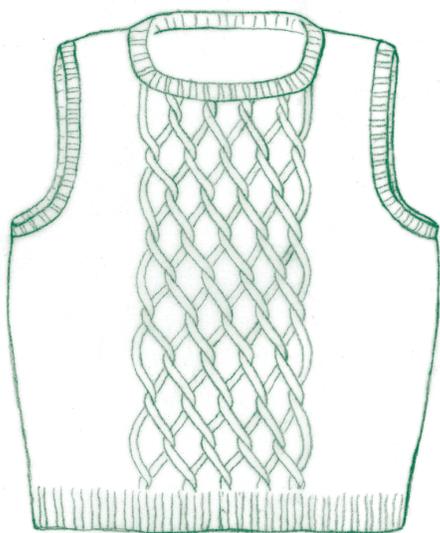


Stone Walls

The rich fields of Ireland are fenced with low walls made of the stones gathered while clearing the land. These walls create beautiful patchwork patterns in the landscape. It is said that in Irish knitting, the diamond lattice represents both prosperity and the stone walls surrounding the fields of western Ireland.



Finished Sizes	Chest	Length
Size A	38" (96.5 cm)	24½" (62 cm)
Size B	44½" (113 cm)	26½" (67.5 cm)
Size C	51" (129.5 cm)	27½" (70 cm)

Yarn: Black Water Abbey (100% wool; 220 yd [201 m]/3.5 oz [100 g]): Bracken, 4 (4, 5) skeins.

Needles: 24" (60-cm) circular size 8 (5 mm); 24" (60-cm) and 16" (40-cm) circular needles two sizes smaller than needle used for body. Adjust needle size if necessary to obtain the correct gauge.

Notions: Markers; stitch holders; cable needle

Gauge in Stockinette stitch on larger needle
17 sts and 25 rows = 4" (10 cm)

Remember: Gauge determines how your garment will fit. Swatch until you get it right.

Note: The slipover is worked circularly to the underarms and then divided and the back and fronts are worked separately.

The Aran stitch patterns pull in until the garment is blocked. When blocking, follow the hand-washing instructions on page 125 and gently stretch the wet fabric open to obtain measurements of desired size. Pin in place to hold. The measurements taken while knitting take this expansion into account. Just be sure to get the correct gauge in stockinette stitch and everything should work out fine.

BOTTOM BORDER

With smaller 24" (60-cm) needle, cast on 164 (180, 204) sts.

Being sure that your sts are not twisted, place marker and join by knitting into first st on left needle. This st is the first st of each round and the center of left underarm. Work 82 (90, 102) sts in k2, p2 ribbing and place marker for right underarm. Continue in ribbing to end of round. Work ribbing for 2½" (6 cm).