



Flower Parade Vest

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Materials

#4 worsted/Aran/Afghan weight yarn, 320m/100g, 2 colors (**A** main color, **B** contrast color)
Sample made of Backyard Fibers SoSoft Sport 100% merino yarn, 3.5oz/100g 350yds/320m, in size 2
(This yarn feels thicker than sport weight, please check the gauge carefully.)

Amount needed:

Color **A** approx. 305(330, 350, 375, 400, 420) yds

Color **B** approx. 330(350, 375, 400, 420, 440) yds

These amounts are estimated and depending on desired length.

Knitting needles and other notions

US4 / 3.5 mm needles (for the ribbing) – double-pointed needles, or magic loop technique

US7 / 4.5 mm needles, 60-80cm long – choose a length, that is smaller than the finished bust size

Stitch markers

Tapestry needle

Stitch holder or waste yarn

Gauge

20 sts x 28 rows = 4" / 10 cm in stockinette stitch, with US7 (4.5mm) needles

Adjust the needle size as necessary to match pattern gauge.

Sizes

1(2, 3, 4, 5, 6)

Finished bust circumference: 90(100, 108, 117, 126, 135) cm, 35.5(39, 42.5, 46, 49.5, 53) inches

Designed to fit with approx. 10 cm / 4" of positive ease.

Recommended body length from CO to underarm: 26(30, 34, 38, 42, 46) cm, 10(12, 13.5, 15.5, 16.5, 18) inches – customizable.

Recommended length from underarm to shoulder: 18(20, 23, 26, 29, 30) cm, 7(8, 9, 10, 11.5, 12) inches

Length of body and underarm may be adjusted as desired.

Notes

- This vest is designed to be cropped style, worked from the bottom up, in the round, divided to front and back at underarm, and knitted flat to shoulder BO.
- Neckband and arm stitches are picked up, and worked at the end, either on double-pointed needles, or on circular needles using magic loop technique.
- There is a chart for the flower design at the end of the pattern.
- Read the chart from right to left in every row, and bottom-up.
- Recommended to place a stitch marker in between repeats at flower design.
- The chart shows every row of flower pattern.



Abbreviations

st(s)= stitch(es)
CO= cast on
BO=bind off
k, K= knit
p=purl
ssk= slip, slip knit wise, knit 2 sts together
k2tog= knit 2 sts together
sm(s)= stitch marker(s)
BORsm= beginning of row stitch marker
RS= right side
WS= wrong side
...= repeat between stars

Begin the vest at the bottom

Using size **US4 / 3.5mm** needles, color **A**, CO **180(196, 216, 232, 252, 268)** sts.

Join to form a circle - don't twist the sts on the needles. Mark the first st of the round with BORsm, moving it from one needle to the other as you go.

Row1= k2-p2 sts around.

Repeat Row1 30(30, 30, 35, 35, 35) times all together, to complete ribbing.

In last row increase evenly 0(2, 0, 2, 0, 2) sts. (if the number is 0, there is no increase needed)

There are **180(198, 216, 234, 252, 270)** sts on needles.

From next row switch to **US7 / 4.5mm** needle and join color **B**.

Carry color **A** at the back of the work, do not cut it until the end of the colorwork!

Work on k sts in next 4(4, 4, 6, 6, 6) rounds with color **B**.

From next round start working by using chart.

Chart shows 1 repeat horizontally: repeat those 18 sts 10(11, 12, 13, 14, 15) times all together around.

Use sms, to separate repeats, if needed (different ones from BORsm, if possible).

Chart shows 1 repeat vertically: work on Row1-Row37, 1 time.

Carry the yarn loosely on WS.

When chart is completed, cut yarn **A**, leave a 5" long tail – to weave in end. All sms may be taken out, except BORsm.

Work on with color **B** with k sts around, until recommended or desired length of body reached.

Divide sts for front and back

Divide (slide) sts as follow – put the sts for the front on stitch holder or waste yarn:

Size 1= 90 sts back – 90 sts front

Size 2= 100 sts back – 98 sts front

Size 3= 108 sts back – 108 sts front

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Size 4= 118 sts back – 116 sts front

Size 5= 126 sts back – 126 sts front

Size 6= 136 sts back – 134 sts front

From now on, you work the rows flat, k sts on RS, p sts on WS.

The BORsm is by the right underarm of your work.

Work on the BACK first.

Start working on the RS.

BO 4(5, 6, 7, 7, 7) sts for the arm, with k sts, then k all sts until end of row. Turn your work to WS, and BO 4(5, 6, 7, 7, 7) sts for the other arm with p sts, then p across row.

From now on you will be working on BO sts at every beginning of rows, RS and WS. The numbers show the st count you have to BO.

Size 1= 2(RS), 2(WS) - 2(RS), 2(WS) - 1(RS), 1(WS) - 1(RS), 1(WS)

Size 2= 2(RS), 2(WS) - 2(RS), 2(WS) - 1(RS), 1(WS) - 1(RS), 1(WS)

Size 3= 2(RS), 2(WS) - 2(RS), 2(WS) - 1(RS), 1(WS) - 1(RS), 1(WS)

Size 4= 3(RS), 3(WS) - 2(RS), 2(WS) - 1(RS), 1(WS) - 1(RS), 1(WS)

Size 5= 3(RS), 3(WS) - 2(RS), 2(WS) - 2(RS), 2(WS) - 1(RS), 1(WS)

Size 6= 3(RS), 3(WS) - 2(RS), 2(WS) - 2(RS), 2(WS) - 1(RS), 1(WS) - 1(RS), 1(WS)

There are **70 (78, 84, 90, 96, 104)** sts on needle. Work straight – no more decreases – until recommended or desired length from underarm to shoulder reached.

BO all sts on next RS row. Take BORsm out. Cut the yarn, leave a 5" tail.

Work on the FRONT.

Slide sts back from stitch holder or waste yarn to **US7 / 4.5mm** needle. Divide sts, place a sm after 45. (49., 54., 58., 63., 67.) st. This sm marks the tip of the V neck.

Work on the **left** half front first (as worn).

Start knitting on RS with color **B**.

BO 4 (5, 6, 7, 7, 7) with k sts, then k until sm. Turn to WS, p 2 sts together (decrease 1 st), p across.

Starting next RS row, you make BOs for arm at beginning of RS rows, and 1-st decreases for V neck at every beginning of WS rows.

BO sts for underarm at beginning of **RS** rows - the numbers show the st count you have to BO:

Size 1= 2-2-2-1-1 sts

Size 2= 2-2-2-1-1 sts

Size 3= 2-2-2-1-1 sts

Size 4= 3-2-2-1-1 sts

Size 5= 3-3-2-2-1 sts

Size 6= 3-3-2-2-1-1 sts

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And decrease 1 st (by purling 2 sts together) at the beginning of every **WS** row.

When the decreases for the arm are complete, there are no more decrease at the beginning of the RS rows, but KEEP ON DECREASING for the V neck at the beginning of every **WS** row, until 20(20, 20, 25, 25, 25) sts left on the needle. From here work straight until the hight of the back reached. BO all 18 (18, 18, 22, 22, 22) sts. Cut the yarn, leave a 10" tail.

Now work on the **right** half front.

All decreases will be mirroring the other side.

Join yarn color **B** at the tip of the V, start knitting on RS with **US7 / 4.5mm** needle.

Knit 2 sts together, then k across. Turn to WS.

BO 4(5, 6, 7, 7, 7) sts, p across.

Starting next RS row, you make 1-st decreases for V neck at every beginning of RS rows, and make BOs for arm at beginning of WS rows.

Decrease 1 st (by knitting 2 sts together) at the beginning of every **RS** row.

And BO sts for underarm at beginning of **WS** rows - the numbers show the st count you have to BO:

Size 1= 2-2-2-1-1 sts

Size 2= 2-2-2-1-1 sts

Size 3= 2-2-2-1-1 sts

Size 4= 3-2-2-1-1 sts

Size 5= 3-3-2-2-1 sts

Size 6= 3-3-2-2-1-1 sts

When the decreases for the underarm are complete, there are no more decrease at the beginning of the WS rows, but KEEP ON DECREASING for the V neck at the beginning of every **RS** row, until 18 (18, 18, 22, 22, 22) sts left on the needle. From here work straight until the hight of the back reached.

BO all 18 (18, 18, 22, 22, 22) sts. Cut the yarn, leave a 10" tail.

Join the shoulders together using tapestry needle: face front and back shoulders and sew them on wrong side. Break the yarn, repeat sewing at the other shoulder.

Arm band

Work on RS only, in round.

Join yarn color **A** at the center of the underarm – between front and back part. Using **US4 / 3.5mm** needles start picking up sts on the side of the armhole: *4 times 1 st in every row, skip 1 row*, repeat around. Make sure your sts are dividable by 4. Mark the first st with BORsm. Join your work.

Work on the band with k2-p2 ribbing pattern around.

When 10(10, 10, 12, 12, 12) rounds are complete, BO all sts in next round. Take out BORsm.

Work on the other arm band the same way.



Neckband

Work on RS only, in round.

Join yarn color **A** to left shoulder seam (as worn). Mark the first st with BORsm. With **US4 / 3.5mm** needles start picking up sts on the side of the V neckline: *4 times 1 st in every row, skip 1 row*, repeat as necessary, place a sm to the tip of V and continue picking up sts on the other side. **Make sure you have the same st count on either side of V.**

At the BO back sts: pick up all sts.

Now you are back at the left shoulder seam, at BORsm. Join your work.

Round 1

K2-p2, until 2 sts before sm at the tip of the V, k2tog, slip sm to right needle, ssk, (2 sts decreased alltogether) then from here, knit the sts mirroring the ones on the other side, prior the sm (photo). You did it right, if you finish this side of V with k2 sts. This way the 2 sides of V will be perfectly symmetrical. (**Note** to the sts on the back: all sts here were picked up, to avoid holes. But the st count is too much, you need decreases at this area. So decrease every 6th-7th sts by knitting them together, meantime keeping the k2-p2 pattern. You should finish this section with p2 sts.)

Knit to BORsm.

Round2

K2-p2, until 1 st before sm, k1, slip sm to right needle, k1, then keep on knitting until BORsm, according to the established sts. No decrease in this row.

Repeat Round1-Round2, 4(4, 4, 5, 5, 5) more times (except the note in Round1).
If the neck is still too deep, add more rounds.

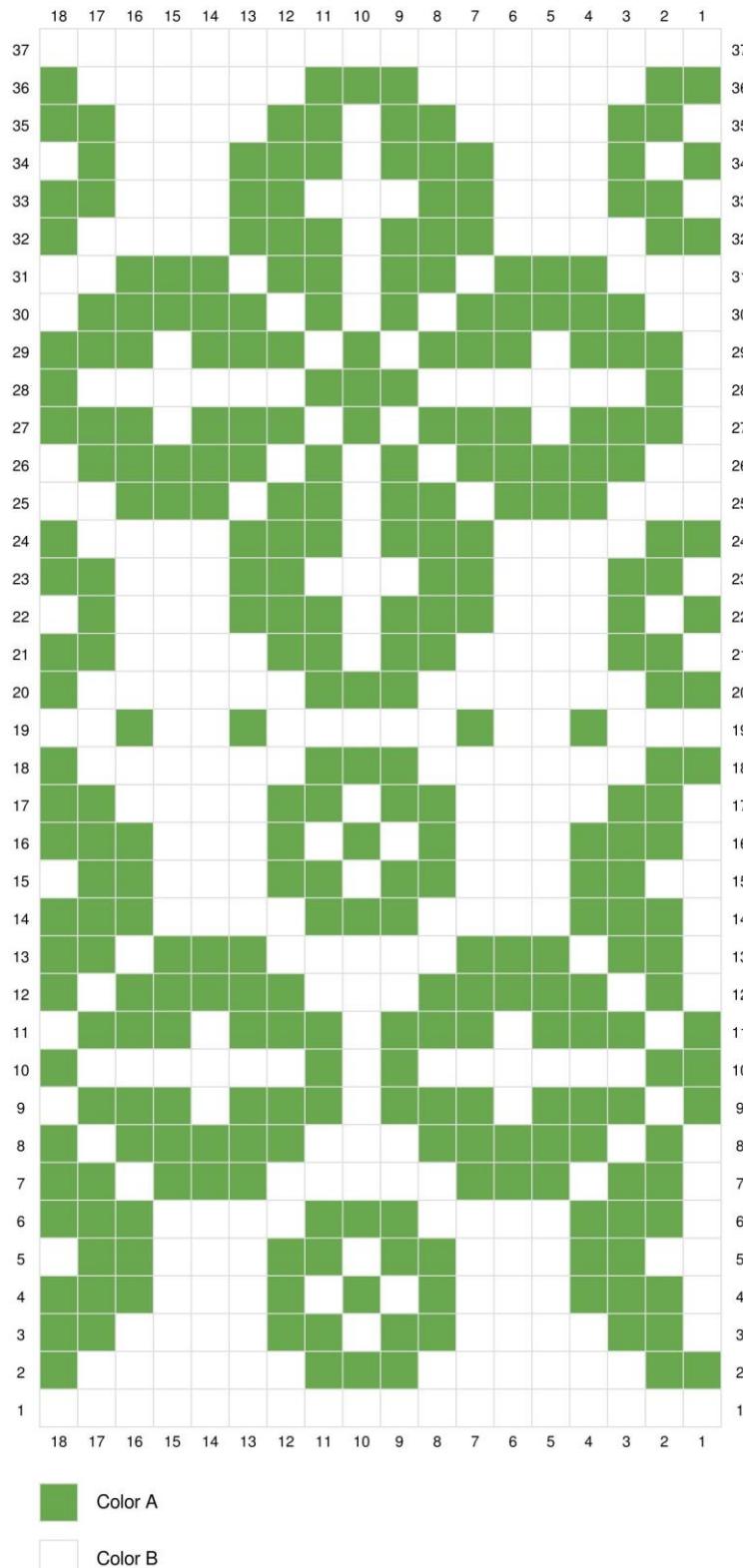
BO all sts loosely in next round. Fasten off, weave in ends.

Your Flower Parade Vest is complete! Wear it proudly!



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Color A

Color B

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