

*A must-have vest in your wardrobe*

# COCO VEST



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A must-have vest in your wardrobe for anyone who loves the classic houndstooth design! A sophisticated houndstooth pattern and the twisted ribbed have a modern & neat look. You can go for the classic black and white or choose any colour you love!

It is worked from the bottom up in the round, and the left & right of front and back are separated and work flat. The shoulders are seamed, and sts are picked up for twisted ribbings.

I hope you love the Coco Vest and please share your work on Ravelry or Instagram using #CocoVest  
If you have any questions about the pattern, please feel free to contact me :)

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## SIZE & MEASUREMENTS

| Size | Bust  | Length | Armhole |
|------|-------|--------|---------|
| XS   | 98cm  | 56cm   | 24cm    |
| S    | 107cm | 58cm   | 25cm    |
| M    | 116cm | 59cm   | 28cm    |
| L    | 125cm | 61cm   | 30cm    |
| XL   | 134cm | 63cm   | 31cm    |
| 2XL  | 143cm | 65cm   | 32cm    |

It is designed to have approx. 5-10cm of positive ease

## GAUGE

27sts x 26 rows = 10cm x 10cm in houndstooth pattern with 4mm needles, after blocking

## NEEDLES

- 4.5mm [US 7] circular needles
- 4mm [US 6] circular needles
- 3.75mm [US 5] circular needles
- 3.5 mm[US 4] circular needles

## YARN

Sport Weight Yarn

The sample is knitted with Opus from Walcot yarns Opus (100g 350 metres / 384 yards)

| Size | MC (Splashed White) | CC (Hickory) |
|------|---------------------|--------------|
| XS   | 2 skein(s)          | 1 skein      |
| S    | 2 skein(s)          | 1 skein      |
| M    | 2 skein(s)          | 2 skein(s)   |
| L    | 3 skein(s)          | 2 skein(s)   |
| XL   | 3 skein(s)          | 2 skein(s)   |
| 2XL  | 3 skein(s)          | 2 skein(s)   |

## NOTIONS

- Stitch makers
- Stitch holder or waste yarn
- Tapestry needle



# INSTRUCTIONS

## ABBREVIATIONS

- **RS:** Right Side
- **WS:** Wrong Side
- **SM:** Slip Marker
- **PM:** Place Marker
- **BOR:** Beginning of row (round)
- **K:** Knit
- **P:** Purl
- **K1tbl:** knit one stitch through the back loop
- **SSK:** Slip, Slip, Knit

Slip the first stitch as if to knit, slip the second stitch as if to knit, then slide the left-hand needle into the front part of both stitches and knit them together

- **K2tog:** Knit Two Together

Insert the right knitting needle through the first two stitches as if to knit, then knit these two stitches at the same time.

- **MD:** Mitered Decrease

Slip two sts tog as if to k2tog, k1, pass the two slipped sts over.

## HOW TO READ THE TABLE

Row 1 (RS): K to the last 2 sts, K2tog

Row 2 (WS): P all sts

Repeat row 1 and row 2 **x** times

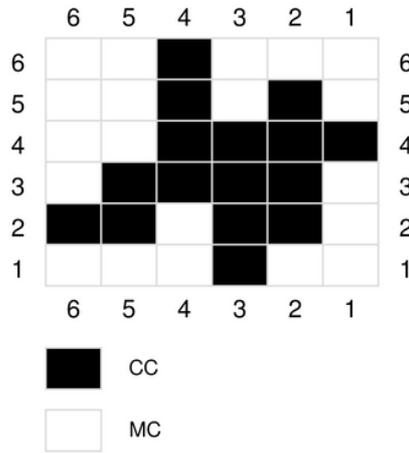
| XS | S  | M  | L  | XL | 2XL |
|----|----|----|----|----|-----|
| 24 | 24 | 28 | 30 | 31 | 32  |

If you are size **xs**,  
Repeat the row 1 and 2 **24** times.

# PATTERN

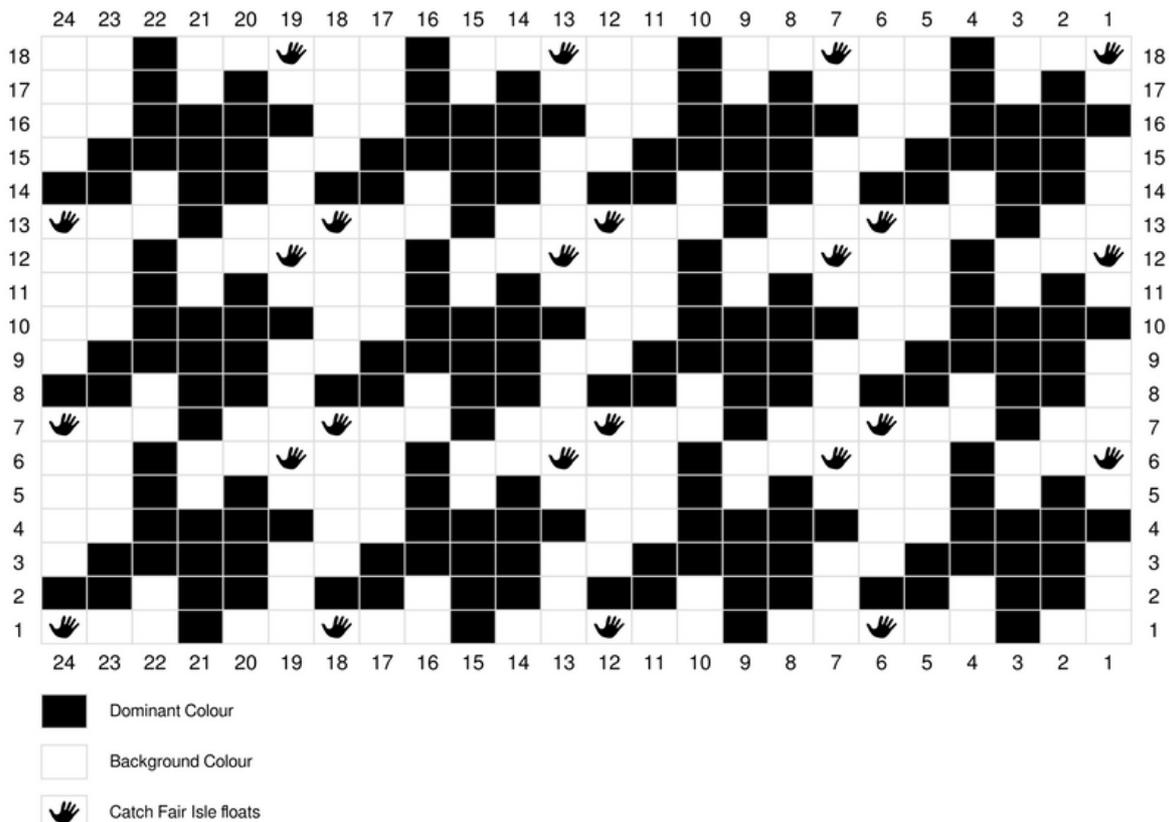
It is essential to obtain the suggested gauge and be comfortable with the pattern before casting on.

Gauge : 27sts x 26 rows = 10cm x 10cm in houndstooth pattern with 4mm needles, after blocking



It is recommended to catch Fair Isle floats every 3 st at rows 1 and 6 and maintain even float tension.

The float of the dominant colour should be stranded below the Background Color. Do not mix the dominant colour.



## CAST ON

Cast on 264 (288) 312 (336) 360 (384) sts on 4mm circular needles using "Tubular Cast on Using Judy's Magic Cast-on" or preferred method. Join in the round and PM for BOR.

| XS  | S   | M   | L   | XL  | 2XL |
|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| 264 | 288 | 312 | 336 | 360 | 384 |

**i** If you cast on with a different cast-on method, use the 3.75mm needles instead.



TUBULAR CAST ON USING JUDY'S MAGIC CAST-ON

## BODY RIBBING



 7 (7) 8 (8) 9 (9) cm from the cast on edge.

Change to a 3.75 mm [US5] circular needle.

Row1: \*K1tbl, P1\*, repeating from \* - \* until the end.

Repeat row1 for 7 (7) 8 (8) 9 (9) cm or your desired length from the cast on edge.

## BODY



 32 (33) 31 (31) 32 (33) cm from the cast on edge.

Change to a 4.00 mm [US 6] circular needle, K to the end using MC, and start the pattern from row1.

You will repeat the chart x times for each row.

Ex) row 1: if you are size xs,

\*MC K2, CC1, K3\* repeat 44 times.

| XS | S  | M  | L  | XL | 2XL |
|----|----|----|----|----|-----|
| 44 | 48 | 52 | 56 | 60 | 64  |

Repeat the pattern (row 1-6) x times.

| XS | S  | M  | L  | XL | 2XL |
|----|----|----|----|----|-----|
| 10 | 11 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 10  |

Size XS, S, 2XL, start the pattern again from row 1 and ends row x.

| XS | S | M | L | XL | 2XL |
|----|---|---|---|----|-----|
| 5  | 2 | - | - | -  | 2   |

The total number of rows is as below.

| XS | S  | M  | L  | XL | 2XL |
|----|----|----|----|----|-----|
| 65 | 68 | 60 | 60 | 60 | 62  |

Or Work 32 (33) 31 (31) 32 (33) cm your desired length from the cast-on edge.

**i** Unlike a top-down method, it is hard to know the appropriate length when knitting a bottom-up sweater as you cannot try it on. Measuring the length of one of your favourite sweaters from the edge to the armhole helps to know the appropriate length.

## SEPARATING BACK AND FRONT

Divide the work front and back while working in the pattern.

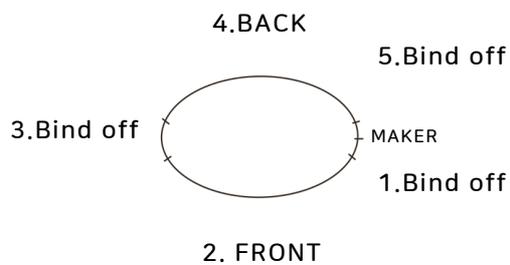
The pattern starts from row x.

| XS | S | M | L | XL | 2XL |
|----|---|---|---|----|-----|
| 6  | 3 | 1 | 1 | 1  | 3   |

From the marker,

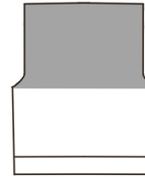
- Using yarn in MC, Bind off 6 (6) 7 (7) 8 (9) sts and cut the yarn in CC
- Join the yarn in CC, K 120 (132) 142 (154) 164 (174) sts in the pattern and cut the yarn in CC. Place these sts on a stitch holder.
- Using yarn in MC, Bind off 12 (12) 14 (14) 16 (18) sts.
- Join the yarn in CC, K 120 (132) 142 (154) 164 (174) sts and cut the yarn in CC.
- Using yarn in MC, Bind off 6 (6) 7 (7) 8 (9) sts.

24 (24) 28 (28) 32 (36) sts bind off



| Size | 1 | 2   | 3  | 4   | 5 |
|------|---|-----|----|-----|---|
| XS   | 6 | 120 | 12 | 120 | 6 |
| S    | 6 | 132 | 12 | 132 | 6 |
| M    | 7 | 142 | 14 | 142 | 7 |
| L    | 7 | 154 | 14 | 154 | 7 |
| XL   | 8 | 164 | 16 | 164 | 8 |
| 2XL  | 9 | 174 | 18 | 174 | 9 |

## BACK



24 (25) 28 (30) 31 (32) cm from the front and back separation .

There are x number of sts on the 4.00 mm [US 6] circular needle.

| XS  | S   | M   | L   | XL  | 2XL |
|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| 120 | 132 | 142 | 154 | 164 | 174 |

With the right side of the work facing, join yarns, and continue working back and forth.

Work first and last st with MC without working the pattern.

The pattern starts from the row x.

| XS | S | M | L | XL | 2XL |
|----|---|---|---|----|-----|
| 1  | 4 | 2 | 2 | 2  | 4   |

Row 1 (RS): SSK, K in pattern until there are 2 sts left, K2tog

Row 2 (WS): P all sts in pattern

Repeat row 1 and row 2 x times in total.

| XS | S | M | L | XL | 2XL |
|----|---|---|---|----|-----|
| 6  | 7 | 7 | 8 | 8  | 9   |

x number of sts are decreased.

| XS | S  | M  | L  | XL | 2XL |
|----|----|----|----|----|-----|
| 12 | 14 | 14 | 16 | 16 | 18  |

You have x number of sts left.

| XS  | S   | M   | L   | XL  | 2XL |
|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| 108 | 118 | 128 | 138 | 148 | 156 |



Continue working back and forth while following the pattern.

Remember to work first and last st with MC without working the pattern.

The pattern starts from row x.

| XS | S | M | L | XL | 2XL |
|----|---|---|---|----|-----|
| 1  | 6 | 4 | 6 | 6  | 4   |

Work x number of rows from now on.

| XS | S  | M  | L  | XL | 2XL |
|----|----|----|----|----|-----|
| 49 | 49 | 57 | 61 | 65 | 65  |

The total number of rows to work from the front and back separation.

| XS | S  | M  | L  | XL | 2XL |
|----|----|----|----|----|-----|
| 61 | 63 | 71 | 77 | 81 | 83  |

or 24 (25) 28 (30) 31 (32) cm from the front and back separation or your desired length

Ending with an RS row.

|   | XS | S  | M  | L  | XL | 2XL |
|---|----|----|----|----|----|-----|
| 1 | 12 | 14 | 14 | 16 | 16 | 18  |
| 2 | 49 | 49 | 57 | 61 | 65 | 65  |
| 3 | 61 | 63 | 71 | 77 | 81 | 83  |

1: number of armhole decreasing rows  
 2: number of work front and back rows  
 3: total number of rows from front & back separation.

Next row (WS): Break the yarn in CC.  
 Using the yarn in MC,  
 P 24 (28) 29 (31) 35 (37) and place these sts on the stitch holder or waste yarn (left shoulder)  
 BO 60 (62) 70 (76) 78 (82) (Neck)  
 P 24 (28) 29 (31) 35 (37) place these sts on the stitch holder or waste yarn (right shoulder)

|    | XS | S  | M  | L  | XL | 2XL |
|----|----|----|----|----|----|-----|
| P  | 24 | 28 | 29 | 31 | 35 | 37  |
| BO | 60 | 62 | 70 | 76 | 78 | 82  |
| P  | 24 | 28 | 29 | 31 | 35 | 37  |

## LEFT FRONT



Place the half of front sts on the 4.00 mm [US 6] circular needle

| XS | S  | M  | L  | XL | 2XL |
|----|----|----|----|----|-----|
| 60 | 66 | 71 | 77 | 82 | 87  |

With the right side of the work facing, join yarns, and continue working back sts back and forth.

The pattern starts from the row x

| XS | S | M | L | XL | 2XL |
|----|---|---|---|----|-----|
| 1  | 4 | 2 | 2 | 2  | 4   |

Row 1 (RS): SSK, K until there are 2 sts left, K2tog in the pattern.

Row 2 (WS): P all sts in the pattern.

Work first and last st with MC without working the pattern.

Repeat row 1 and row 2 x times in total.

| XS | S | M | L | XL | 2XL |
|----|---|---|---|----|-----|
| 6  | 7 | 7 | 8 | 8  | 9   |

x number of sts are decreased.

| XS | S  | M  | L  | XL | 2XL |
|----|----|----|----|----|-----|
| 12 | 14 | 14 | 16 | 16 | 18  |

You have x number of sts left.

| XS | S  | M  | L  | XL | 2XL |
|----|----|----|----|----|-----|
| 48 | 52 | 57 | 61 | 66 | 69  |

Row 1 (RS): K to the last 2 sts, K2tog

Row 2 (WS): P all sts

Work first and last st with MC without working the pattern.

Remember to work first and last st with MC without working the pattern.

Repeat row 1 and row 2 x times

| XS | S  | M  | L  | XL | 2XL |
|----|----|----|----|----|-----|
| 24 | 24 | 28 | 30 | 31 | 32  |

Then work back and forth without decreasing x row(s).

| XS | S | M | L | XL | 2XL |
|----|---|---|---|----|-----|
| 1  | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3  | 1   |

or 24 (25) 28 (30) 31 (32) cm from the front and back separation or your desired length.

Ends with an RS row.

x number of sts are decreased.

| XS | S  | M  | L  | XL | 2XL |
|----|----|----|----|----|-----|
| 24 | 24 | 28 | 30 | 31 | 32  |

You have x number of sts left.

| XS | S  | M  | L  | XL | 2XL |
|----|----|----|----|----|-----|
| 24 | 28 | 29 | 31 | 35 | 37  |

Next row (WS): Break the yarn in CC. Using the yarn in MC, P all sts without the pattern.

|   | XS | S  | M  | L  | XL | 2XL |
|---|----|----|----|----|----|-----|
| 1 | 12 | 14 | 14 | 16 | 16 | 18  |
| 2 | 48 | 48 | 56 | 60 | 62 | 64  |
| 3 | 1  | 1  | 1  | 1  | 3  | 1   |
| 4 | 61 | 63 | 71 | 77 | 81 | 83  |

1: number of armhole & v-neck decreasing rows

2: number of v-neck decreasing rows

3: number of v-neck rows without decreasing

4: total number of rows from front & back separation.

## RIGHT FRONT



Place the half of front sts on the 4.00 mm [US 6] circular needle

| XS | S  | M  | L  | XL | 2XL |
|----|----|----|----|----|-----|
| 60 | 66 | 71 | 77 | 82 | 87  |

With the right side of the work facing, join yarns, and continue working back sts back and forth.

The pattern starts from the row x

| XS | S | M | L | XL | 2XL |
|----|---|---|---|----|-----|
| 1  | 4 | 2 | 2 | 2  | 4   |

Row 1 (RS): SSK, K until there are 2 sts left, K2tog in the pattern.

Row 2 (WS): P all sts in the pattern.

Work first and last st with MC without working the pattern.

Repeat row 1 and row 2 x times in total.

| XS | S | M | L | XL | 2XL |
|----|---|---|---|----|-----|
| 6  | 7 | 7 | 8 | 8  | 9   |

x number of sts are decreased.

| XS | S  | M  | L  | XL | 2XL |
|----|----|----|----|----|-----|
| 12 | 14 | 14 | 16 | 16 | 18  |

You have x number of sts left.

| XS | S  | M  | L  | XL | 2XL |
|----|----|----|----|----|-----|
| 48 | 52 | 57 | 61 | 66 | 69  |

Row 1 (RS): SSK, K to the last.

Row 2 (WS): P all sts

Work first and last st with MC without working the pattern.

Remember to work first and last st with MC without working the pattern.

Repeat row 1 and row 2 x times

| XS | S  | M  | L  | XL | 2XL |
|----|----|----|----|----|-----|
| 24 | 24 | 28 | 30 | 31 | 32  |

Then work back and forth without decreasing x row(s).

| XS | S | M | L | XL | 2XL |
|----|---|---|---|----|-----|
| 1  | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3  | 1   |

or 24 (25) 28 (30) 31 (32) cm from the front and back separation or your desired length.

Ends with an RS row.

x number of sts are decreased.

| XS | S  | M  | L  | XL | 2XL |
|----|----|----|----|----|-----|
| 24 | 24 | 28 | 30 | 31 | 32  |

You have x number of sts left.

| XS | S  | M  | L  | XL | 2XL |
|----|----|----|----|----|-----|
| 24 | 28 | 29 | 31 | 35 | 37  |

Next row (WS): Break the yarn in CC. Using the yarn in MC, P all sts without the pattern.

|   | XS | S  | M  | L  | XL | 2XL |
|---|----|----|----|----|----|-----|
| 1 | 12 | 14 | 14 | 16 | 16 | 18  |
| 2 | 48 | 48 | 56 | 60 | 62 | 64  |
| 3 | 1  | 1  | 1  | 1  | 3  | 1   |
| 4 | 61 | 63 | 71 | 77 | 81 | 83  |

1: number of armhole & v-neck decreasing rows

2: number of v-neck decreasing rows

3: number of v-neck rows without decreasing

4: total number of rows from front & back separation.

## SHOULDER SEAM

Place the left shoulder of the back  
24 (28) 29 (31) 35 (37) sts on the  
needle.

Place the left shoulder of the front  
24 (28) 29 (31) 35 (37) sts on the other  
needle.

Bind off these sts using 3 needle bind  
off on 4.5mm needles.

Place the right shoulder of the back  
24 (28) 29 (31) 35 (37) sts on the  
needle.

Place the right shoulder of the front  
24 (28) 29 (31) 35 (37) sts on the other  
needle.

Bind off these sts using 3 needle bind  
off on 4.5mm needles

## PRE-BLOCKING

Do the steam blocking v-neck and  
armhole.

It helps to keep the fabric from curling  
and a cleaner look.

## V NECK RIBBING



3 (3) 3 (3) 4 (4)cm  
from the picked up edge.

### Pick up the left side of v-neck

Using the 3.5mm needle, pick up 3 sts  
for every 4 rows from the end of the  
left shoulder until the v-neck centre.

### Mark the Center Stitch

Pick up 1 sts at the v-neck centre.  
Place a maker on the loop to  
distinguish this st from other sts.

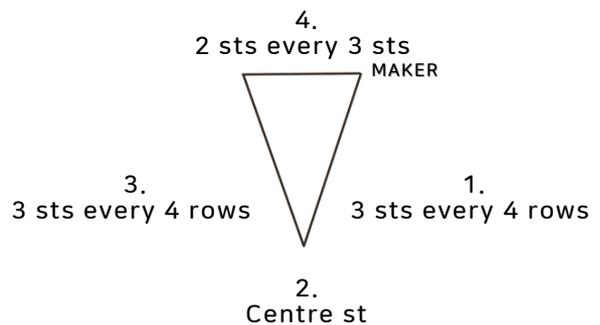
### Pick up the right side of v-neck

Pick up the same number of sts as the  
opposite v-neck (3 sts for every 4 rows)  
Be sure there is an equal number of  
stitches on the opposite side of the V-  
neck.

### Pick up the back of the neck.

Pick up 2 sts every 3 sts for the back of  
the neck.

Place the maker.



The total number of sts must be an odd  
number without the centre st.

### V-neck ribbing

Change to the 3.75mm needle,

Row 1: \*K1tbl, P1\*, repeating from \* - \*  
until the 1 st before the centre st.  
Mitered Decrease for next 3 sts.  
Move the stitch marker to the centre  
stitch.

If the previous st before the Mitered  
Decrease was K1tbl, Start the ribbing  
with K1tbl. Otherwise P.

### MD: Mitered Decrease

Slip 2 sts together as if to k2tog, k1,  
pass the 2 slipped sts over.

Repeat Row 1 for 3cm or your desired  
length from the picked-up edge.

Bind off using the Italian bind-off.



## ARMHOLES RIBBING

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3 (3) 3 (3) 4 (4)cm  
from the picked up edge.

Using the 3.75mm needle,  
With the right side of work facing, from  
the centre of the underarm, pick up  
every st where sts are bound off, pick  
up 3 sts every 4 rows, then pick up  
every st where sts are bound off. PM.

The total sts must be an even number.

Row1: \*K1tbl, P1\*, repeating from \* - \*  
until the end.

Repeat Row 1 for 3cm or your desired  
length from the picked-up edge.

Bind off using the Italian bind-off.

## FINISHING

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Weave in all remaining yarn ends.

Please share your work on Ravelry and  
Instagram. Thank you :)

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**HAPPY KNITTING!**