

MEN'S SIZE 42 VEST

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Standard length, classic “sloped” shoulder sleeveless V-neck vest with ribbed trim. Back neckline has a shallow scoop to provide a better fit.

1 x 1 ribbed band around neck and armholes. The bottom bands are ribbed.

Yarn: Patons Classic Merino Wool; Dark Grey Mix (color #00225); 100% Pure New Wool; Hand Wash - Lay Flat To Dry

Stitch and Row Gauge:

Stockinet stitch over 4 in or 10 cm equals 20.0 sts by 26.0 rows (5 stitches by 6.5 rows to the inch)

Body knit on # 5 US needles

Ribbing knit on # 4 US needles (See notes)

FINISHED Vest Measurements in inches: ... with “Average” Fit. For this pattern, the average fit is equal to an added wearing ease of approximately three inches. The diagram displays a measurement difference of four inches but that extra inch will virtually disappear in the side seams...well at least four of those five stitches to the inch.

Finished Chest Measurement: 45.1 inches

Armhole Depth: 18.5 inches (9.25 inches for the front and 9.25 inches for the back for a total circumference of 18 and a half inches.

Top Neck Opening: 7.5 inches

Width at bottom of front and back: 18.5 inches

Front Neck Opening Width: 1 inch

Front V-Neck Depth: 9.5 inches

Width at Ribbed Edge: 42.6 inches (ribbing should pull in from the stockinet portion of the body)

Neck and Armband Ribbing Depth: 1 inch

Back Neck Width: 6.4 inches

Back Width: 18.2

Back Neck Scoop Depth: 0.6 inch

Total Vest Length: 25.6 inches (to lengthen, add extra rows in body section before armhole decreases. Knit 84 or 86 rows instead of the 80 rows called for in the pattern.)

Neck Band Width: 1 inch

Ribbing Depth: 2.5 inches

Note: Be sure to read ALL the knitting instructions BEFORE starting to knit to familiarize yourself with the pattern. Study the diagram and note any changes you want to make such as lengthening the body section. Note those sections where there are two shapings to work at the same time – the V neck and the armhole in this pattern. Note any discrepancies between written directions and the diagram.

BACK:

1. Cast on 108 stitches on the smaller, size 4 needles. Work in K1P1 ribbing for 2.5 inches. Increase 7 stitches evenly across the last row for a total of 115 sts. (108 + 7 = 115)
2. Change to the larger size 5 needles and begin knitting in stockinet stitch. Work even until piece measures 12.0 inches (78 rows), **excluding hem**. Diagram displays 80 rows (12.3 inches) instead of the 78 rows in the directions. The two row difference equals .3 inches in length.
3. Work armhole shaping as follows: Cast off 11 stitches at the beginning of next 2 rows. Decrease 1 stitch at each end of **every alternate row** for 10 rows until 83 sts remaining. Continue until armhole measures 10.5 inches (68 rows), with 83 sts remaining.
4. Begin shoulder shaping: Cast off 7 stitches at the beginning of next 2 rows. Cast off 8 stitches at beginning of following 4 rows. **AT THE SAME TIME**, when armhole measures 10.8 inches (70 rows), start neck shaping.
5. Shape neck. Slip the center 31 stitches to a holder. Decrease 1 stitch at neck edge **every row** 3 times.

FRONT:

- 1-2 To knit the front, follow steps 1 and 2 as for back.
3. Shape Armhole. Decrease for armhole at both ends, as for back. Continue until armhole measures 1.8 inches (12 rows), with 83 sts remaining.
4. Divide the front to begin v-neck. **Work both sides at the same time**. Knit 39 stitches and with a second skein of yarn, cast off next 5 stitches then knit the remaining 39 stitches.
5. Shape neck. Decrease 1 stitch at the neck edge of next row, then every 3rd row 7 times, then every 4th row 8 times, until 23 sts remain.
6. Work even until armhole measures 10.5 inches (68 rows).

7. Shoulder shaping. Cast off as for back.

SHOULDER SEAMS:

1. Sew the front to the back along shoulder seams. You can use a backstitch for added strength (use a thinner yarn for the backstitch to reduce the bulk) or Kitchener stitch the shoulder edges for an invisible finish.

V FRONT NECK SINGLE BAND:

Knit using the smaller, size 4 needles and worked in 2 pieces.

1. With right side of work facing, pick up and work (starting at bottom of front neck) 50 sts from right front neck edge, 4 sts from right back neck edge and 15 sts from back neck holder to center. Total 69 sts.

2. Work 1.0 ins (8 rows) in K1P1 ribbing.

3. Cast off loosely.

4. Work the left side the same way as the right, picking up the back neck sts first.

ARMHOLE RIBBING:

Knit using the smaller, size 4 needles.

1. With right side of work facing, pick up and work 152 stitches along armhole edge between side seams.

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- one stitch for every armhole cast-off stitch and
 - one for every row.
2. Decrease from 152 to 114 by: P 1 P2tog *(P 2 P2tog)* 37 times P 1
 3. Work in K1P1 ribbing for 0.7 inches (approximately 6 rows) then cast off loosely.

FINISHING:

1. Sew side seams using an invisible seam such as the Mattress stitch. Sew any remaining seams.
2. Weave in and hide all loose ends. *Our motto is that the inside of your garment should look as good as the outside!*

Please note that this is a rough estimate of the amount of yarn required to complete the vest. We always buy more than we need to cover any possibility. We also knit a swatch which serves as a “record” of the garment. It is not unraveled to use in the actual knitting of the garment.

Everyone knits differently so be sure to measure your completed swatch for a more accurate calculation of the stitch and row gauge. Minor inaccuracies have a way of multiplying and morphing into a completely different size garment.

Amount of yarn needed: 3 to 4 skeins for the body; 1-2 skeins for the ribbing. Buy 6 to 8 skeins of the **same dye lot**.

NOTES:

"Average" wearing ease has been added to this vest pattern. This equals an added 3 inches for a finished chest measurement of 45 inches.

This added ease allows for layering of garments (shirt or turtleneck) and ease of movement.

By comparison, a "Fitted" wearing ease is equal to 1 1/2 inches of wearing ease, which does not allow for much more layering than the addition of a lightweight shirt.

If you prefer tighter ribbing, use size 3.5 needles instead of the size 4 needles and adjust the number of rows to achieve the required 2 1/3 inches of ribbing. Just remember that the tighter ribbing will automatically ride up to the narrowest part of your body rather than sit at hip level.

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