



Lazy Vest in Garter Stitch

This vest with a collar and short sleeves is worked from the bottom up in the garter stitch

LEVEL OF SKILLS

Beginner / Easy Intermediate

SIZES*

Women's S {M-L-XL-2XL-3XL}

**Changes for respective sizes are given in brackets in the above order*

FINISHED MEASUREMENTS (inches/centimeters)

Chest (buttoned): 36{40-44-48-52-56}"
/92{101.5-112-122-132-142} cm

Length (hem to shoulder): 25"/63.5 cm

RECOMMENDED YARN

Cascade 220 or other worsted weight (4) wool/acrylic yarn (220 yds/200 m, 3.5 oz/100 g per skein):

Total 5 {6-7-8-8-9} skeins

RECOMMENDED NEEDLES

- For sizes **S** and **M**: US #8 (5 mm) straight needles 14"/36 cm

- For sizes **L, XL, 2XL, 3XL**: US #8 (5 mm) straight needles 14"/36 cm for fronts and US #8 (5 mm) circular needle 24"/60 cm for back

NOTIONS

Yarn needle for seams and markers for underarms

Buttons (2)

GAUGE

16 sts = 4"/10 cm in garter stitch



ABBREVIATIONS

approx: approximately

BO: bind off

CO: cast on

st(s): stitch(es)

k: knit

k2tog: knit 2 sts together

tbl: through back loop

rs: right side

ws: wrong side

INSTRUCTIONS

Notes

This vest is worked from the bottom up in 3 pieces: a back and two fronts. After the pieces are finished, they are seamed at the shoulders. The edging is worked on the sleeves after which the sides are seamed. Finally, the collar is worked.

BACK

Cast on **72 {80-88-96-104-112}** sts loosely.

Work even in garter st (knit across) until piece measures **25"/63.5 cm** from bottom.

BO. Break yarn leaving tail for shoulder seam (approx 18"/46 cm).

RIGHT FRONT

Cast on **40 {44-48-52-56-60}** sts loosely.

Work even in garter st (k across each row).

At the same time, make 2 **buttonholes** when piece measures respectively 13"/33 cm and 15"/38 cm above bottom. For each buttonhole, BO 2 sts after working first 5 sts on respective **rs** row and CO 2 sts above BO sts on next row on ws.

When piece measures approx 24"/61 cm above bottom, shape **neck**:

On next **rs** row, BO first 16 {17-18-19-20-21} sts and k next 24 {27-30-33-36-39} sts to end of row.

Work sts rem on needle even in garter st until entire piece measures 25"/63.5 cm from bottom to shoulder.

BO and break yarn leaving tail for seaming later.

LEFT FRONT

Rep steps as for right front excluding steps for buttonholes and reversing neck shaping: work it on respective **ws** row.

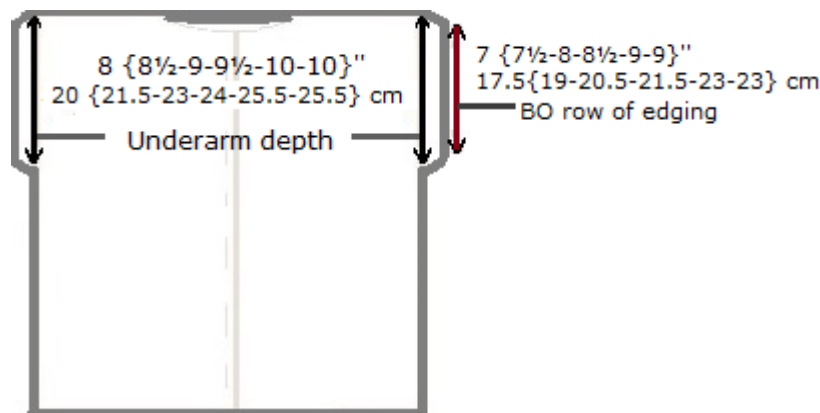
FINISHING

Shoulders

Seam the fronts and back at the shoulders.

Armhole Edging

Mark underarms below each shoulder at outer edges: 8 {8½-9-9½-10-10}" / 20 {21.5-23-24-25.5-25.5} cm – see **underarm depth** in pic. below.



With rs facing, pick up and k sts from edge sts between armhole markers, working 1 st per garter ridge. Work in garter st for 4 rows.

BO somewhat tightly for slightly narrower edging - see **BO row of edging** above in pic. Break yarn.

Collar

Starting with either right or left front, pick up and k sts from each st around neck. Work even in garter st for 16 rows. Work next 4 rows to round collar up as follows:

Row 1: k1, k2tog, k to last 3 sts, k2tog, k1.

Rows 2-4: rep row 1.

Bind off tbl loosely enough to correspond. Break yarn.

Side Seams

Sew the sides of the front and back pieces.

Blocking

Wet block the vest (optional) or leave it as it is.

Buttons

Sew buttons in after trying the vest on.

On the sample vest, the buttons are attached approx 1½"/4 cm from the inner edge.