.5 (57, 57, 59.5, 61)cm. End by working a wrong side row. Fasten off C.

NECK SHAPING

From right side, sk first 10 (10, 11, 11, 12) sts. Place marker (for neck edge) and join C in next st.

Row 1 (right side) Work in spike st pat across – 22 (24, 27, 29, 32) sts.

Rows 2-5 Work in spike st pat, dec 1 st at neck edge each row – 18 (20, 23, 25, 28) sts.

Work even in spike st pat until neck opening measures 2"/5cm. End by working a right side row.

SHOULDER SHAPING

Row 1 (wrong side) Turn, sl st in first 3 (4, 4, 5, 5) sts, work in spike st pat across rem 15 (16, 19, 20, 23) sts.

Row 2 Work in spike st pat across to last 3 (4, 4, 5, 5) sts; leave rem sts unworked – 12 (12, 15, 15, 18) sts.

Row 3 Turn, sl st in first 3 (3, 4, 4, 5) sts, work in spike st pat across rem 9 (9, 11, 11, 13) sts.

Row 4 Work in spike st pat across to last 3 (3, 4, 4, 5) sts; leave rem sts unworked – 6 (6, 7, 7, 8) sts.

Row 5 Turn, sl st in first 3 (3, 4, 4, 4) sts, work in spike st pat across rem 3 (3, 3, 3, 4) sts. Fasten off C.

BACK PANEL

From right side, sk 8 sts following Right Front Panel (for underarm). With larger hook, join B in next st.

ARMHOLE SHAPING

Row 1 (right side) Ch 1, sc in next 75 (83, 87, 95, 99) sts; leave rem sts unworked.

Row 2 Ch 1, turn, sc2tog, sc in each sc across to last 2 sc, sc2tog – 73 (81, 85, 93, 97) sts.

Row 3 Turn, sl st in first sc, *hdc in next sc, sl st in next sc; repeat from * across.

Row 4 Turn, sk first sl st, *sl st in next hdc, hdc in next sl st; repeat from * across to last 2 sts, sl st in last hdc, leave last sl st unworked – 71 (79, 83, 91, 95) sts.

Rows 5 and 6 Continue in crunch st pat and repeat Row 4 shaping twice – 67 (75, 79, 87, 91) sts.

Rows 7 and 8 Ch 1, turn, sc2tog, sc in each st across to last 2 sts, sc2tog – 63 (71, 75, 83, 87) sts.

Rows 9-26 Work in crunch st pat. Fasten off B.

From right side, with smaller hook, join C in first st.

Row 27 Ch 1, sc in each sc across.

Row 28 Work Row 1 of spike st pat.

Continue in spike st pat until back measures 21½ (24½, 24½, 25½, 26)"/54.5 (62, 62, 65, 66)cm from beginning. End by working a right side row.

SHOULDER SHAPING

Row 1 (wrong side) Turn, sl st in first 3 (4, 4, 5, 5) sts, work in spike st pat across next 15 (16, 19, 20, 23) sts; leave rem sts unworked.

Rows 2-5 Work Row 2-5 of Right Front Panel shoulder shaping. Fasten off C.

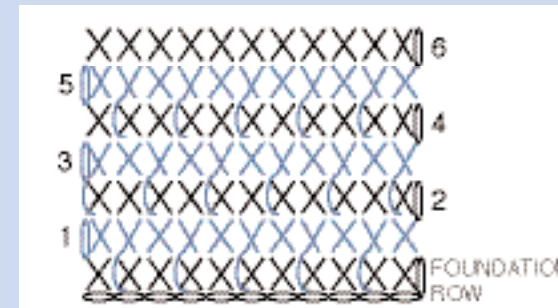
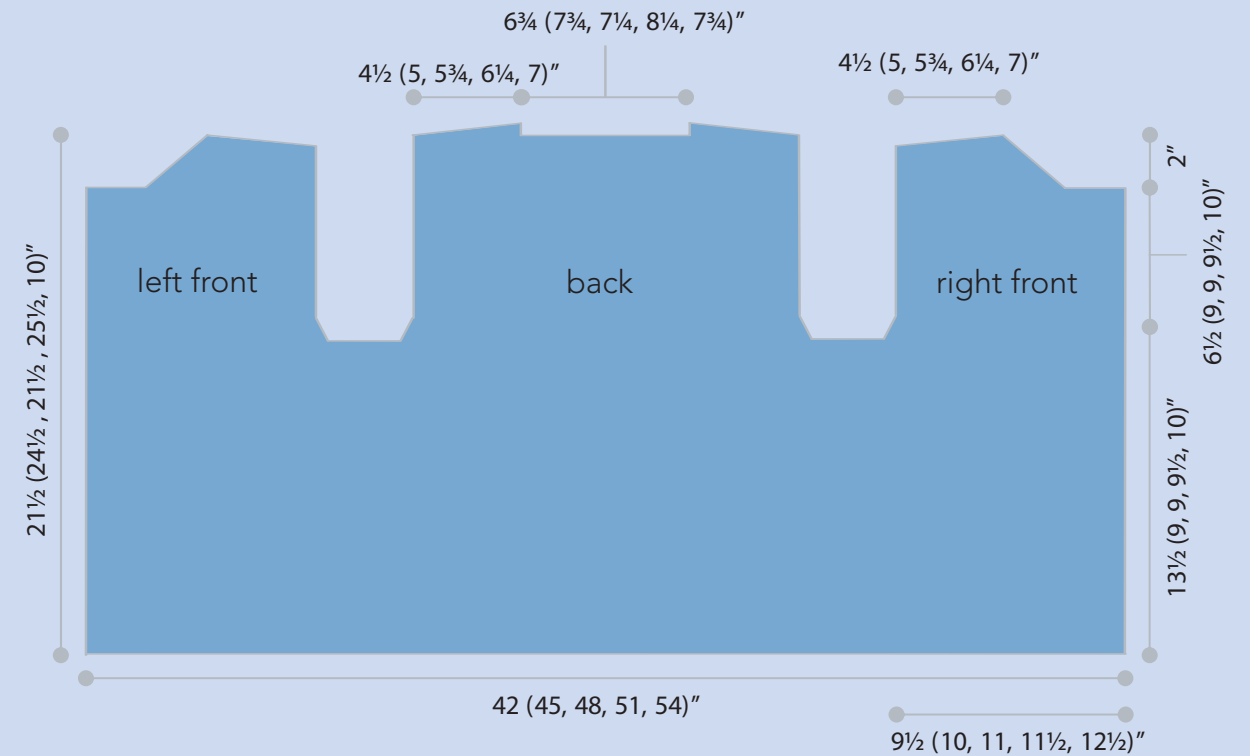
OPPOSITE SHOULDER SHAPING

From wrong side, sk 27 (31, 29, 33, 31) unworked sts (for neck). With smaller hook, join C.

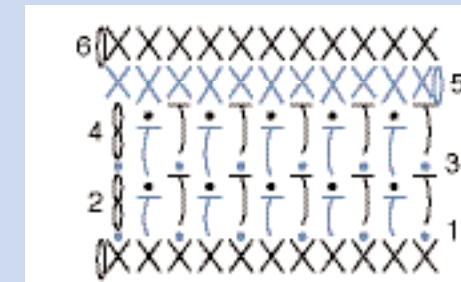
Row 1 Work in spike st pat across next 15 (16, 19, 20, 23) sts; leave rem sts unworked.

Row 2 Turn, sl st in first 3 (4, 4, 5, 5) sts, work in spike st pat across rem 12 (12, 15, 15, 18) sts.

Row 3 Work in spike st pat across to last 3 (3, 4, 4, 5) sts; leave rem sts unworked – 9 (9, 11, 11, 13) sts.



reduced sample of spike stitch pattern



reduced sample of crunch stitch pattern

Row 4 Turn, sl st in first 3 (3, 4, 4, 5) sts, work in spike st pat across rem – 6 (6, 7, 7, 8) sts.

Row 5 Work in spike st pat across to last 3 (3, 4, 4, 4) sts; leave rem sts unworked – 3 (3, 4, 4, 4) sts. Fasten off C.

LEFT FRONT PANEL

From right side, sk 8 sts following Back panel (for underarm). With larger hook, join B in next st. Work as for Right Front Panel, reversing shaping.

finishing

Sl st shoulder seams together.

arm bands

From right side, with smaller hook, join C in underarm, ch 6.

Row 1 Ch 1, sc in 2nd ch from hook and each ch across; join with 2 sl st in arm opening (first sl st joins arm band to body, second counts as turning ch).

Row 2 Turn, sk both sl sts; working in back lps only, sc in each sc across.

Row 3 Ch 1, turn; working in back lps only, sc in each sc across; join with 2 sl st in arm opening. Repeat Rows 2 and 3 evenly spaced around arm opening. Fasten off C leaving a long tail for sewing. With yarn needle, whipstitch ends together.

body ribbing

From right side, with smaller hook, join A in lower front corner of Front Right Panel, ch 6.

Continue as for arm bands. Do not sew ends together.

collar

From right side, with smaller hook, join C in top edge of Front Left Panel, ch 13. Continue as for arm bands. Do not sew ends together.

Using sewing needle and matching thread, sew zipper into vest starting at ribbing and continuing up to the collar.

Weave in all ends. n