



Towering Trees Vest

Level: Intermediate

SIZES

X-Small (Small, Medium, Large, X-Large)
Shown in X-Small Size

FINISHED MEASUREMENTS

Bust: 36 (40, 44, 48, 52)"
Length: 23 (24, 25, 27½, 29)"

MATERIALS

Premier® Yarns Muir Woods (100% acrylic; 3.5oz/100g, 170yds/155m)

- #1074-14 Sequoia – 4 (4, 5, 5, 6) balls

Needle: **Needle:** US Size 7 (4.5 mm) & Size 9 (5.5mm) knitting needles *or size needed to obtain gauge*
Notions: Tapestry needle, separating zipper at least 24½ (25½, 26½, 29, 30½)" long

GAUGE

16 sts x 20 rows = 4" in St st on larger needles
Save time, check your gauge.

PATTERN NOTES

Vest is knit in pieces and seamed together. It is better to purchase a zipper too long and cut off the extra length. Secure the cut end by sewing between the teeth just below the cut several times to create a new zipper stop.

VEST

Back

Edging

With smaller needle, cast on 74 (82, 90, 98, 106).

Row 1 (WS): P2, *k2, p2; rep from * across.

Row 2 (RS): K2, *p2, k2; rep from * across.

Repeat Rows 1-2 until piece measures 3", ending with a WS row.

Body

Change to larger needles.

Row 1 (RS): (K2, p2) twice, knit to last 8 sts, (p2, k2) twice.

Row 2 (WS): (P2, k2) twice, purl to last 8 sts, (k2, p2) twice.

Repeat Rows 1-2 until piece measures 13 (13½, 14, 15, 15½)", ending with a WS row.

Armholes

As you shape the armholes the ribbing stitches will be bound off and the remainder of the back will be worked in stockinette.

At the beginning of the next 2 rows, bind off 4 (4, 4, 5, 5) sts – 66 (74, 82, 88, 96) sts.

At the beginning of the next 2 rows, bind off 4 (3, 3, 3, 3) sts – 58 (68, 76, 82, 90) sts.

Decrease Row (RS): K2, k2tog, knit to last 4 sts, ssk, k2 – 2 sts dec'd.

Repeat Decrease Row, every RS row, 2 (4, 5, 5, 7) times – 54 (60, 66, 72, 76) sts.

Continue in Stockinette Stitch until armholes measure 9 (9½, 10, 11½, 12½)", ending with a WS row.

Shape Shoulders

At beginning of next 2 rows bind off 7 (6, 7, 7, 7) sts – 40 (48, 52, 58, 62) sts.

At beginning of next 2 rows bind off 7 (6, 6, 7, 7) sts – 26 (36, 40, 44, 48) sts.

Largest 4 sizes only, at the beginning of the next 2 rows bind off - (5, 6, 6, 7) sts – 26 (26, 28, 32, 34) sts.

Bind off remaining sts.

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Left Front

With smaller needles cast on 39 (43, 47, 51, 55) sts.

Row 1 (WS): Sl 1, (p1, k1) twice, *p2, k2; rep from * to last 2 sts, p2.

Row 2 (RS): *K2, p2; rep from * to last 7 sts, k2, (p1, k1) twice, k1.

Repeat Rows 1-2 until piece measures 3", ending with a WS row.

Body

Change to larger needles.

Row 1 (RS): (K2, p2) twice, knit to last 5 sts, (p1, k1) twice, k1.

Row 2 (WS): Sl 1, (p1, k1) twice, purl to last 4 sts, (k2, p2) twice.

Repeat Rows 1-2 until piece measures 13 (13½, 14, 15, 15½)", ending with a WS row.

Armholes

As you shape the armholes the side ribbing stitches will be bound off and the remainder of the front will be worked in stockinette with just the front edging sts in pattern.

At beginning of next RS row, bind off 4 (4, 4, 5, 5) sts – 35 (39, 43, 46, 50) sts.

At beginning of next RS row, bind off 4 (3, 3, 3, 3) sts – 31 (36, 40, 43, 47) sts.

Decrease Row (RS): K2, k2tog, knit to last 5 sts, (p1, k1) twice, k1 – 1 st dec'd.

Repeat Decrease Row, every RS row, 2 (4, 5, 5, 7) times – 29 (32, 35, 38, 40) sts.

Continue to work in Stockinette with front edging sts in pattern until armholes measure 7 (7½, 8, 9½, 10½)", ending with a RS row.

Neck Shaping

At the beginning of the next WS row, bind off 9 (9, 10, 10, 11) sts – 20 (23, 25, 28, 29) sts.

At the beginning of the next WS row, bind off 2 (2, 2, 3, 3) sts – 18 (21, 23, 25, 26) sts.

At the beginning of the next WS row, bind off 2 sts – 16 (19, 21, 23, 24) sts.

Decrease Row (RS): Knit to last 4 sts, ssk, k2 – 1 st dec'd.

Repeat Decrease Row, every RS row, 2 (2, 2, 3, 3) times – 14 (17, 19, 20, 21) sts.

Continue in Stockinette until armhole measures 9 (9½, 10, 11½, 12½)", ending with a WS row.

Shape Shoulders

At beginning of next RS Row, bind off 7 (6, 7, 7, 7) sts – 7 (11, 12, 13, 14) sts.

At beginning of next RS Row, bind off 7 (6, 6, 7, 7) sts – 0 (5, 6, 6, 7) sts.

At beginning of next RS Row, bind off remaining sts.

Right Front

With smaller needles cast on 39 (43, 47, 51, 55) sts.

Row 1 (WS): *P2, k2; rep from * to last 7 sts, p2, (k1, p1) twice, p1.

Row 2 (RS): Sl 1, (k1, p1) twice, k2, *p2, k2; rep from * to end.

Repeat Rows 1-2 until piece measures 3", ending with a WS row.

Body

Change to larger needles.

Row 1 (RS): Sl 1 (k1, p1) twice, knit to last 8 sts, (p2, k2) twice.

Row 2 (WS): (P2, k2) twice, purl to last 5 sts, (k1, p1) twice, p1.

Repeat Rows 1-2 until piece measures 13 (13½, 14, 15, 15½)", ending with a RS row.

Armholes

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At beginning of next WS row, bind off 4 (4, 4, 5, 5) sts – 35 (39, 43, 46, 50) sts.

At beginning of next WS row, bind off 4 (3, 3, 3, 3) sts – 31 (36, 40, 43, 47) sts.

Decrease Row (RS): Sl 1 (k1, p1) twice, knit to last 4 sts, ssk, k2 – 1 st dec'd.

Repeat Decrease Row, every RS row, 2 (4, 5, 5, 7) times – 29 (32, 35, 38, 40) sts.

Continue to work in Stockinette with front edging sts in pattern until armholes measure 7 (7½, 8, 9½, 10½)", ending with a WS row.

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Continue in Stockinette until armhole measures 9 (9½, 10, 11½, 12½)”, ending with a RS row.

Shape Shoulders

At beginning of next WS Row, bind off 7 (6, 7, 7, 7) sts – 7 (11, 12, 13, 14) sts.

At beginning of next WS Row, bind off 7 (6, 6, 7, 7) sts – 0 (5, 6, 6, 7) sts.

At beginning of next WS Row, bind off remaining sts.

FINISHING

Sew Shoulder Seams.

Armhole Edging

With smaller needles, and RS facing, pick up and knit sts along the armhole, picking up 1 st in each bind-off stitch, and 3 sts for every 4 rows, adjusting as needed to end with a multiple of 4 sts + 2 additional sts.

Row 1 (WS): P2, *k2, p2; rep from * across.

Row 2 (RS): K2, *p2, k2; rep from * across.

Rep Rows 1-2 until edging measures 1”, ending with a WS row.

Bind off in pattern.

Repeat on remaining Armhole.

Sew side seams.

Collar

With smaller needles, and RS facing, pick up a knit 68 (68, 72, 80, 84) sts along neck edge.

Row 1 (WS): Sl 1, (p1, k1) twice, *p2, k2; rep from * to last 7 sts, p2, (k1, p1) twice, p1.

Row 2 (RS): Sl 1, (k1, p1) twice, *k2, p2; rep from * to last 7 sts, k2, (p1, k1) twice, k1.

Repeat Rows 1-2 until Collar measures 7”.

Bind off in pattern.

Weave in ends.

Sew in zipper, starting at the bottom edge and ending half way up the Collar.

Fold Collar to the inside of the sweater and sew bind-off edge to neck of cardigan (along picked up stitches). Sew closed front edge of collar leaving zipper exposed.

Weave in remaining ends.

Abbreviations

dec('d) decrease(d)

inc('d) increase(d)

k knit

k2tog knit 2 sts together (1 st dec'd)

p purl

rem remain(ing)

rep repeat(ing)

RS right side

sl slip

ssk slip slip knit (1 st dec'd)

st(s) stitch(es)

WS wrong side

