

Hope Bear Vest

MC – Main Colour

CC – Contrast Colour

BACK

Cast on 34 sts on size 3 needles (if you knit tight, size 2 or 2.5 if you knit loose). Work in K1P1 ribbing for 4 rows. Increase 4 sts evenly across the row to 38 sts total.

Change to size 4 needles and begin Stocking Stitch with a Knit row. (row 1 of stocking stitch)
Work in stocking stitch for 10 rows. Mark this row on both ends for cap sleeves. Continue stocking stitch for another 20 rows

Back neck. Cast of 8 sts at the beginning of the next two rows, Place remaining stitches on holder

FRONT

Cast on 34 sts on size 3 needles. Work in K1P1 ribbing for 4 rows. Increase 4 sts evenly across the row to 38 sts total

Change to size 4 needles and begin Stocking Stitch with a Knit row. (row 1 of stocking stitch)
Work in stocking stitch for 10 rows. Mark this row on both ends for cap sleeves. Continue stocking stitch for another 12 rows.

Shape Neck. Work both sides at the same time. Work 14 sts, slip the next 10 sts to a holder. With a second ball of yarn, work remaining 14 sts. Dec 1 st at neck edge every row 6 times, until 8 sts remain. Cast of 8 shoulder sts loosely.

LEFT SHOULDER SEAM

Sew front to back along left shoulder seam.

NECKBAND

With size 3 needles and with right side of work facing, pick up and work 22 sts from back neck holder, 9 sts from left front neck edge, 10 sts from front neck holder and 9 stitches from right front neck edge. Total 50 sts. Work 2 rows in K1P1 ribbing. Cast off in ribbing

RIGHT SHOULDER SEAM

Sew as for left shoulder seam

CAP SLEEVE RIBBING

With size 3 needles and with right side of work facing, pick up and work 38 sts evenly between armhole markers. Decrease from 38 sts to 33 sts by: P4 P2tog *(P% P2tog)*4 times P4. Work in K1P1 ribbing for 2 rows. Cast off loosely

FINISHING

Sew side seams using invisible seam. Sew remaining seams. Sew in all loose ends

PATTERN FOR HOPE (back of vest)

On row 9 of back stocking stitch begin pattern.

Row 9 - K6mc, K6cc, K5mc, K2cc, K1mc, K6cc, K1mc, K2cc, K2mc, K2cc, K5mc
Row 10 – P5mc, P2cc, P2mc, P2cc, P1mc, P6cc, P1mc, P2cc, P5mc, P6cc, P6mc
Row 11 – K10mc, K2cc, K5mc, K2cc, K1mc, K2cc, K2mc, K2cc, K1mc, K2cc, K2mc, K2cc, K5mc
Row 12 – P5mc, P2cc, P2 mc, P2cc, P1mc, P2cc, P2mc, P2cc, P1mc, P2cc, P5mc, P2cc, P10mc
Row 13 – K10mc, K2cc, K5mc, K2cc, K1mc, K2cc, K2mc, K2cc, K1mc, K2cc, K2mc, K2cc, K5mc
Row 14 – P5mc, P6cc, P1mc, P2cc, P2mc, P2cc, P1mc, P6cc, P1mc, P6cc, P6mc
Row 15 – K6mc, K6cc, K1mc, K6cc, K1mc, K2cc, K2mc, K2cc, K1mc, K6cc, K5mc
Row 16 – P5mc, P2cc, P2mc, P2cc, P1mc, P2cc, P2mc, P2cc, P1mc, P2cc, P2mc, P2cc, P1mc, P2cc, P10mc
Row 17 – K10mc, K2cc, K1mc, K2cc, K2mc, K2cc, K1mc, K2cc, K2mc, K2cc, K1mc, K2cc, K2mc, K2cc, K5mc
Row 18 – P5mc, P2cc, P2mc, P2cc, P1mc, P2cc, P2mc, P2cc, P1mc, P2cc, P2mc, P2cc, P1mc, P2cc, P10mc
Row 19 – K5mc, K6cc, K1mc, K6cc, K1mc, K6cc, K1mc, K2cc, K2mc, K2cc, K5mc
Row 20 – P5mc, P2cc, P2mc, P2cc, P1mc, P6cc, P1mc, P6cc, P1mc, P6cc, P5mc

PATTERN FOR AF (front of vest)

On row 9 of front stocking stitch begin pattern

Row 9 – K17mc, K2cc, K1mc, K2cc, K2mc, K2cc, K12mc
Row 10 – P12mc, P2cc, P2mc, P2cc, P1mc, P2cc, P17mc
Row 11 – K17mc, K2cc, K1mc, K2cc, K2mc, K2cc, K12mc
Row 12 – P12mc, P2cc, P2mc, P2cc, P1mc, P2cc, P17mc
Row 13 – K17mc, K2cc, K1mc, K2cc, K2mc, K2cc, K12mc
Row 14 – P12mc, P6cc, P1mc, P6cc, P13mc
Row 15 – K13mc, K6cc, K1mc, K6cc, K12mc
Row 16 – P12mc, P2cc, P2mc, P2cc, P1mc, P2cc, P17mc
Row 17 – K17mc, K2cc, K1mc, K2cc, K2mc, K2cc, K12mc
Row 18 – P12mc, P2cc, P2mc, P2cc, P1mc, P2cc, P17mc
Row 19 – K13mc, K6cc, K1mc, K6cc, K12mc
Row 20 – P12mc, P6cc, P1mc, P6cc, P13mc