Superfine 400 #4

SIDE-BUTTON VEST

DESIGNED FOR YARN AND SOUL: SUPERFINE 400
Side-button Vest

Slight A-line shape. Side closure with buttons or laced ribbon.

THE DETAILS

THE FIT
Sizes: XS (S, M, L, XL).
Shown in size M.
To fit bust: 32 (34, 36, 38, 40) "
Bust with ribbon closure:
31½ (33½, 36, 38, 40)"
Bust with button closure:
30 (32, 34½, 36½, 38½)"
Length: 22½ (23, 24, 24½, 25½)"

SUPPLIES
Yarn:
2 hanks
Superfine 400
3047 Faded Denim

Needles:
Smaller needle: Circular knitting needle (24") sized to get gauge.
Larger needle: Knitting needles 2 sizes larger than size to get gauge.

Other stuff:
Eight 5/8" buttons OR 2 yards Ribbon 3/8" (optional, see notes)
Stitch holders or waste yarn
Stitch marker

GAUGE
5½ sts and 8½ rows = 1" in Stockinette, with smaller needles

Suggested needle size:
US 4 and 6 (3.5 and 4 mm).

Please note: Correct gauge is important but needle size is not.
Change your needle size if necessary –
It doesn’t matter what size needle you use to get correct gauge.

HOW TO KNIT IT

UPPER BACK
With smaller circular needle, cast on 91 (97, 103, 109, 115) sts. Do not join – work back and forth in rows.

First row (RS): Work 5 sts in Seed st, work in Stockinette to last 5 sts, work in Seed st to end. Work 5 more rows even, ending with a WS row.

Tie opening row (RS): Work 3 sts in Seed st, yo, ssk, work in Stockinette to last 5 sts, k2tog, yo, work in Seed st to end.
[Work 13 rows even then repeat the tie opening row] 3 times.
Work 1 WS row even – piece measures approximately 3½".

Shape armholes: Bind off at the beginning of the row 4 (4, 5, 5, 6) sts twice then 4 sts twice – 75 (81, 85, 91, 95) sts.

Next row (RS): K2, k2tog, knit to last 4 sts, ssk, with RH needle pick up horizontal strand between sts from front to back (do not work this st), k1 – 2 sts decreased.

Next row (WS): P2tog (first st and picked up st), p1, ssp, purl to last 4 sts, p2tog, p1, with RH needle pick up horizontal strand between sts from back to front (do not work this st), p1.

Next row (RS): K2tog–tbl (first st and picked up st), k2, k2tog, knit to last 4 sts, ssk, k1, with RH needle pick up horizontal strand between sts from front to back (do not work this st), k1.
Repeat the last 2 rows 0 (0, 1, 2, 2) more times – 69 (69, 65, 67, 71) sts.

Next row (WS): P2tog (first st and picked up st), purl to last st, with RH needle pick up horizontal strand between sts from back to front (do not work this st), p1.

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Next row (RS): K2tog–tbl (first st and picked up st), k2, k2tog, knit to last 4 sts, ssk, k1, with RH needle pick up horizontal strand between sts from front to back (do not work this st), k1.
Repeat the last 2 rows 2 (5, 4, 4) more times – 63 (63, 65, 67, 71) sts.

Next row (WS): P2tog (first st and picked up st), purl to last st, with RH needle pick up horizontal strand between sts from back to front (do not work this st), p1.
**Next row (RS):** K2tog–tbl (first st and picked up st), knit to last st, with RH needle pick up horizontal strand between sts from front to back (do not work this st), k1. Work even, repeating the last 2 rows, until armhole measures 6½ (7, 7½, 8, 8½)"", ending with a WS row.

**Shape neck (RS):** Continue armhole edging as established, work 14 (14, 15, 15, 17) sts, join another ball of yarn and bind off center 35 (35, 35, 37, 37) sts, work to end – 14 (14, 15, 15, 17) sts each side (not including st picked up for armhole edging). Working each side with its own ball of yarn, work 1 WS row even.

Continue armhole edging and bind off at each neck edge 4 sts once – 10 (10, 11, 11, 13) sts each side; armhole measures 7 (7½, 8, 8½, 9)".

**Shape shoulders** with short rows as follows:

**Next 2 rows (RS and WS):** Work even on first group of sts; on second group of sts, work to last 4 (4, 4, 4, 5) sts, w&t.

**Next 2 rows (RS and WS):** Work even on first group of sts; on second group of sts, work to last 7 (7, 8, 8, 9) sts, w&t.

**Next 2 rows (RS and WS):** Work even on first group of sts; on second group of sts, work to end, hiding wraps. Break yarn and slip sts to holder. Work remaining sts, hiding wraps, and slip sts to separate holder.

**UPPER FRONT**

Work same as upper back until armhole measures 3 (3½, 4, 4½, 5)"", ending with a WS row – 63 (63, 65, 67, 71) sts.

**Shape neck (RS):** Continue armhole edging and work 21 (21, 22, 22, 24) sts, join another ball of yarn and bind off center 21 (21, 21, 23, 23) sts, work to end – 21 (21, 22, 22, 24) sts each side (not including st picked up for armhole edging). Working each side with its own ball of yarn, work 1 WS row even.

Continue with armhole edging and bind off at each neck edge 3 sts once then 2 sts once – 16 (16, 17, 17, 19) sts.

**Decrease row (RS):** On first side, work to last 7 sts, k2tog, k5; on second group of sts, k5, ssk, work to end – 1 st decreased each neck edge. [Work 3 rows even then work the decrease row] twice – 13 (13, 14, 14, 16) sts. [Work 5 rows even then work the decrease row] 3 times – 10 (10, 11, 11, 13) sts each side.

Work even until armhole measures 7 (7½, 8, 8½, 9)"", ending with a WS row.

**Shape and join shoulders:** Work short row shaping same as back. Do not break yarn, and join shoulders with three needle bind off.
LOWER BACK
With smaller circular needle and WS of upper back cast on edge facing, pick up and knit 91 (97, 103, 109, 115) sts across cast on edge (decorative ridge will show on RS).

Change to larger needles.
Next row (RS): Work 5 sts in Seed st, work in Stockinette to last 5 sts, work in Seed to end.

Work even until piece measures 9¼ (9¼, 9½, 9¾, 9¾)” from last 5 sts, work in Seed to end.

Next row (RS): Work 5 sts in Seed st, work in Stockinette to next row (RS):

Change to larger needles.

LOWER FRONT
Work same as lower back.

FINISHING
Block to measurements.

Neckband: With smaller circular needle and RS facing, beg at left shoulder seam pick up and knit 26 sts along left front neck, 31 (31, 33, 33, 35) sts across center front, 26 sts along right front neck, and 55 (55, 55, 57, 57) sts across back neck – 138 (138, 140, 142, 144) sts. Join to work in the round. Purl 1 round. Bind off all sts knitwise.

Weave in ends. Lace ribbon through tie openings. Alternately, sew buttons to back Seed st borders.

Notes
The upper back and front are first worked separately to the shoulders. Then the lower body and front are worked separately from stitches picked up along the cast – on edge of each upper piece.

Tie openings are worked at the same time as the 5 – stitch Seed st borders on both the back and front pieces so that the upper side seams can be joined using a ribbon. You can choose to omit the tie openings on the back piece and instead use buttons to join the side seams.

Stitches and Abbreviations

Stockinette
Knit on the RS; Purl on the WS

Seed Stitch (odd number of sts)
All rows (RS and WS): K1, *p1, k1; repeat from *.

Wrap and turn:
Knit row or stitch – With yarn in back, slip next st purlwise onto RH needle, bring yarn to front of work, return slipped st to LH needle, bring yarn to back of work, then turn work.

Purl row or stitch – With yarn in front, slip next st purlwise onto RH needle, bring yarn to back of work, return slipped st to LH needle, bring yarn to front of work, then turn work.

Hide Wraps:
Knit row or stitch – Insert RH needle tip from front to back into wrap and knit it together with the wrapped stitch.

Purl row or stitch – Insert RH needle tip from back to front into wrap and lift it onto LH needle, then purl it together with the wrapped stitch.

Three Needle Bind Off: Slip the sts from holders onto each of 2 needles, with the RS of garment pieces held together (to form ridge on inside of garment), hold the needles parallel. With a third needle knit the first st of front and back needles together, *knit next st from each needle together, (2 sts on RH needle), bind off 1 st; repeat from * until all sts are bound off.

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More About Superfine 400

Superfine 400 is a round 3 ply yarn with excellent stitch definition – beautiful in cables, lace or simple Stockinette. The generous 400 yards per 100 grams means most projects only need 1-3 hanks.

Available in a range of natural, heather and solid shades – the colors blend and contrast in an almost infinite number of combinations.

100% Superfine Alpaca | 5-6½ sts/inch on size US 2-7 (2.75-4.5 mm) needle

100g hank | approx 400 yards hand wash cool, dry flat | made in Peru