



Classic Vest

Using a fashion forward color turns this basic v-neck knit vest into the perfect wardrobe piece. This is a style that everyone can be comfortable wearing—including all ages and figure types.

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Directions are for size Small; changes for sizes Medium, Large, XLarge and XXLarge are in parentheses.

Finished Bust: 36 (40, 44, 48, 52)".

Finished Length: 23 (23¾, 24½, 25¼, 26)".

RED HEART® “Super Tweed™”: 2 (3, 3, 4, 4) skeins 7708 Pinkberry **A** and 1 skein 7404 Smokey **B**.

Knitting Needles: 5mm [US 8].

Circular Knitting Needles: 4mm [US 6] 16" long.
Stitch holders (3), stitch markers (2), spare knitting needle, yarn needle.

GAUGE: 16 sts = 4"; 22 rows = 4" in Stockinette st.

CHECK YOUR GAUGE. Use any size needles to obtain the gauge given.

SPECIAL ABBREVIATION

S2kp2 = Slip 2 sts together at once knitwise, k1, pass 2 slipped sts over knit st.-2 sts decreased.

K1, p1 Rib (worked over an odd number of sts).

Row 1 (Right Side): K1, * p1, k1; repeat from * to end of row.

Row 2: P1, * k1, p1; repeat from * to end of row.

Repeat Rows 1 and 2 for K1, p1 rib.

VEST

Back

With **A**, cast on 71 (79, 87, 95, 103) sts.

Begin K1, p1 rib and repeat Stripe Sequence as follows:

* 2 rows with **A**, 2 rows with **B**; repeat from * once more, then work 2 rows with **A**. Cut **B**.

Next Row (Right Side): Begin St st, inc 1 st at end of row—72 (80, 88, 96, 104) sts.

Work even until Back measures 16 (16½, 17, 17½, 18)" from beginning, end by working a wrong side row.

Shape Armholes

Bind off 3 (4, 5, 7, 8) sts at beginning of next 2 rows—66 (72, 78, 82, 88) sts. Dec 1 st at beginning and end of every right side row 3 (4, 5, 6, 8) times—60 (64, 68, 70, 72) sts.

Work even until armhole measures 7 (7¼, 7½, 7¾, 8)".

Slip first 18 (20, 22, 23, 24) sts for shoulder onto st holder, slip center 24 sts for back neck to second holder, slip remaining sts to third holder for shoulder.

Front

Cast on and work same as for Back to armhole shaping, end by working a wrong side row.

Divide for Neck

K36 (40, 44, 48, 52) sts; join a second ball of yarn at center front for neck edge, knit to end of row.



Shape Armholes and V Neck

Working both sides at once with separate balls of yarn, shape armholes same as for Back **AND AT THE SAME TIME** at beginning of next right side row begin neck shaping as follows: Work to within 3 sts of first neck edge, k2tog, k1, with second ball of yarn k1, ssk, knit to end. Continue to dec 1 st at each neck edge alternating every 2nd and 4th row 11 times more—18 (20, 22, 23, 24) sts each side. Work even until armhole measures same as Back to shoulder edge.

FINISHING

Join shoulders with 3-Needle Bind off as follows: Slip sts from first shoulder st holder onto spare knitting needle. With wrong sides facing, and points of both needles pointing to the right, * knit the first st from the front needle together with the first st from the back needle. Knit the next st from each needle in the same manner, then bind off 1 st. Repeat from * until all sts have been bound off. Fasten off last st. Repeat for second shoulder.

Sew side seams.

Neck Edging

With right side facing, circular knitting needles and **A**, pick up and k81 (83, 85, 87, 89) sts evenly around neck edge including sts from holder and picking up 1 st at center front. Place a marker on center st. Place marker for beginning of round and join, being careful not to twist sts.

Round 1: K1, p1 rib to within 1 st of marked center st; s2kp2, rib to end.

Repeat Round 1 (working center front dec every round) and Stripe Sequence as follows: 1 round with **A**, 2 rounds with **B**, 1 round with **A**. Bind off with **A** working center front dec.

Armhole Edgings

With right side facing, circular knitting needles and **A** pick up and k62 (66, 70, 76, 80) sts evenly around armhole edge. Place marker for beginning of round and join, being careful not to twist sts. Begin K1, p1 rib and repeat Stripe Sequence as follows: 2 rounds in **A**, 2 rounds in **B**, 1 round in **A**. Bind off in **A**.



RED HEART® “Super Tweed™”, Art. E779, available in tweed 5 oz (141g), 266 yd (243m) skeins.

ABBREVIATIONS: **A, B** = colors A and B; **dec** = decrease; **inc** = increase; **k** = knit; **mm** = millimeters; **p** = purl; **st(s)** = stitch(es); **St st** = Stockinette st; * **or** ** = repeat whatever follows the * or ** as indicated.

