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LIVRE VEST
KNITTING PATTERN
Difficulty ♦♦♦♦♦



The Livre vest is a classic v neck that buttons up at the front, it features two pockets. It is a timeless classic that will keep you cozy and give that extra layer during any season. It is designed to sit right on your hip level in length, but it can easily be made longer. First you will work the stitches for the back, after that you will work the right shoulder then the left shoulder as well as the front to shape the v neck and the armholes. The whole vest is worked in stockinette stitch and majority of the vest can be made on straight needles if preferred. You will still need circular needles for ribbing. Vest is framed with the classic rib. 0 to 10 cm of positive ease is built in to the pattern, chose your size based on how much ease you prefer.

SIZES

Bust circumference of the finished vest, (button band not included) with ease built in; XS 85, S 95, M 100, L 110, XL 115, 2XL 125, 3XL 135, 4XL 145, 5XL 155 cm, approximately (XS 33½", S 37 3/8", M 39 3/8", L 43¼", XL 45¼", 2XL 49 3/16", 3XL 53 1/8", 4XL 57", 5XL 62"). Featured in size M on a 93 cm bust.

GAUGE

16 stitches by 25 rows = 4" x 4" (10 x 10 cm) using size US 8 / 5.00 mm needles in stockinette stitch, after washing and blocking.

YARN

The Livre Vest is made with dk weight yarn, you will need approximately 225, (250), 275, (295), 320, (350), 400, (420), 450 grams of Gregoria Fibers "Cloud", 50 grams = 110 meters / 120 yards. Sample is featured in color "Walnut".

SUGGESTED NEEDLES

US 8 / 5.00 mm 32" / 81 cm circular knitting needles or needles to obtain gauge for the main body.

US 6 / 4.00 mm 16" / 40 cm for the armholes and 32" / 81 cm for the button rib.

Notions

1 marker, tapestry needle.

4 x 20 mm buttons.

ABBREVIATIONS

co - cast on

rs - right side
ws - wrong side
bor m - beginning of round marker
st/sts - stitch/stitches
k - knit
p - purl
m1L - make 1 left, increase leaning left
m1R - make 1 right, increase leaning right

TIPS

Felt needle yarn join [Video Tutorial](#)

Picking up stitches around edges [Video Tutorial](#)

Best way to keep track of rows and increases is with pen and paper or small clip-on markers (optional). More video tips at www.caidree.com

BACK

Using US 8 / 5.00 mm circular needles and long tail cast on method, co XS 46, S 48, M 50, L 54, XL 56, 2XL 58, 3XL 60, 4XL 62, 5XL 64 stitches. This part can also be worked on long straight needles, just keep checking gauge.

Row 1 (ws) purl all stitches.

Work flat (back and forth) in stockinette stitch until you have worked a total of 39, (39), 43, (43), 47, (47), 47, (43), 43 rows, including the first purl row, ending on a wrong side, next row is the right side row.

Work now measures approximately 15.6, (15.6), 17.2, (17.2), 18.8, (18.8), 18.8, (17.2), 17.2 cm / 6 1/8", (6 1/8"), 6 3/4", (6 3/4"), 7 3/8", (7 3/8"), 7 3/8", (6 3/4"), 6 3/4".

Next, you will shape the armholes by making the increases the following way;

Row 1 (rs) k1, m1L, k until 1 stitch remaining, m1R, k1, turn work.

Row 2 (ws) purl all stitches.

Repeat rows 1 and 2; XS 8, S 10, M 10, L 12, XL 12, 2XL 14, 3XL 14, 4XL 16, 5XL 18 **more** times.

Now you have 64, (70), 72, (80), 82, (88), 90, (96), 102 stitches for the back. Work now measures 22.8, (24.4), 26, (28), 29, (30.8), 30.8, (30.8), 32.4 cm, [8 5/8", (9 3/8"), 10 5/8", (11 7/16"), 12", (12"), (12"), 12 1/5"].

Next (all sizes) cut yarn leaving a tail approximately 10 to 15 cm long. Put stitches of the back on hold on scrap yarn or if you have another same size needle, while you work the following steps.

RIGHT SHOULDER

Using US 8 / 5.00 mm, 32" circular needles and with the right side facing you, along the cast-on edge starting from the right shoulder edge working your way towards the center (right side of the neck edge), pick up and knit 11, (11), 11, (12), 12, (12), 13, (14), 14 stitches.

Row 1(ws) purl all sts, turn work.

Row 2 (rs) knit all sts, turn work.

Row 3 (ws) purl all sts, turn work.

All sizes; repeat rows 2 and 3; **2 more** times.

You have now worked total of 7 rows in stockinette stitch, and you are ready to start shaping the v, by making the increases, you will do so in the following way;

Row 1 (rs) knit all sts, turn work.

Row 2 (ws) purl all sts, turn work.

Row 3 (rs) knit until there is 1 stitch left on the needle, m1R, k1, turn work = 1 stitch increased.

Row 4 (ws) purl all sts, turn work.

Repeat rows 1 to 4; 7, (7), 8, (8), 9, (9), 9, (8), **8 more** times.

Now you have 19, (19), 20, (21), 22, (22), 23, (23), 23 stitches on your needles.

Next, you will continue to work flat (back and forth) in stockinette stitch, but this time you will make increases on both sides of the work, alongside of the v neck and alongside of the armhole in the following way;

Row 1 (rs) k1, m1L, knit to the end of the row, turn work =1 stitch increased.

Row 2 (ws) purl all sts, turn work.

Row 3 (rs) k1, m1L, knit until there is 1 stitch left on the needle, m1R, k1, turn work = 2 stitches increased.

Row 4 (ws) purl all sts, turn work.

Repeat rows 1 to 4; 3, (4), 4, (5), 5, (6), 6, (7), 8 **more** times.

All sizes work rows 1 and 2; **1 more** time.

Cut the yarn, leaving a tail, and let the stitches rest on scrap yarn while you work the left shoulder.

Now you have 32, (35), 36, (40), 41, (44), 45, (48), 51 stitches on your needles.

Your front panel now measures 22.8, (24.4), 26, (28), 29, (30.8), 30.8, (30.8), 32.4 cm, [8 5/8", (9 3/8"), 10 5/8", (11 7/16"), 12", (12"), (12"), 12 1/5"].

LEFT SHOULDER

You will work the left shoulder the same way as the right shoulder, only this time the increases are going to be reversed. Using US 8 / 5.00 mm, 32" circular needles and with the right side facing you, along the cast on edge, starting from the neck edge working your way towards the left shoulder arm hole edge, pick up and knit 11, (11), 11, (12), 12, (12), 13, (14), 14 stitches. [See video.](#)

Row 1(ws) purl all sts, turn work.

Row 2 (rs) knit all sts, turn work.

Row 3 (ws) purl all sts, turn work.

All sizes; repeat rows 2 and 3; **2 more** times.

You have now worked total of 7 rows in stockinette stitch, and you are ready to start shaping the v, by making the increases, you will do so in the following way;

Row 1 (rs) knit all sts, turn work.

Row 2 (ws) purl all sts, turn work.

Row 3 (rs) k1, m1L, knit to the end of the row, turn work.

Row 4 (ws) purl all sts, turn work.

Repeat rows 1 to 4; 7, (7), 8, (8), 9, (9), 9, (8), 6 **more** times.

Now you have 19, (19), 20, (21), 22, (22), 23, (23), 23 stitches on your needles.

Next, you will continue to work flat (back and forth) in stockinette stitch, but this section you will make increases on both sides of the work, alongside of the v neck and alongside of the armhole in the following way;

Row 1 (rs) knit until there is 1 stitch left on the needle, m1R, k1, turn work =1 stitch increased.

Row 2 (ws) purl all sts, turn work.

Row 3 (rs) k1, m1L, knit until there is 1 stitch left on the needle, m1R, k1, turn work = 2 stitches increased.

Row 4 (ws) purl all sts, turn work.

Repeat rows 1 to 4; 3, (4), 4, (5), 5, (6), 6, (7), 8 **more** times.

All sizes work rows 1 and 2; **1 more** time.

Now you have 32, (35), 36, (40), 41, (44), 45, (48), 51 stitches on your needles.

Your front panels now measure 22.8, (24.4), 26, (28), 29, (30.8), 30.8, (30.8), 32.4 cm, [8 5/8", (9 3/8"), 10 5/8", (11 7/16"), 12", (12"), (12"), 12 1/5"].

Do not cut yarn, work will continue on from this point.

BODY

Using US 8 / 5.00 mm 32" / 80 cm circular needles, working from the right side you will join both fronts to the back and cast on new stitches under each arm, you will do so in the following way; knit 32, (35), 36, (40), 41, (44), 45, (48), 51 stitches of the left front panel, when you get to the end, using backwards loop method cast on 4, (6), 8, (8), 10, (12), 18, (20), 22 new stitches under left arm and continuously knit 64, (70), 72, (80), 82, (88), 90, (96), 102 stitches of the back, using backwards loop method cast on 4, (6), 8, (8), 10, (12), 18, (20), 22 new stitches under right arm and knit to end. Turn work.

Now you have 136, (152), 160, (176), 184, (200), 216, (232), 248 stitches on your needles.

Continue knitting flat (back and forth) in stockinette stitch (remember stockinette stitch worked flat is knit one row, purl one row), ending on a ws, until the body measures 47, (49), 50, (52), 54, (55), 56, (57), 59 **cm**, [approximately 18 1/2", (19 1/4"), 19 3/4", (20 1/2"), 21 1/4", (21 5/8"), 22", (22 1/2"), 23 1/4"] or your preferred length, measured from the top back cast-on edge. This is a good time to try on your vest to see if you have the right fit.

Next, switch to 4.0 mm 32" / 80 cm circular needles and work 5 cm / 2" in rib (k1, p1). All sizes will need to k2tog **one** time in the first row of the rib to achieve an odd number of stitches required for the rib. This can be done any place in the first row of the rib.

Bind off from the rs using tubular bind off, also called an Italian bind off.

ARMHOLE EDGE

With US 6 / 4.00 mm, 16" / 40 cm circular needle working from the rs, starting under arm, pick up and knit 116, (126), 136, (144), 154, (164), 170, (172), 182 stitches. Place bor m under arm. That is a ratio of approximately picking up and knitting 1 stitch per each row and each stitch all the way around the armhole.

Work 7 rounds in rib (k1, p1), (your rib width should be 2.5 cm / 1").

Bind off from the rs using tubular bind off, also known as an Italian bind off technique. Do the same for the other armhole.

FRONT RIB AND BUTTONHOLE BAND

Working from the rs, with US 6 / 4.00 mm, 32" or 40" / 80 or 100 cm circular needles, right front edge, pick up and knit 273, (285), 291, (305), 315, (321), 327, (331), 341 stitches, place bor m. Hint: place markers every 20 stitches, it will be easier to count in case you miss any stitches.

That is a ratio of picking up and knitting 1 stitch per each row / stitch, alongside of the right front panel, alongside the v neck on both sides, back neckline and front left panel. Make sure you pick up an odd number of stitches, it is required for the rib. The following placement of buttons can only be correctly achieved if the measurements and gauge have been followed as given in the pattern.

If you decide to make your vest longer or shorter, you can easily adjust the button band.

Next row is a ws row.

Row 1 (ws): p1, * k1, p1 *, repeat * to * until the end, turn work.

Row 2 (rs): k1, * p1, k1 *, repeat * to * until the end, turn work.

Row 3 (ws): repeat row 1

Next is a rs row, you will now set up your button holes. First button hole should be placed at the last v neck increase.

Row 4 (rs): work next 4, (4), 4, (4), 4, (4), 4, (4), 4 sts in established rib pattern (knit the knit sts, purl the purl sts), bind off 2 sts, knit in rib next 19, (19), 19, (19), 19, (19), 19, (20), 21 sts, bind off 2 sts, knit in rib next 18, (19), 18, (19), 19, (19), 19, (20), 20 sts, bind off 2 sts, knit in rib next 18, (19), 18, (19), 19, (19), 19, (20), 20 sts, bind off 2 sts, continue knitting in established rib pattern until the end, turn work.

Row 5 (ws): work in established rib pattern, but this time cast on 2 stitches using backwards loop method (or your preferred method) over each button hole, (where you previously bound off 2 stitches).

Work 2 more rows in established rib pattern.

Bind off using tubular bind off, also known as an Italian bind off technique. Make sure you work this type of bind off **nice and tight**.

POCKETS

Two pockets are made using US 8 / 5.00 mm needles. You can make both pockets at the same time using the same needle, but separate yarn threads, or one at the time.

To make one pocket, cast on 19, (21), 23, (25), 27, (29), 31, (33), 35 stitches.

Work 19, (21), 23, (25), 27, (29), 31, (33), 35 rows (back and forth) in stockinette stitch, switch to US 6 / 4.00 mm needles and work 6 rows in rib (k1, p1), then bind off from the rs using the Italian bind off technique.

Center each pocket 5, (5.5), 6, (6.5), 7, (8), 10, (11), 11.8 cm, [2", (2 1/4"), 2 3/8", (2 1/2"), 2 3/4", (3 1/8"), 3 7/8", (4 5/16"), 4 5/8"] from the button band ribbing and two rows above the waist ribbing. Sew on each pocket from the right side.

[See Video](#).

FINISH

Tuck in all yarn ends and block your vest to size.

- bust circumference 85, (95), 100, (110), 115, (125), 135, (145), 155 cm, [33½", (37 3/8"), 39 3/8", (43¼"), 45¼", (49 3/16"), 53 1/8", (57"), 62"].
- armhole depth 22.8, (24.4), 26, (28), 29, (30.8), 30.8, (30.8), 32.4 cm, [8 5/8", (9 3/8"), 10 5/8", (11 7/16"), 12", (12"), (12"), 12 1/5"].
- length 52, (54), 55, (57), 59, (60), 61, (62), 64 cm, [20 ½", (21 2/8"), 21 5/8", (22 1/2"), 23 2/8", (23 5/8"), 24", (24 1/2"), 25"].

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