

PetiteKnit

MAGGIE VEST



Sizes:	XXS (XS) S (M) L (XL) 2XL (3XL) 4XL (5XL)
Bust circumference:	85 (90) 96 (101) 106 (116) 125 (136) 146 (156) cm [33½ (35½) 37¾ (39¾) 41¾ (45¾) 49¾ (53½) 57½ (61½) inches]
Length:	48 (52) 54 (56) 58 (59) 60 (63) 66 (70) cm [19 (20½) 21¼ (22) 22¾ (23¼) 23½ (24¾) 26 (27½) inches] (measured mid back excl. neck edge)
Gauge:	23 sts x 32 rows = 10 x 10 cm [4 x 4 inches] in stockinette stitch on a 3.5 mm [US4] needle
Needles:	Circular needles: 3.5 mm [US4] / 60, 80 and/or 100 cm [24, 32 and/or 40 inches] and 3 mm [US2½] / 40, 60, 80 and/or 100 cm [16, 24, 32 and/or 40 inches]
Materials:	150 (150) 150-175 (175) 175 (200) 200 (200-225) 225 (225) g Cashmere Classic by Cardiff Cashmere (25 g = 112 m [120 yds]) or Cashmere Premium by Lang Yarns (25 g = 115 m [126 yds]) or Cashmere 6/28 by Pascuali (25 g = 112 m [120 yds]) or 300 (300) 350 (350) 400 (400) 450 (450) 500 (500) g Double Sunday by Sandnes Garn (50 g = 108 m [118 yds]) 6 buttons (Ø = 18 mm)

PATTERN

The Maggie Vest is worked from the top down. First, the back yoke is worked flat, back and forth, and shaped with increases. Stitches for the shoulders are then picked up and knitted along the top of the back yoke, and each shoulder is worked separately flat, back and forth, with increases and decreases to shape the fronts. At the underarms, the fronts and the back yoke are joined to form the body, which is worked flat, back and forth, on a circular needle. Rib edges are worked around the armhole openings. At the end, plackets are worked along the front edges and along the neck. Knit a swatch before beginning the project to check if the recommended needle size gives you the correct gauge.

Size guide

The Maggie Vest is designed to have approx. 5 cm [2 inches] of positive ease, meaning it is designed to be approx. 5 cm [2 inches] larger in circumference than your bust measurement. The sizes XXS (XS) S (M) L (XL) 2XL (3XL) 4XL (5XL) are designed to fit a bust circumference of 75-80 (80-85) 85-90 (90-95) 95-100 (100-110) 110-120 (120-130) 130-140 (140-150) cm [29½-31½ (31½-33½) 33½-35½ (35½-37½) 37½-39½ (39½-43¼) 43¼-47¼ (47¼-51¼) 51¼-55 (55-59) inches]. The measurements for the finished vest can be found on the front page of the pattern. Please note that these measurements can only be achieved if the correct gauge is maintained throughout. Measure yourself before beginning your project, to determine which size will fit you the best. For example, if you measure 90 cm [35½ inches] around your bust (or around the widest part of your upper body) you should knit a size S. A size S vest has a bust circumference of 96 cm [37¾ inches], which in the given example would give you 6 cm [2¼ inches] of positive ease.

About increases

Increases are worked so the either slant to the right (M1R) or to the left (M1L) (see video at www.petiteknit.com).

M1R:

From the RS: Insert the left needle under the strand that runs between two stitches from back to front, then knit this strand.

From the WS: Insert the left needle under the strand that runs between two stitches from back to front, then purl this strand.

M1L:

From the RS: Insert the left needle under the strand that runs between two stitches from front to back, then knit this strand through the back loop (twisted).

From the WS: Insert the left needle under the strand that runs between two stitches from front to back, then purl this strand through the back loop (twisted).

About decreases

Decreases are worked so the either slant to the right (k2tog) or to the left (skp).

K2tog: Knit 2 stitches together.

Skp: Slip 1 stitch knit-wise, k1, pass the slipped stitch over the knitted stitch.

Back yoke

First, the top part of the back yoke is worked flat, back and forth. Stitches are cast on for the back of the neck and then increases are worked for the back.

Cast on 38 (38) 38 (40) 40 (42) 42 (42) 42 (42) sts on a 3.5 mm [US4] / 60 cm [24 inches] circular needle.

Purl across 1 row. The next row is a RS row.

Work back and forth with increases for the back yoke as follows:

Row 1 (RS): K3, **M1L**, knit to the last 3 sts on the needle, **M1R**, k3. (2 sts have been increased)

Row 2 (WS): P3, **M1R**, purl to the last 3 sts on the needle, **M1L**, p3. (2 sts have been increased)

Work Rows 1 and 2 a total of 9 (9) 10 (10) 11 (12) 13 (14) 14 (15) times. There are now a total of 74 (74) 78 (80) 84 (90) 94 (98) 98 (102) sts on the needle.

Work back and forth as follows:

Row 1 (RS): Knit across.

Row 2 (WS): Purl across.

Work Rows 1 and 2 until the work measures 21 (21) 22 (22) 22 (21) 21 (21) 19.5 (19.5) cm [8¼ (8¼) 8¾ (8¾) 8¾ (8¼) 8¼ (8¼) 7¾ (7¾) inches] measured from the cast on edge at the back of the neck. The next row is a RS row.

Now work increases for the armholes on all RS rows as follows:

Row 1 (RS): K3, **M1L**, knit to the last 3 sts on the needle, **M1R**, k3. (2 sts have been increased)

Row 2 (WS): Purl across.

Work Rows 1 and 2 a total of 10 (12) 12 (13) 12 (14) 15 (16) 15 (16) times. There are now a total of 94 (98) 102 (106) 108 (118) 124 (130) 128 (134) sts on the needle.

Now work increases for the armholes on both RS and WS rows as follows (note: not for sizes XXS, XS, S and M):

Row 1 (RS): K3, **M1L**, knit to the last 3 sts on the needle, **M1R**, k3. (2 sts have been increased)

Row 2 (WS): P3, **M1R**, purl to the last 3 sts on the needle, **M1L**, p3. (2 sts have been increased)

Work Rows 1 and 2 a total of 0 (0) 0 (0) 1 (1) 2 (3) 6 (7) times. There are now a total of 94 (98) 102 (106) 112 (122) 132 (142) 152 (162) sts on the needle.

Break the yarn and let the sts rest while the shoulders are worked.

Right shoulder

Join new yarn and pick up and knit sts from the RS with a 3.5 mm [US4] / 60 cm [24 inches] circular needle. RS facing, pick up and knit 19 (19) 21 (21) 23 (25) 27 (29) 29 (31) sts along the slanting section of the right side of the back yoke (this is the equivalent to picking up 1 stitch in every stitch along the entire slanting section of the back yoke where the increases are). The direction for picking up and knitting stitches is from the armhole edge and towards the neck.

Purl across 1 row. The next row is a RS row.

Work 2 rows as follows:

Row 1 (RS): Knit across.

Row 2 (WS): Purl across.

Now work decreases along the shoulder edge as follows:

Row 1 (RS): K2, **skp**, knit to end of row.

Row 2 (WS): Purl across.

Row 3 (RS): Knit across.

Row 4 (WS): Purl across.

Work Rows 1-4 a total of 5 (5) 5 (5) 5 (6) 6 (6) 6 (6) times. There are now a total of 14 (14) 16 (16) 18 (19) 21 (23) 23 (25) sts on the needle.

Now work increases to shape the neckline as follows:

Row 1 (RS): Knit to the last 3 sts on the needle, **M1R**, k3. (1 stitch has been increased)

Row 2 (WS): Purl across.

Work Rows 1 and 2 a total of 5 (5) 5 (6) 6 (7) 7 (7) 7 (7) times. There are now a total of 19 (19) 21 (22) 24 (26) 28 (30) 30 (32) sts on the needle. The next row is a RS row.

On the next row, cast on sts using the backward loop method to form the last part of the neckline as follows:

Row 1 (RS): Knit to the last 3 sts on the needle, **M1R**, k3, cast on 10 sts in extension of the sts on the needle using the backward loop method. There are now a total of 30 (30) 32 (33) 35 (37) 39 (41) 41 (43) sts on the needle.

Row 2 (WS): Purl across.

The next row is a RS row.

Now work straight in stockinette stitch as follows:

Row 1 (RS): Knit across.

Row 2 (WS): Purl across.

Work Rows 1 and 2 until the shoulder measures 19 (18.5) 19.5 (20) 20 (18) 18 (18) 16.5 (16.5) cm [7½ (7¼) 7¾ (8) 8 (7) 7 (7) 6½ (6½) inches] measured from where sts were picked up and knitted along the back yoke (this is equivalent to the shoulder being 8 (8) 8 (8) 8 (10) 10 (10) 10 (10) rows shorter than the back yoke at the point where the increases for the armhole begins). The next row is a RS row.

Now work increases for the armholes on all RS rows as follows:

Row 1 (RS): K3, **M1L**, knit to end of row. (1 stitch has been increased)

Row 2 (WS): Purl across.

Work Rows 1 and 2 a total of 14 (16) 16 (17) 16 (19) 20 (21) 20 (21) times. There are now a total of 44 (46) 48 (50) 51 (56) 59 (62) 61 (64) sts on the needle.

Now work increases for the armholes on both RS and WS rows as follows (note: not for sizes XXS, XS, S and M):

Row 1 (RS): K3, **M1L**, knit to end of row. (1 stitch has been increased)

Row 2 (WS): Purl to the last 3 sts on the needle, **M1L**, p3. (1 stitch has been increased)

Work Rows 1 and 2 a total of 0 (0) 0 (0) 1 (1) 2 (3) 6 (7) times. There are now a total of 44 (46) 48 (50) 53 (58) 63 (68) 73 (78) sts on the needle.

Break the yarn and let the sts rest while the left shoulder is worked.

Left shoulder

Join new yarn and pick up and knit sts from the RS with a 3.5 mm [US4] / 60 cm [24 inches] circular needle. RS facing, pick up and knit 19 (19) 21 (21) 23 (25) 27 (29) 29 (31) sts along the slanting section of the left side of the back yoke (this is the equivalent to picking up 1 stitch in every stitch along the entire slanting section of the back yoke where the increases are). The direction for picking up and knitting stitches is from the neck and towards the armhole edge.

Purl across 1 row. The next row is a RS row.

Work 2 rows as follows:

Row 1 (RS): Knit across.

Row 2 (WS): Purl across.

Now work decreases along the shoulder edge as follows:

Row 1 (RS): Knit to the last 4 sts on the needle, **k2tog**, knit to end of row.

Row 2 (WS): Purl across.

Row 3 (RS): Knit across.

Row 4 (WS): Purl across.

Work Rows 1-4 a total of 5 (5) 5 (5) 5 (6) 6 (6) 6 (6) times. There are now a total of 14 (14) 16 (16) 18 (19) 21 (23) 23 (25) sts on the needle.

Now work increases to shape the neckline as follows:

Row 1 (RS): K3, **M1L**, knit to end of row. (1 stitch has been increased)

Row 2 (WS): Purl across.

Work Rows 1 and 2 a total of 5 (5) 5 (6) 6 (7) 7 (7) 7 (7) times. There are now a total of 19 (19) 21 (22) 24 (26) 28 (30) 30 (32) sts on the needle. The next row is a RS row.

On the next row, cast on sts using the backward loop method to form the last part of the neckline as follows:

Row 1 (RS): Cast on 10 sts before the sts on the needle using the backward loop method, knit across the 10 backward loop sts, k3, **M1L**, knit to end of row. There are now a total of 30 (30) 32 (33) 35 (37) 39 (41) 41 (43) sts on the needle.

Row 2 (WS): Purl across.

Now work straight in stockinette stitch as follows:

Row 1 (RS): Knit across.

Row 2 (WS): Purl across.

Work Rows 1 and 2 until the shoulder measures 19 (18.5) 19.5 (20) 20 (18) 18 (18) 16.5 (16.5) cm [7½ (7¼) 7¾ (8) 8 (7) 7 (7) 6½ (6½) inches] measured from where sts were picked up and knitted along the back yoke (this is equivalent to the shoulder being 8 (8) 8 (8) 8 (10) 10 (10) 10 (10) rows shorter than the back yoke at the point where the increases for the armhole begins). The next row is a RS row.

Now work increases for the armholes on all RS rows as follows:

Row 1 (RS): Knit to the last 3 sts on the needle, **M1R**, k3. (1 stitch has been increased)

Row 2 (WS): Purl across.

Work Rows 1 and 2 a total of 14 (16) 16 (17) 16 (19) 20 (21) 20 (21) times. There are now a total of 44 (46) 48 (50) 51 (56) 59 (62) 61 (64) sts on the needle.

Now work increases for the armholes on both RS and WS rows as follows (note: not for sizes XXS, XS, S and M):

Row 1 (RS): Knit to the last 3 sts on the needle, **M1R**, k3. (1 stitch has been increased)

Row 2 (WS): P3, **M1L**, purl to end of row. (1 stitch has been increased)

Work Rows 1 and 2 a total of 0 (0) 0 (0) 1 (1) 2 (3) 6 (7) times. There are now a total of 44 (46) 48 (50) 53 (58) 63 (68) 73 (78) sts on the needle.

Do not break the yarn as the next step follows from here.

Body

The body is worked flat, back and forth, in stockinette stitch on a 3.5 mm [US4] / 80 or 100 cm [32 or 40 inches] circular needle and is finished with a ribbed edge at the hem.

Work as follows:

Knit 44 (46) 48 (50) 53 (58) 63 (68) 73 (78) sts (left shoulder), cast on 4 (6) 8 (10) 10 (12) 12 (14) 16 (18) sts using the backward loop method for the underarm, knit 94 (98) 102 (106) 112 (122) 132 (142) 152 (162) sts (back), cast on 4 (6) 8 (10) 10 (12) 12 (14) 16 (18) sts using the backward loop method for the underarm, knit 44 (46) 48 (50) 53 (58) 63 (68) 73 (78) sts (right shoulder).

There are now a total of 190 (202) 214 (226) 238 (262) 282 (306) 330 (354) sts on the needle for the body.

Work flat, back and forth across all sts, in stockinette stitch until the vest measures 42 (46) 48 (50) 52 (53) 54 (57) 60 (64) cm [$16\frac{3}{4}$ ($18\frac{1}{4}$) 19 ($19\frac{3}{4}$) $20\frac{1}{2}$ (21) $21\frac{1}{4}$ ($22\frac{1}{2}$) $23\frac{3}{4}$ ($25\frac{1}{4}$) inches] measured mid back– or to the desired length.

Before starting the ribbing, reduce the number of sts to an odd number by knitting 2 sts together at a random place on the back of the vest. There are now a total of 189 (201) 213 (225) 237 (261) 281 (305) 329 (353) sts on the needle. The next row is a RS row.

Change to a 3 mm [US2½] / 80 or 100 cm [32 or 40 inches] circular needle and work in rib as follows:

Row 1 (RS): P1, * k1, p1 *, repeat from * to * to end of row.

Row 2 (WS): K1, * p1, k1 *, repeat from * to * to end of row.

Repeat Rows 1 and 2 until the ribbing measures 6 cm [$2\frac{1}{4}$ inches]. The next row is a RS row.

Work double knitting before binding off using the Italian bind-off technique as follows (see video at www.petiteknit.com):

Row 1 (RS): Slip 1 stitch purl-wise with the yarn held in front, * k1, slip 1 stitch purl-wise with the yarn held in front *, repeat from * to * to end of row.

Row 2 (WS): K1, * slip 1 stitch purl-wise with the yarn held in front, k1 *, repeat from * to * to end of row.

Bind off using the Italian bind-off technique (see video at www.petiteknit.com).

Armhole rib edges

From the RS, pick up and knit 126 (128) 132 (132) 138 (138) 140 (144) 146 (152) sts with a 3 mm [US2½] / 40 cm [16 inches] circular needle around the armhole opening (this is the equivalent to picking up 2 sts for every 3 rows all the way around). Start and end in the middle of the underarm, making sure you pick up an even number of sts.

Join in the round and work 9 rounds in 1 x 1 rib (k1, p1).

Work double knitting before binding off using the Italian bind-off technique as follows (see video at www.petiteknit.com):

Round 1: * K1, slip 1 stitch purl-wise with the yarn held in front *, repeat from * to * to end of round.

Round 2: * Slip 1 stitch purl-wise with the yarn held in back, p1 *, repeat from * to * to end of round.

Bind off using the Italian bind-off technique (see video at www.petiteknit.com).

Plackets

The plackets are worked separately, back and forth in ribbing on a 3 mm [US2½] / 60 or 80 cm [24 or 32 inches] circular needle. 5 buttonholes are worked along the right front placket (the 6th buttonhole is worked afterwards in the neck ribbed edge). RS facing, pick up and knit 3 sts for every 4 rows along the right front edge, until a total of either 112, 122, 132, 142, 152, 162 or 172 sts have been picked up (or 10 sts more or less). If the number of picked up and knitted sts is between 2 sizes, round up. The first row is a WS row.

Calculate the number of sts between buttonholes as follows:

sts between buttonholes = (picked up sts - 12) / 5

Calculation example:

You have picked up and knitted 122 sts for the placket, and there needs to be 22 sts between buttonholes:

sts between buttonholes = (122 - 12) / 5 = 22 sts

The right placket is now worked with 5 buttonholes. Please note that an extra stitch is created at the end of the first row. This stitch becomes an edge stitch which rolls to the back of the placket and gives it a nice and neat finish. This means that there are 2 knit sts next to each other at the bottom of the placket. The knitted buttonholes will always sit neatly between two knit sts (as seen from the RS) if the guide for picking up and knitting sts is followed. Work the right front placket as follows:

Row 1 (WS): * K1, p1 *, repeat from * to * to end of row, cast on 1 new stitch in extension of the last stitch on the needle using the backward loop method. (there is now an odd number of sts on the needle)

Row 2 (RS): K1, * k1, p1 *, repeat from * to * to end of row.

Row 3 (WS): * K1, p1 *, repeat from * to * to the last stitch on the needle, p1.

Row 4 (RS): Work as Row 2.

Row 5 (WS): * Work the calculated number of sts between buttonholes in established rib pattern, slip 1 stitch knit-wise, slip 1 stitch knit-wise, place these two sts back onto the left needle (so they now sit twisted on the needle), yarn over, p2tog tbl *, work from * to * 4 more times, until there are 3 sts left on the needle, k1, p2.

Rows 6, 8 (RS): Work as Row 2.

Rows 7, 9 (WS): Work as Row 3.

- Row 10 (RS): * Slip 1 stitch purl-wise with the yarn held in front, k1 *, repeat from * to * to the last stitch on the needle, slip 1 stitch purl-wise with the yarn held in front
- Row 11 (WS): * K1, slip 1 stitch purl-wise with the yarn held in front *, repeat from * to * to the last stitch on the needle, k1.

Bind off using the Italian bind-off technique.

Pick up and knit the same number of sts along the left front edge. The left front placket is worked *without* buttonholes as follows:

- Row 1 (WS): Cast on 1 new stitch using the backward loop method (there are now an odd number of sts on the needle), then purl this backward loop stitch, work * p1, k1 *, repeat from * to * to end of row.
- Row 2 (RS): * P1, k1 *, repeat from * to * to the last stitch on the needle, k1.
- Row 3 (WS): P1, * p1, k1 *, repeat from * to * to end of row.
- Rows 4, 6, 8 (RS): Work as Row 2.
- Rows 5, 7, 9 (WS): Work as Row 3.
- Row 10 (RS): * Slip 1 stitch purl-wise with the yarn held in front, k1 *, repeat from * to * to the last stitch on the needle, slip 1 stitch purl-wise with the yarn held in front
- Row 11 (WS): * K1, slip 1 stitch purl-wise with the yarn held in front *, repeat from * to * to the last stitch on the needle, k1.

Bind off using the Italian bind-off technique.

Neck edge

The neck edge is worked back and forth in ribbing on a 3 mm [US2½] / 60 cm [24 inches] circular needle. A buttonhole is worked on the right side of the neck edge.

Pick up and knit approx. 147 (147) 149 (153) 153 (165) 165 (165) 165 (165) sts (or a fitting odd number of sts) along the neckline and along the ends of the front plackets. The rate for picking up and knitting sts is 1 stitch in every stitch all the way along the edge, and 9-10 sts across the top of each front placket.

Work the neck ribbed edge as follows:

- Row 1 (WS): Cast on 1 new stitch using the backward loop method, then purl this backward loop stitch, * p1, k1 *, repeat from * to * to the last stitch on the needle, p1, cast on 1 new stitch in extension of the last stitch on the needle using the backward loop method.
- Row 2 (RS): K1, * k1, p1 *, repeat from * to * to the last 2 sts on the needle, k2.
- Row 3 (WS): P1, * p1, k1 *, repeat from * to * to the last 2 sts on the needle, p2.
- Row 4 (RS): Work as Row 2.
- Row 5 (WS): P1, * p1, k1 *, repeat from * to * to the last 8 sts on the needle, p1, slip 1 stitch knit-wise, slip 1 stitch knit-wise, place these two sts back onto the left needle (so they now sit twisted on the needle), yarn over, p2tog tbl, k1, p1, k1, p2.

Row 6 (RS): Work as Row 2.

Row 7 (WS): Work as Row 3.

Row 8 (RS): Work as Row 2.

Row 9 (WS): Work as Row 3.

Row 10 (RS): * Slip 1 stitch purl-wise with the yarn held in front, k1 *, repeat from * to * to the last stitch on the needle, slip 1 stitch purl-wise with the yarn held in front.

Row 11 (WS): * K1, slip 1 stitch purl-wise with the yarn held in front *, repeat from * to * to the last stitch on the needle, k1.

Bind off using the Italian bind-off technique.

Finishing

Sew on 6 buttons along the left front placket. The top button is on the neck ribbed edge.

Weave in all ends.

Abbreviations

k	knit
k2tog	decrease (right-leaning), knit two stitches together
M1L	make one left increase; from the RS - insert the left needle under the strand that runs between two stitches from front to back, then knit this strand through the back loop (twisted) from the WS - insert the left needle under the strand that runs between two stitches from front to back, then purl this strand through the back loop (twisted)
M1R	make one right increase; from the RS - insert the left needle under the strand that runs between two stitches from back to front, then knit this strand from the WS - insert the left needle under the strand that runs between two stitches from back to front, then purl this strand
p	purl
p2tog	decrease (right-leaning), purl two stitches together
RS	right side of your work
skp	decrease (left-leaning); slip 1 stitch knit-wise with the yarn held in back, knit 1 stitch, pass the slipped stitch over the knitted stitch
st(s)	stitch(es)
tbl	through the back loop
WS	wrong side of your work



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