

Ladies 14-16 [40"] School Vest Pattern

This knitting pattern is for a standard length, sleeveless pullover vest. The armholes are edged with a single ribbed band. The V-neck front and shallow back neck are also edged with single ribbed band.

YARN: Patons® Classic Merino Wool; Dark Grey Mix #00225;+ 2 contrast House colors; 100% wool; Hand Wash lay flat to dry

STITCH & ROW GAUGE: in stockinet stitch over 4 in = 10 cm: 20.0 stitches by 26.0 rows.
Body knit on #7 US needles and edges knit on # 5 US needles

FINISHED measurements in inches... with an average fit.

Total Chest: 42.5 inches	Ribbed Hem Depth: 1.1 inch
Total Armhole: 17 inches	Back Neck Width: 6 inches
Top Neck Opening: 7 inches	Back Shoulder Width: 15 inches
Hem Width: 17.5 inches	Back Neck Depth: .6 inch
Point of V Neck Width: .3 inch	Body Length: 24 inches
V Neck Depth: 6.3 inches	Neckband Depth: 1.1 inch
Hem Width: 42 inches	Ribbed Hem Depth: 2 inches

Note: Please read ALL the knitting instructions completely BEFORE you start to knit. There may be sections of the vest where there two different sets of increases or decreases are worked at the same time.

BACK:

1. Cast on 108 stitches on size 5 needles. Work in K1P1 ribbing for 2.0 inches.
2. Change to size 7 needles and Stocking stitch. Knit 2 rows in main color then begin stripe pattern. Change back to main color and work even until piece measures 11.7 inches (76 rows), excluding hem.
3. Armhole shaping. Cast off 11 stitches at beginning of next 2 rows. Dec 1 stitch at each end of every alternate row for 22 rows until 64 stitches remaining. Continue until armhole measures 9.8 inches (64 rows), with 64 stitches remaining.
4. Shape neck. Work both sides at the same time. Work 17 stitches. Slip the next 30 stitches to a holder. With a second ball of yarn, work remaining 17 stitches. Dec 1 stitch at neck edge every row twice, until 15 stitches remain.
5. At the same time, when armhole measures 9.8 inches (row 64), start shoulder shaping.
6. Shoulder shaping. Cast off 7 stitches at armhole edge, then cast off 8 stitches at armhole edge.

FRONT:

- 1-2 Follow steps 1 and 2 as for back.
3. Armhole. Dec for armhole at both ends, as for back. Continue until armhole measures 4.0 inches (26 rows), with 64 stitches remaining.
4. Divide for neck. Work both sides at the same time. Work 32 stitches. With a second ball of yarn, work remaining 32 stitches.
5. Shape neck. Dec 1 stitch at neck edge of next row, then every 2nd row 12 times, then every 3rd row 4 times, until 15 stitches remain.
6. Work even until armhole measures 9.8 inches (64 rows).
7. Shoulder shaping. Cast off as for back.

SHOULDER SEAMS:

1. Sew fronts to back along shoulder seams.

V FRONT NECK SINGLE BAND COLLAR: Knit on #5 needles. Worked in 2 pieces.

1. With right side of work facing, pick up and work (starting at bottom of front neck) 35 stitches from right front neck edge, 4 stitches from right back neck edge and 15 stitches from back neck holder to center. Total 54 stitches.
2. Work 1.1 inches (8 rows) in K1P1 rib. For the original style, center a stripe on these rows.
3. Cast off loosely.
4. Work the left side the same way as the right, picking up the back neck stitches first.

ARMHOLE RIBBING: Knit on #5 needles

1. With right side of work facing, pick up and work 144 stitches along armhole edge between side seams by picking up one stitch for every armhole cast-off stitch and one for every row.
2. Decrease from 144 to 106 by: P 16 P2tog *(P 1 P2tog)* 37 times P 15
3. Work in K1P1 ribbing for 0.8 inches (approx 6 rows). Cast off loosely.

FINISHING:

1. Sew side seams. Sew any remaining seams.
2. Darn/weave/sew in all loose ends.

AMOUNT OF YARN REQUIRED: 11 Ounces TOTAL [+ 2 skeins for contrast House colors].

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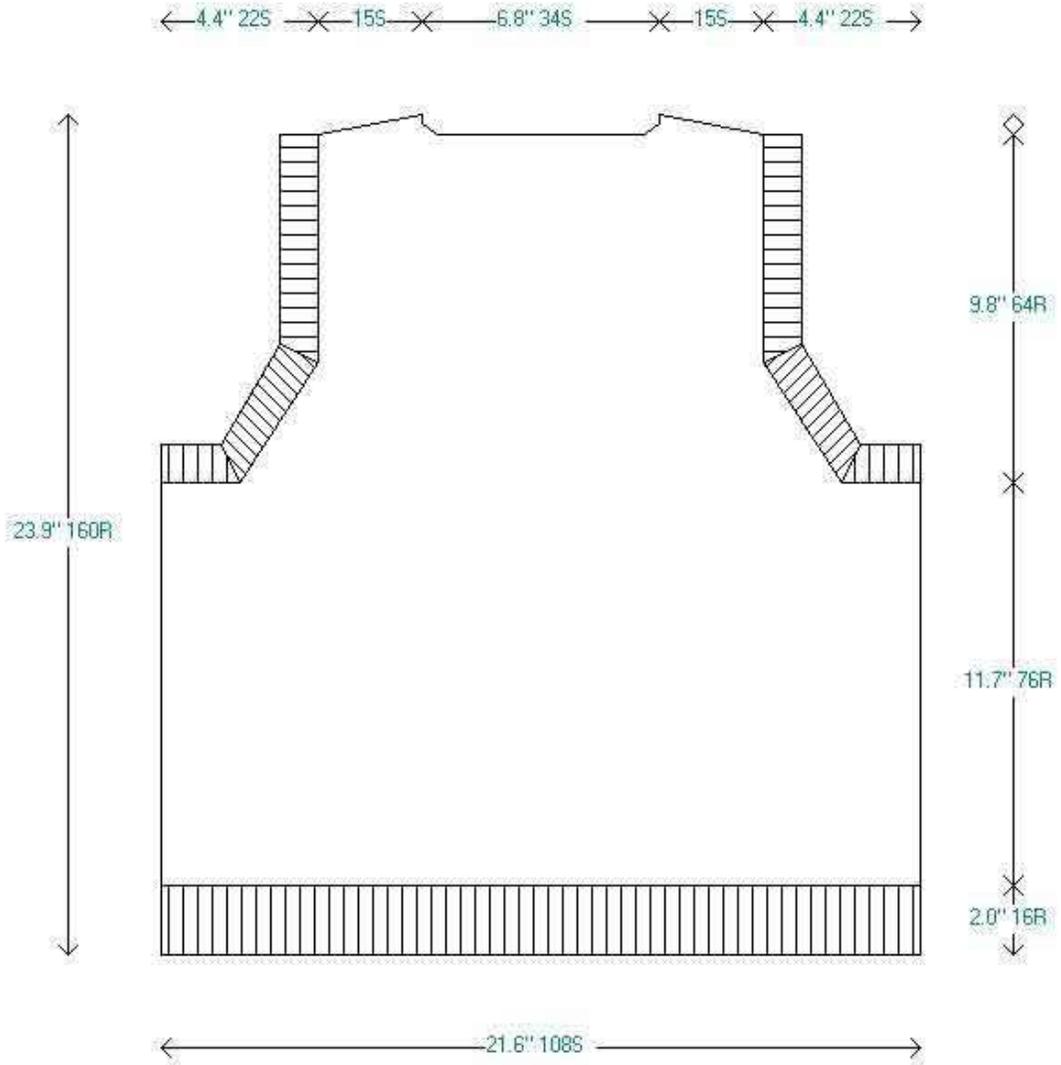


Figure 1 - Ladies 14-16 Vest Back

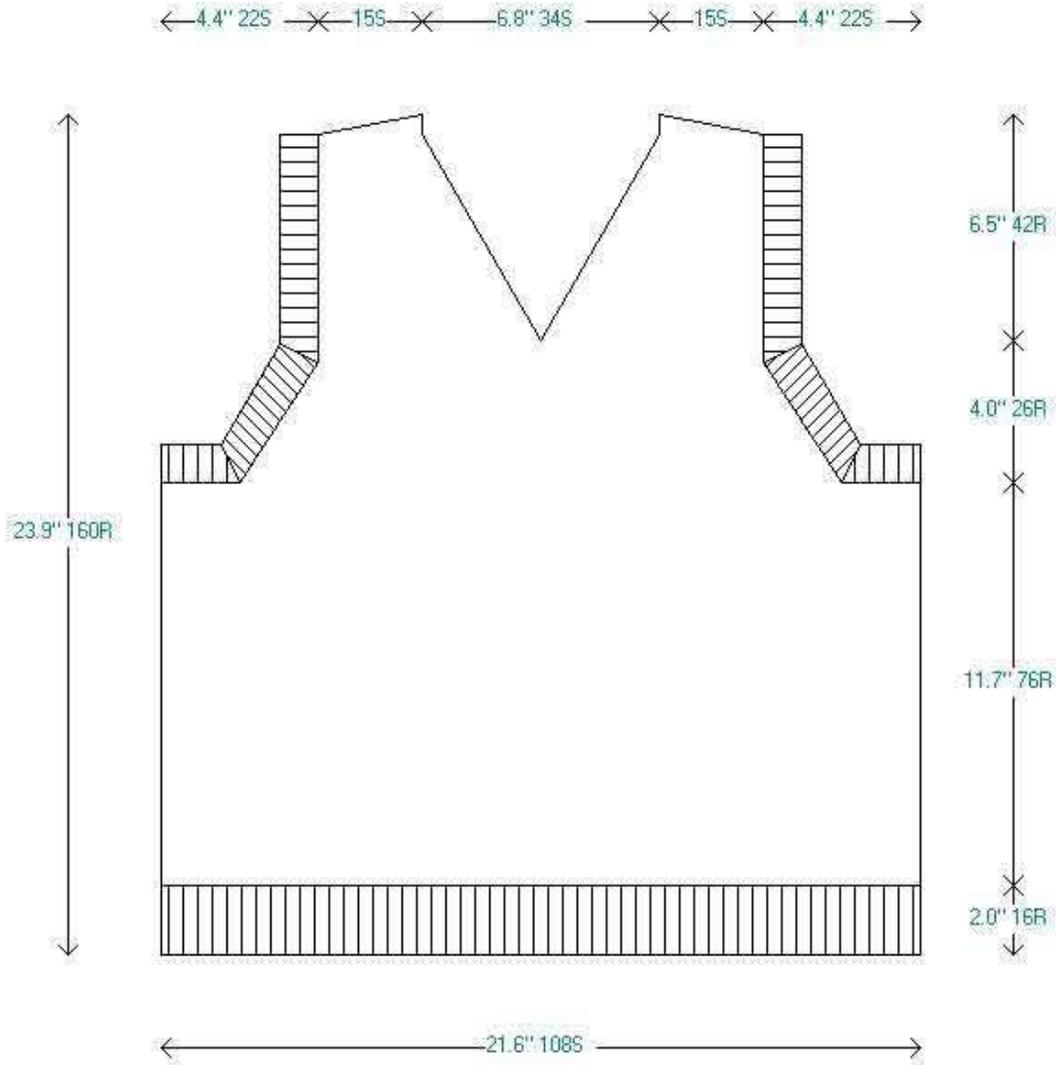


Figure 2 - Ladies 14-16 Vest Front

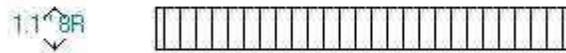


Figure 3 - Ladies 14-16 Vest Neckband