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skill level: advanced

Hiker's Waistcoat

A free pattern from Kelbourne Woolens

A flattering, functional and fashionable alternative to the outerwear fleece vest.



Yarn: The Fibre Company Terra (40% Alpaca, 40% Merino, 20% Silk; 98yards/50gms per skein). Shale: 7 (7, 8, 8, 9) skeins.

Gauge: 16 sts and 20 rows = 4" in StSt on US Size 8 needles after blocking.
*It is imperative you check gauge. Adjust needle size if necessary to obtain gauge.

Needles: 1 - 24" US 8 (5mm) circular needle or pair straights. 1 - 24" US 7 (4.50mm) circular needle or pair straights.

Notions: 2 stitch markers, tapestry needle.

Size(s): Finished bust meas: 36 (38, 40, 42, 44)". Please see schematic for detailed measurements.

Necessary Skills: Knitting, purling, increasing, decreasing, picking up stitches, short-row shaping.

DIRECTIONS:

BACK: Using smaller needles, CO 65 (69, 73, 77, 81) sts. Work in garter st for 5 rows. Row 6 (WS): K 16 (17, 18, 19, 20) sts, pm, K 33 (35, 37, 39, 41) sts, pm, K 16 (17, 18, 19, 20) sts. Change to larger needles. Begin Pattern: Row 1 (RS): *K1, P1; rep from * to first m, slm, K to next m, slm, *P1, K1; rep from * to end. Row 2 (WS): *K1, P1; rep from * to first m, slm, P to next m, slm, *P1, K1; rep from * to end. These 2 rows set patt with seed st on each side of center stockinette sts. Row 3: Work in patt to 2 sts before m, K2tog, slm, K to next marker, slm, SKP, work in patt to end - 63 (67, 71, 75, 79) sts. Rows 4 – 10: Work even in patt. Row 11: Work in patt to 2 sts before m, K2tog, slm, K to next m, slm, SKP, work in patt to end - 61 (65, 69, 73, 77) sts. Work even in patt until piece meas 6.5 (7, 7, 7.25, 7.25)" from CO edge, ending after knitting a WS row. Next row: Work in patt to 1 st before m, K1f+b, slm, knit to m, slm, K1f+b, work in patt to end - 2 sts inc'd. Work 7 rows even in patt. Rep last 8 rows 3 times more, then inc row once more - 71 (75, 79, 83, 87) sts. Work 5 rows even in patt. Next row: Work in patt to 1 st before m, K1f+b, slm, knit to m, slm, K1f+b, work in patt to end - 73 (77, 81, 85, 89) sts. Work even in patt until piece meas 12 (12.5, 13, 13.5, 14)" from CO edge, ending after knitting a WS row.

Shape armholes: Maintaining patt as set, BO 3 (4, 4, 5, 6) sts at beg of next 2 rows - 67 (69, 73, 75, 77) sts. Next row: K2tog, work in patt to 2 sts before m, K2tog, slm, K1f+b, K to 2 sts before m, K1f+b, K1, slm, k2tog, work in patt to 2 sts rem, K2tog - 65 (67, 71, 73, 75) sts. Dec 1 st at each end of next 2 rows, then on foll alt row - 59 (61, 65, 67, 69) sts. Work 1 row even in patt. Next row: K2tog, work in patt to 2 sts before m, K2tog, slm, K1f+b, K to 2 sts before m, K1f+b, K1, slm, k2tog, work in patt to 2 sts rem, K2tog - 57 (59, 63, 65, 67) sts. Work 3 rows even in patt. Next row: K2tog, work in patt to m, sm, K to 2 sts before m, slm, work in patt to 2 sts rem, K2tog - 55 (57, 61, 63, 65) sts. Work 1 row even in patt. Next row: Work in patt to 2 sts before m, K2tog, slm, K1f+b, K to 2 sts before m, K1f+b, K1, slm, K2tog, work in patt to end. Work 3 rows even in patt. Repeat previous 4 rows until there are 6 seed sts before marker. Cont even in patt until armhole meas 8 (8.5, 9, 9.5, 10)".

Shape shoulders and neck: BO 5 (5, 6, 6, 6) sts at beg of next 2 rows - 45 (47, 49, 51, 53) sts. Next row: BO 5 sts, K until there are 8 (8, 9, 10, 11) sts on right needle and turn, leaving rem sts on a holder. Work each side of neck separately. BO 4 (4, 5, 5, 6) sts at beg of next row. BO rem sts. With RS facing, rejoin yarn to rem sts and BO center 19 (21, 21, 21, 21) sts, work in patt to end. Work to match first side, reversing shaping.

LEFT FRONT:

Using smaller needles, CO 36 (38, 40, 42, 44) sts. Work in garter st for 5 rows. Next row (WS): K 20 (21, 22, 23, 24) sts, pm, knit to end. Change to larger needles. Begin Pattern: Row 1 (RS): *K1, P1; rep from * to m, slm, K to end. Row 2: K5, P to m, slm, P1, K1 to end. These 2 rows set patt with seed st on each side of center stockinette sts. Row 3: Work in patt to 2 sts before m, K2tog, slm, K to end - 35 (37, 39, 41, 43) sts. Rows 4 – 10: Work even in patt. Row 11: Work in patt to 2 sts before m, K2tog, slm, K to end - 34 (36, 38, 40, 42) sts.

Work in patt until piece meas 6.5 (7, 7, 7.25, 7.25)" from CO edge, ending after knitting a WS row. Next row: Work in patt to 1 st before m, K1f+b, slm, K to end - 1 st inc'd. Work 7 rows even in patt. Rep last 8 rows 3 times more, then inc row one more - 39 (41, 43, 45, 47) sts. Work 5 rows even in patt. Next row: Work in patt to 1 st before m, K1f+b, slm, K to end - 1 st inc'd - 40 (42, 44, 46, 48) sts. Work until piece meas 12 (12.5, 13, 13.5, 14)" from CO edge, ending after knitting a WS row.

Shape armholes: BO 3 (4, 4, 5, 6) sts at beg of next row, work in patt to end - 37 (38, 40, 41, 42) sts. Work 1 row even in patt. Next row: K2tog, work in patt to 2 sts before m, K2tog, sm, K1f+b, K to end. Dec 1 st at armhole edge of next 2 rows and foll alt row - 33 (34, 36, 37, 38) sts. Work 1 row even in patt. Next row (RS): K2tog, work in patt to 2 sts before m, K2tog, slm, K1f+b, K to end - 32 (33, 35, 36, 37) sts. Work 3 rows even in patt. Next row: K2tog, work in patt to end - 31 (32, 34, 35, 36) sts. Work 1 row even in patt. Next row: Work in patt to 2 sts before m, K2tog, slm, K1f+b, K to end. Work 3 rows even in patt. Repeat previous 4 rows until 6 seed sts remain before marker.

Shape Neck: Row 1 (RS): Work in patt for 23 (24, 25, 26, 27) sts, turn. Row 2 and every foll alt row: P to 6 sts rem, work in patt to end. Row 3: Work in patt for 21 (22, 23, 24, 25) sts, turn. Row 5: Work in patt for 20 (21, 22, 23, 24) sts, turn. Row 7: Work in patt for 19 (20, 21, 22, 23) sts, turn. Row 9: Work in patt for 18 (19, 20, 21, 22) sts, turn. Row 11: Work in patt for 17 (18, 19, 20, 20) sts, turn. Row 13: BO 5 (5, 5, 5, 6) sts, work in patt until there are 9 (9, 10, 10, 11) sts on right ndl, turn. Row 15: BO 5 (5, 5, 5, 6) sts, work in patt until there are 4 (4, 5, 5, 6) sts on right ndl, turn. Row 17: BO 4 (4, 5, 5, 6) sts, break yarn and slip rem 17 (18, 19, 20, 20) sts on holder.

RIGHT FRONT:

Note: You will be making a buttonhole on 4th row of garter rib as written. Work additional buttonholes every 8th rib of garter. Using smaller needles, CO 36 (38, 40, 42, 44) sts. Knit 3 rows. Next row (RS): K2, K2tog, yo, K to end. Knit 2 rows. Next row: K 16 (17, 18, 19, 20) sts, pm, knit to end. Change to larger needles. Begin Pattern: Row 1 (RS): K to m, slm, *P1, K1; rep from * to end. Row 2 (WS): *P1, K1; rep from * to m, P to last 5 sts, K5. These 2 rows set patt with seed st on each side of center stockinette sts. Row 3: K to m, slm, K2tog, work in patt to end - 35 (37, 39, 41, 43) sts. Rows 4 – 10: Work even in patt. Row 11: K to m, slm, K2tog, work in patt to end - 34 (36, 38, 40, 42) sts. Work even in patt until piece meas 6.5 (7, 7, 7.25, 7.25)" from CO edge, ending after knitting a WS row. Next row: K to m, slm, K1f+b, work in patt to end. Rep last 8 rows 3 times more, then inc row once more - 39 (41, 43, 45, 47) sts. Work 5 rows even in patt. Next row: K to m, slm, K1f+b, work in patt to end - 40 (42, 44, 46, 48) sts. Work even in patt until piece meas 12 (12.5, 13, 13.5, 14)" from CO edge, ending after knitting a RS row.

Shape armhole: BO 3 (4, 4, 5, 6) sts at beg of next row, work in patt to end - 37 (38, 40, 41, 42) sts. Work 1 row even in patt. Next row (WS): K2tog, work in patt to 2 sts before m, K2tog, slm, K1f+b, P to end. Maintaining patt, dec 1 st at armhole edge of next 2 rows and then foll alt row - 33 (34, 36, 37, 38) sts. Work 1 row even in patt.

Next row (WS): K2tog, work in patt to 2 sts before m, K2tog, slm, K1f+b, P to end - 32 (33, 35, 36, 37) sts. Work 3 rows even in patt. Next row: K2tog, work in patt to end - 31 (32, 34, 35, 36) sts. Work 1 row even in patt. Next row: Work in patt to 2 sts before m, K2tog, slm, K1f+b, P to end. Work 3 rows even in patt. Repeat previous 4 rows until 6 seed sts remain before marker.

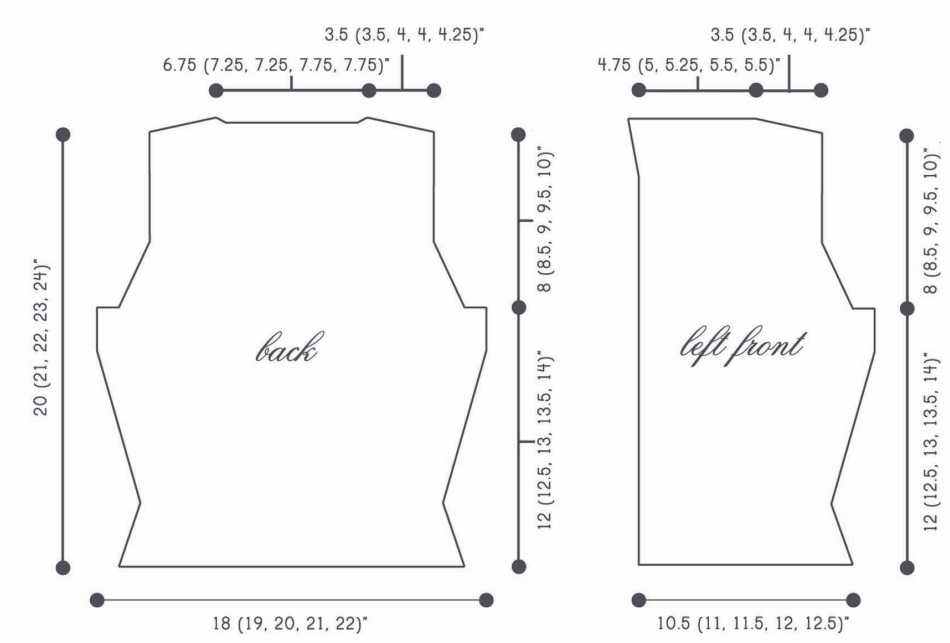
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COLLAR:

Press all pieces. Join shoulder seam. With RS facing and smaller needles, slip 17 (18, 19, 20, 21) sts from right front holder onto right needle, rejoin yarn and pick up and K 24 (26, 26, 26, 26) sts from back, then K 17 (18, 19, 20, 21) sts from left front holder - 58 (62, 64, 66, 68) sts. Row 1 (WS): K5, P to last 5 sts, K5. Row 2 (RS): K all sts. Continue to make buttonholes as set and maintianing patt as set, work 9 rows, ending with WS row. Work in garter st for 4 rows. BO all sts knitwise. Sew side seams.

FINISHING:

Weave in all ends. Steam-block collar. Sew on buttons matching holes.



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