# Blue Shimmer Vest

This vest is knitted in the round, from the bottom up.

A pink shimmer sweeps over the fog-blue shades of the sky and sea, as day fades into night. The pattern panels on this vest are reminiscent of the original, traditional look of Fair Isle knitting: relatively few colors, and wider panels shadowed by a band. The template for these panels was a scarf from the 1920s, which was inspired in its turn by pattern panels from the beginning of the twentieth century. Wider panels with the classic "O" pattern alternate with narrower "X" panels and tree motifs, which were so popular at the beginning of the twentieth century. A garment knitted with these kinds of panels is easy to lengthen or shorten.

#### **SKILL LEVEL**

Intermediate to Experienced

#### **SIZES**

S (M, L, XL)

#### **FINISHED MEASUREMENTS**

**Chest:**  $37^{3/4}$  ( $47^{3/4}$ ,  $45^{1/4}$ ,  $49^{1/2}$ ) in / 96 (106, 115, 125) cm **Length:**  $21^{1/4}$  (24, 24,  $25^{1/2}$ ) in / 54 (61, 61, 65) cm

#### **MATERIALS**

### Yarn:

CYCA #1 (fingering) Jamieson and Smith 2-ply Jumper Weight (100% Shetland wool, 126 yd/115 m / 25 g)

#### Yarn Colors and Amounts:

A-Fc 61: 100 (100, 100, 125) g

B-202: 75 (75, 75, 75) g

C-4: 50 (50, 50, 75) g

D-8o: 5o (75, 75, 75) g

E-3 mix: 50 (50, 50, 50) g

**Needles:** U. S. size 1.5 / 2.5 mm: 24 and 32 in / 60 and 80 cm circulars; U. S. 2.5 / 3 mm: 32 in / 80 cm circular

**Notions:** stitch markers, large eye tapestry needle

#### **GAUGE**

33 sts and 41 rnds in stockinette/pattern on larger needle =  $4 \times 4$  in / 10  $\times$  10 cm.

Adjust needle size to obtain correct gauge if necessary.



## Pink Project Bag

#### **FINISHED MEASUREMENTS**

**Width:** 11<sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub> in / 30 cm **Height:** 7<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> in / 19 cm

Yarn: CYCA #1 (fingering) Jamieson's of Shetland Spindrift (100% Shetland wool, 115 yd/105 m / 25 g)

### Yarn Colors and Amounts:

A-Granite: 25 g
B-Dusk: 25 g
C-Lipstick: 25 g
D-Maroon: 25 g
E-Dog Rose: 25 g
F-Grouse: 25 g
G-Shaela: 25 g
H-Plum: 25 g
J-Nighthawk: 25 g

**Needles:** U. S. size 2.5 / 3 mm: 16 in / 40 cm circular **Notions:** stitch markers, smooth cotton yarn, zipper measuring 14 in / 35 cm, lining fabric, iron-on interlining (vlieseline, for example) and a sewing machine, sewing needle and thread

#### **GAUGE**

34 sts and 40 rnds in stockinette/pattern = 4 x 4 in

Adjust needle size to obtain correct gauge if necessary.

With Color C, CO 120 sts with a provisional cast-on. For the provisional cast-on, use the regular long-tail method: Holding wool and cotton yarn together, make a slip knot and place it on needle (this st does not count and is removed later). Use long-tail cast-on with cotton yarn over thumb and wool yarn over index finger. The loops on the needle will be wool and the knots underneath will be cotton.

Cut cotton yarn and remove first st (the st made with both yarns held together). Join sts to knit in the round, being careful not to twist cast-on row; pm for beginning of rnd.

First side: Knit around, following chart.

Knit 7 rnds with Color C. BO all sts.

**Base:** Unravel cotton yarn and slip live sts onto needle one by one.

Knit 2 rnds with Color B.

Work ribbing with Colors A and B: \*K2, p2\* for 2 in /

Knit 2 rnds with Color B.

**Second side:** Knit around following chart. Knit 7 rnds with Color C. BO all sts.

#### ASSEMBLY AND FINISHING

Cut open up "jog" at beginning of rnd, and trim away all loose ends from color changes so they are even with cut edge.

Wash knitted piece in lukewarm water and wool-safe soap. Soak in water for at least 30 minutes. Rinse well, also in warm water. Roll in towel and press out water. Pin knitted piece to a soft flat surface, such as a foam board or blocking mat. Set pins close together. Stretch out knitted piece well so stitches lie smooth and straight. Leave until completely dry.

Cut out interlining (vlieseline, for example) to same size as knitted piece. Iron interlining to wrong side of knitting, and make sure the "glue" attaches well, especially at the edges. If the interlining doesn't attach fully, increase the heat on the iron. You can lay a dry kitchen towel over the pieces if you need to increase the heat even more.

Cut out 2 pieces of linen or cotton lining fabric of the same size (they will join at the base). The lining should be somewhat smaller (by an inch or a few centimeters) than the project bag itself.