

Chapter 410

A BASIC VEST

Since part 4 is going to explain a garment-shaping chart showing multiple sizes, we need a basic design so we have real numbers to work with. A simple V-neck vest has armhole, shoulder, and neck shaping, so we'll also get to handle the "AT THE SAME TIME" issue that comes up so often.

I designed this vest myself, so the six sizes given may or may not look so great if they were actually knit up. If you're curious how I determined the numbers, see appendix 528. Note that I don't include instructions for the bottom ribbing or the finishing, because those portions of the vest would not be charted.

BASIC V-NECK VEST

Finished Chest Size: 36 (40, 44, 48, 52, 56) in (includes 2 in of ease)

Gauge: 5 sts = 1 in

Vest Back

CO 91 (101, 111, 121, 131, 141).

Row 1 (RS): K.

Row 2 (WS): P.

Rpt rows 1–2 to desired length to underarm, completing a WS row and turning to start a RS row.

Underarm Shaping

BO 6 (7, 8, 12, 15, 20) sts at beg of next 2 rows.

Dec or BO 1 (1, 2, 2, 2, 2) sts at beg of next 14 (14, 4, 6, 6, 6) rows.

Dec 0 (0, 1, 1, 1, 1) st at beg of next 0 (0, 10, 8, 8, 8) rows.

Work even on 65 (73, 77, 77, 81, 81) sts to 9 (9.5, 10, 10.5, 11, 11.5) in above UA BO (or to desired length) for armhole. Note: Designed UA length allows for 1 in of ribbing to be added in finishing.

Shoulder Shaping

BO 3 sts at armhole end of next 6 rows.

BO 3 (3, 3, 3, 4, 4) sts at beg of next 2 rows.

BO 0 (3, 4, 4, 4, 4) sts at beg of next 2 rows.

Place rem 41 (43, 45, 45, 47, 47) on holder for back neck.

Vest Front

Work as for Back to underarm.

Underarm and V-Neck Shaping

Note: The UA and neck shaping will begin on the same RS row! You will need to dec or BO at the beg of the row, work the left front shoulder, put the center stitch on a holder, and start a second ball of yarn for the right front shoulder. Or you can finish the left front shoulder completely, then join new yarn to work the right front shoulder.

Work UA BOs and decs as for Back, and AT THE SAME TIME, begin neck shaping by putting center st on a holder and working each side of front neck with separate balls of yarn.

Dec one st at both neck edges on each RS row (including the one when the center st is put on a holder) until 12 (15, 16, 16, 17, 17) sts rem on each side of front neck.

Work even to same length from UA BO to beg of shoulder shaping as on Back.

Repeat shoulder shaping as for Back, continuing to work each front neck with a different ball of yarn and BO only at the armhole ends of the rows.

