

Boys & Girls Back To School Vest - Free Knitting Pattern

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Description: A simple unisex vest for girls and boys in stockinette stitch with a 6-stitch-plait cable panel on each side of the body's front. Armhole, neck edge and lower body edges are knitted in 1 by 1 ribbing. The body of the vest is knitted in rows then joined together at side and shoulder seams. I picked navy blue for school uniform but you can pick any color your or your kid like.

Skill level: Intermediate

Sizes: Make to fit girls and boys with chest size of 25 inches. The finished vest will be slightly bigger than the chest measurement.

Gauge: 4sts/6rows/inch on US size # 8 needle over stockinette st.

Estimated Yardage: 302 yards.

Materials:

1. Medium worsted weigh yarn of your choice. See estimated yardage above for reference. (I used 1, 170g ball by TLC)
2. 16-inches circular knitting needle US size 6 (4mm)
3. A set of double point needle (DPN) US size 6 (4mm)
4. A pair of US size 8 (5mm) knitting needle (straight or circular)
5. Cable needle size 8 (5mm)
6. 4 Stitch markers
7. Row counter
8. Tapestry needle

6 sts-Plait Cable Panel:

Row 1(right side): *C4F, k2.

Row 2 : Purl.

Row 3: **K 2, C4B.

Row 4: Purl

*C4F = Place 2 sts on cable needle (CN) at front of work, k the next 2 sts, k 2 from CN.

**C4B = Place 2 sts on cable needle at back of work, k the next 2 sts, k 2 from CN

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Direction for a vest with size 25 inches

Back

With smaller needle, CO 51 sts. Establish 1x1 rib pattern on row 1 as follow;

Row 1: *K1,p1; repeat from * to the last st, K1.

Row 2: P the purled stitches and K the knitted stitches.

Repeat these 2 rows for ribbing. Work ribbing for 13 rows.

Increase 6 sts evenly on row 14. Total of 57 sts.

Change to larger needle and work in stockinette stitch (k on right side and p on the wrong side) until piece measure 9".

Underarm Shaping

Bind off 4 sts at beginning of the next 2 rows.

Continue working until piece measure 15.5".

Bind off 13 shoulder sts. Bind off 23 back neck sts. Bind off 13 shoulder sts.

Front

Work body ribbing and increasing row from row 1-14 as for back. Then begin body pattern as follows;

Begin body and pattern

This is the time to take out your row counter.

Row 1 (right side): With larger needle, K 4, p2, place marker (PM), work 6-sts cable pattern starting with row 1, pm, p2, k 29, p2, pm, work 6-sts plait cable pattern starting with row 1, pm, p2, k 4.

Row 2 and every wrong side rows: Knit the knitted sts and purl the purled sts. Slip markers along as you knit.

Continue repeating on these 2 rows while maintaining the 6-sts plait cable pattern.

When piece measure 9 inches begin armhole shaping as for back and at the same time do neck shaping as follows;

Work to center, attach another ball of yarn and complete row. (If you only have 1 big ball of yarn, use the other end of the yarn to work with)

Turn. Work both sides at once.

Decrease 1 st at each neck edge every 2nd row 11 times.

Continue in pattern until piece measure 15.5 inches. Bind off loosely.

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With right side together, sew side seams and shoulders seams together using tapestry needle. Weave in all loose ends.

Armhole Edging

With dpn needle size 6 (4mm) pick up 60 sts around armhole edge. Work k1, p1 rib pattern for approx. 1 inch. Bind off loosely. Do the same with the other armhole edge.

Neck Finishing

With smaller circular needle and with right side facing, pick up 23 sts from back neck, pick up 29 sts from left neck edge, place center marker, Make 1 (M1) st in the center, pick up **29** sts from right neck edge, place end of round marker (82 st.)

Rnd 1: Work in k1, p1 ribbing to within 2 sts of center marker, ssk, pm, k1, k2tog, work in k1, p1 ribbing to end of round.

Repeat rnd 1 for approx. 1 inch. Bind off loosely in ribbing.

Knitting abbreviations and terms

CN = Cable Needle

DPN = Double point needle

C4F = Place 2 sts on cable needle (CN) and leave them at front of work, k the next 2 sts then k 2 from CN.

C4B = Place 2 sts on cable needle and leave them at the back of work, k the next 2 sts then k 2 from CN

rnd = round

PM = Place marker

ssk = slip slip knit (slip the next 2 sts knitwise, and knit into back of these two sts together. (1 st decrease)

M1 = Make one (use left needle to pick up horizontal strain of yarn between sts and knit into back of it (1 st increase)

k2tog = knit 2 sts together

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