

Man's Brioche Vest

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This handsome vest featuring soft brioche ribs and a button-up front is a relaxed version of the classic, conservative, man's vest. Erica Alexander chose to work it in a lightly plied Australian wool that gives the vest a soft texture. The tidy knit-and-purl ribs flow easily into the body's brioche pattern; the neck and armhole bands are worked on a larger needle and edged with a slight reverse-stockinette roll for a clean finish. With a boxy fit and not-too-deep V-neckline, it's a modern vest for work or play.

Finished Size

40 (45, 50½, 56)" (101.5 [114.5, 128.5, 142] cm) chest circumference, buttoned.
Vest shown measures 45" (114.5 cm).

Yarn

Worsted weight (#4 Medium).

Shown here: Baabajoes NZ WoolPak 10-Ply (430 yd [393 m]/250 g): #02 mist, 3 (3, 4, 4) skeins. *Note:* This particular yarn has been discontinued.

Needles

Sizes 8 (5 mm) and 3 (3.25 mm). Adjust needle sizes if necessary to obtain the correct gauge.

Notions

Tapestry needle; six ¾" (2 cm) buttons.

Gauge

18 stitches and 40 rows = 4" (10 cm) in brioche rib with one size 8 (5 mm) needle and one size 3 (3.25 mm) needle, slightly stretched.

