



Using 15mm (US19) circular needles, CO 58(64:72:78:86:92:100:106:114) sts using the long-tail cast-on method (see page 17). Cast on an extra stitch, then slip it over the first cast-on stitch to join in the round (see page 52). PM to keep track of the BOR.

RIBBING

Rounds 1–6: (K1, P1) rep to end.

BODY

Rounds 1–10(10:12:12:14:14:16:16:18): K to end.

If you want to lengthen or shorten your vest, work more or fewer rounds to reach your desired length, measuring from approximately 3½in (9cm) below your underarm. Check the finished length for your size and work 3 rows for each extra 1¼in (3cm) you would like.

BACK

You will now work flat over half of your sts to create the top of the back.

Row 1: K1, SSK, K23(26:30:33:37:40:44:47:51), K2TOG, K1. [27(30:34:37:41:44:48:51:55) sts]

Turn your piece to work back over these sts only. Don't worry about the rest of the stitches – simply leave them on the cable for now. You will come back to them later.

Row 2: P to end.

Row 3: K1, SSK, K to last 3 sts, K2TOG, K1. [25 (28:32:35:39:42:46:49:53) sts]

Rows 4–9(9:11:11:15:15:17:17:21): rep rows 2 and 3 another 3(3:4:4:6:6:7:7:9) times. [19(22:24:27:27:30:32:35:35) sts]

Row 10(10:12:12:16:16:18:18:22)–Row 20(22:24:26:2:28:30:32:34): starting with a purl row, work stocking (stockinette) stitch.

Next row: K5(6:6:7:7:8:8:9:9), BO 9(10:12:13:13:14:16:17:17) sts, K to end.

BACK LEFT SHOULDER

You will now shape the left neckline by working over the last 5(6:6:7:7:8:8:9:9) sts only. Don't worry about the other stitches – simply leave them on the cable for now. You will come back to them later.

Rows 1–3(3:3:3:3:5:5:5:5): starting with a purl row, work stocking (stockinette) stitch.

Cut the yarn and temporarily place these stitches on a stitch holder or a scrap piece of yarn.

BACK RIGHT SHOULDER

You will now shape the right neckline. With the WS facing you, rejoin your yarn to the remaining back stitches.

Rows 1–3(3:3:3:3:5:5:5:5): starting with a purl row, work stocking (stockinette) stitch.

Cut the yarn and temporarily place these stitches on a stitch holder or a scrap piece of yarn.

FRONT

You will now work on the front of the vest. With the RS facing you, rejoin your yarn to the 29(32:36:39:43:46:50:53:57) sts that have been waiting on your cable.

Row 1: K1, SSK, K23(26:30:33:37:40:44:47:51), K2TOG, K1. [27 (32:36:39:43:46:50:53:57) sts]