

Folk Vests

Decrease Row (RS): K1, ssk, work in pattern to end.

Work this decrease every other row 4 more times—8 (10, 12) shoulder sts left on needle.

Continue in pattern on remaining sts until front measures the same as back. Place right-front sts on holder.

POCKETS

Remove scrap yarn from pocket opening and with larger needle pick up 24 (26, 28) top sts and with smaller needle pick up 24 (26, 28) bottom sts.

Top sts become the pocket lining. Work in St st for 5" (12.5 cm). Bind off.

Bottom sts become the pocket border. Work in garter st for 12 rows. Bind off.

SHOULDERS

Bind off shoulder seams together (see three-needle bind-off on page 127).

FRONT/NECKBANDS

Buttonhole Band

With smaller 24" (60-cm) needle and beginning at bottom of right front, pick up by knitting 79 (84, 84) sts. Work in garter st for 11 rows.

Buttonholes

Row 1 (RS): Knit 31 (36, 36), *bind off 4, k9, repeat from * 3 more times, ending last repeat k5.

Row 2 (WS): *Knit to next buttonhole, cast on 4 sts; repeat from *, end by knitting to end of row.

Row 3: Knit to end, knitting into the back of the st after each buttonhole to tighten it.

Knit 10 more rows. Bind off.

Buttonband

With smaller 24" (60-cm) needle and beginning at top of left front, pick up by knitting 79 (84, 84) sts. Work in garter st for 22 rows. Bind off.

Neckband

With smaller 24" (60-cm) needle, RS facing, and beginning at right front edge, pick up by knitting 121 (126, 129) sts around neck as follows: pick up 12 sts across front border, 11 (12, 12) sts from holder, 16 sts to shoulder, 43 (46, 49) back neck sts, 16 sts to holder, 11 (12, 12) sts from holder, 12 sts across front border. Turn and knit one row, casting on 13 sts at end of row. Knit 6 rows.

Row 7 (RS): Knit 5, bind off 4, knit to end

Row 8 (WS): Knit to buttonhole, cast on 4 sts, knit to end.

Row 9 (RS): Knit, knitting into the back of the stitch after the buttonhole to tighten it. Knit six more rows. Bind off.

ARMHOLE BANDS

Bands are worked circularly. With 16" (40-cm) needle and beginning at middle of the underarm, pick up by knitting 88 (93, 93) sts around armhole including underarm sts. Join and work in circular garter st (purl 1 round, knit 1 round) for 8 rounds. Bind off.

FINISHING

Sew down pocket linings and bands.

Weave in all ends. Wash and block.

Sew buttons opposite buttonholes.

