Ivy League Vest
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VEST

Rib: With larger cir needle and MC, CO 192 (208, 240, 256, 272) sts. Place marker (pm) and join for working in the rnd. Join CC.

Set-up rnd: *[K3 with MC, k1 with CC] 23 (25, 29, 31, 33) times, k3 with MC, pm for side “seam,” k1 with CC, pm; rep from * to end.

Rnd 1: *K3 with MC, p1 with CC; rep from * to end.

Rep last rnd 23 more times, changing colors as foll:

Rnd 4: Change MC to pearl.

Rnd 5: Change CC to woodsmoke.

Rnd 7: Change MC to white.

Rnd 8: Change CC to loden.

Rnd 9: Change CC to woodsmoke.

Rnd 10: Change MC to pearl.

Rnd 12: Change CC to sandalwood.

Body: Work chart as foll: *Beg and ending as indicated for your size, work to m, p1 with background color, sl m; rep from * once more. Work through Row 4 (4, 4, 4, 5) of chart. Shape waist: Dec rnd: (Row 5 [5, 5, 5, 6] of chart) *K2tog, work in patt to 2 sts before m, ssk (see Glossary), sl m, p1 in background color, sl m; rep from * to end—4 sts dec’d. Cont in patt, work Dec rnd every 4 (4, 4, 4, 5)th rnd 5 (5, 1, 6, 5) more time(s), then every 3rd rnd 0 (0, 6, 0, 0) times—168 (184, 208, 228, 248) sts rem: 83 (91, 103, 113, 123) sts each for front and back, plus 2 seam sts. Work 7 rnds even in patt.

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*FI inc (see Stitch Guide), work in patt to m, FI inc, sl m, p1 in background color, sl m; rep from * to end—4 sts inc’d. Cont in patt and work Inc rnd every 7 (6, 6, 6, 5)th rnd 2 (7, 7, 7, 10) more times, then every 8 (7, 7, 7, 0)th rnd 4 (1, 1, 1, 0) time(s)—168 (184, 208, 228, 248) sts rem: 83 (91, 103, 113, 123) sts each for front and back, plus 2 seam sts. Work 7 rnds even in patt. Shape bust and front neck: Inc rnd: *FI inc (see Stitch Guide), work in patt to m, FI inc, sl m, p1 in background color, sl m; rep from * to end—4 sts inc’d. Cont in patt and work Inc rnd every 7 (6, 6, 6, 5)th rnd 2 (7, 7, 7, 10) more times, then every 8 (7, 7, 7, 0)th rnd 4 (1, 1, 1, 0) time(s)—168 (184, 208, 228, 248) sts rem: 83 (91, 103, 113, 123) sts each for front and back, plus 2 seam sts. Work 7 rnds even in patt.

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center st of front, place 1 st onto holder, pm, use both yarns and the long-tail method (see Glossary) to CO 8 steek sts, pm, work to end of rnd in patt. From this point, cont working rnds in patt, working 8 marked steek sts in steek stripe patt (see Stitch Guide). Work 2 (2, 1, 0, 0) rnd(s) even. Neck dec rnd: Work in patt to 2 sts before first steek m, ssk, sl m, k8 in steek stripe patt, sl m, k2tog, work to end in patt—2 sts dec’d. Cont to work bust shaping and armhole shaping (see below) as directed, work Neck dec rnd every 3rd (3rd, 2nd, 2nd, 2nd) rnd 2 (17, 1, 1, 13, 27) more time(s), then every 4th (4th, 3rd, 3rd, 3rd) rnd 18 (7, 27, 19, 10) times—43 (51, 59, 67, 77) sts total removed for neck shaping. Shape armholes: After bust shaping is complete, shape armholes as foll: Place next 17 (17, 19, 19, 19) sts onto holder, removing m, pm, use both yarns to CO 8 steek sts, pm, work across front in patt, working any neck decs, to 8 (8, 9, 9, 9) sts before first side-seam m, place next 17 (17, 19, 19, 19) sts onto holder, removing m, pm, CO 8 steek sts using both yarns, pm, work across back in patt, sl m, k8 in steek stripe patt. Note: Beg of rnd has moved to first st of body after left armhole steek. Double dec rnd: *K3tog, work in patt to 3 sts before first armhole steek m, ssk, sl m, k8 steek sts in steek stripe patt, sl m; rep from * once more—8 sts dec’d. Work Double dec rnd every rnd 1 (1, 1, 1, 1) more time(s). Dec rnd: *K2tog, work in patt to 2 sts before first armhole steek m, ssk, sl m, k8 steek sts in steek stripe patt, sl m; rep from * once more—4 sts dec’d. Work Dec rnd every rnd 2 (2, 2, 2, 2) more times, then every other rnd 5 (5, 5, 5, 5, 5) times—82 (82, 86, 90, 90) sts total removed for armhole shaping. Cont in patt, including neck decs, for 37 (39, 41, 41, 45) rnds. Shape back neck: At the same time, beg back neck shaping on Rnd 137 (141, 145, 149, 153) of body as foll: Work in patt to center 21 (21, 29, 35, 45) sts of back, place center 21 (21, 29, 35, 45) sts onto holder for back neck, pm, use both yarns to CO 8 sts for back neck steek, pm, work to end of rnd. Triple dec rnd: Work in patt to 4 sts before first back neck steek m, sssk, sl m, k8 steek sts in steek stripe patt, sl m, k4tog, work to end in patt—6 sts dec’d. Work Triple dec rnd every rnd 0 (1, 1, 1, 1) more time(s). Double dec rnd: Work in patt to 3 sts before first back neck steek m, ssk, sl m, k8 steek sts in steek stripe patt, sl m, k3tog, work to end in patt—4 sts dec’d. Work Double dec rnd every rnd 0 (2, 2, 2, 2) more time(s). Dec rnd: Work in patt to 2 sts before first back neck steek m, ssk, sl m, k8 steek sts in steek stripe patt, sl m, k2tog, work to end in patt—2 sts dec’d. Work Dec rnd every rnd 3 (3, 3, 3, 3, 3) more times, then every other rnd 2 times—43
(51, 59, 67, 77) sts total removed for back neck shaping. Next rnd: Work in patt and BO all steek sts—28 (36, 40, 48) sts rem; 7 (9, 10, 12) sts for each front shoulder and each back shoulder. Cut patt color. Turn garment inside out. With RS tog and background color, use the three-needle BO (see Glossary) to join shoulders.

**FINISHING**
If desired, use sewing machine or hand-sewing to reinforce steeks. Cut all steek carefully down center lines. Armhole edgings: With smaller cir needle and MC, pick up and knit 95 (99, 101, 105, 109) sts evenly spaced around armhole, between body and steek sts, then k17 (19, 19, 19) held sts—112 (116, 120, 124, 128)sts total. Pm and join for working in the rnd. Join CC. Next rnd: *K3 with MC, p1 with CC; rep from * to end. Cont in rib, changing colors as foll: On next rnd, change CC to woodsmoke. On foll rnd, change CC to loden. On foll rnd, change CC to woodsmoke. On next rnd, change CC to sandalwood. Cut CC. With MC, BO all sts kwise.

Neck edging: With smaller cir needle and MC, beg at left shoulder, pick up and knit 71 (71, 75, 75, 75) sts evenly spaced down left side of front neck between body and steek sts, pm, knit held st at center front, pm, pick up and knit 71 (71, 75, 75, 75) sts evenly spaced up right side of front neck, then 37 (41, 49, 53, 61) sts evenly spaced across back neck—180 (184, 200, 204, 212) sts total. Pm and join for working in the rnd. Join CC. Next rnd: *K3 with MC, p1 with CC; rep from * to end. Cont in rib, dec 1 st at each side of center-front neck st every rnd and change colors as foll: Rnd 3: Change CC to woodsmoke and MC to pearl. Rnd 5: Change CC to loden and MC to white. Rnd 7: Change CC to woodsmoke and MC to pearl. Rnd 9: Change CC to sandalwood and MC to oatmeal. Work 1 more rnd—10 rnds total. Cut CC. With MC, BO all sts pwise. Weave in loose ends. Trim waste steek sts neatly and fold to WS. Tack down if desired with a whipstitch or blanket st. Wet-block vest carefully.*

**Ssk Decrease**
Slip two stitches knitwise one at a time (Figure 1). Insert point of left needle into front of two slipped stitches and knit them together through back loops with right needle (Figure 2).

**Three-Needle Bind-Off**
Place stitches to be joined onto two separate needles. Hold them with right sides of knitting facing together. Insert a third needle into first stitch on each of the other two needles and knit them together as one stitch. *Knit next stitch on each needle the same way. Pass first stitch over second stitch. Repeat from * until one stitch remains on third needle. Cut yarn and pull tail through last stitch.

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