

Knitting Directions: “Gifts From the Farm”: Knit Vest (for a Small Child) 1 of 4

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This vest is made using a seed stitch: For row 1, knit 1, purl 1, and repeat across row. For row 2, purl 1, knit 1, and repeat. Repeat this pattern until you've reached the desired length. (*Manos Del Uruguay hand-spun semisolid yarn, in Coffee G, \$18.50 per 100-gram skein, purlsoho.com. Knitting needles, 4.0 mm, and crochet hook.*) You'll need 2 skeins for the smaller vest and 3 skeins for the larger vest.



KNIT VEST FOR A 6- TO 12-MONTH-OLD:

Front:

1. Cast on 27 stitches (or 6½ inches).
2. Work in seed stitch for 6½ inches.
3. Begin armhole, shaping on one side only; decrease 1 stitch, and continue in seed stitch until end of row.
4. Seed stitch 1 complete row.
5. Decrease 1 stitch; continue in seed stitch until end of row.
6. Seed stitch 1 complete row for 3 rows.
7. Decrease 1 stitch; continue in seed stitch until end of row.
8. Seed stitch 1 complete row for 3 rows.
9. Decrease 1 stitch; continue in seed stitch until end of row.
10. Seed stitch 1 complete row for 7 rows.
11. Decrease 1 stitch; continue in seed stitch until end of row.
12. Seed stitch 1 complete row for 7 rows.
13. Decrease 1 stitch; continue in seed stitch until end of row.
14. Seed stitch 1 complete row for 9 rows. (Now you should have 21 stitches remaining.)
15. Begin shaping neckline on side opposite armhole: Decrease 1 stitch; continue in seed stitch until end of row.
16. Seed stitch 1 complete row.
17. Decrease 1 stitch; continue in seed stitch until end of row.
18. Seed stitch 1 complete row.
19. Decrease 1 stitch; continue in seed stitch until end of row.
20. Seed stitch 1 complete row for 5 rows.
21. Decrease 1 stitch; continue in seed stitch until end of row.
22. Seed stitch 1 complete row for 3 rows.
23. Decrease 1 stitch; continue in seed stitch until end of row.
24. Seed stitch complete row for 3 rows.
25. Decrease 1 stitch; continue in seed stitch until end of row.
26. Seed stitch 1 complete row for 3 rows.
27. Decrease 1 stitch; continue in seed stitch until end of row.
28. Seed stitch 1 complete row for 3 rows.
29. Decrease 1 stitch; continue in seed stitch until end of row.
30. Seed stitch 1 complete row for 3 rows. (You should have 13 stitches remaining.)
31. Bind off.
32. For the second front piece, repeat all steps, with armhole and neckline on the alternate sides.

Back:

1. Cast on 55 stitches (or 13 inches).
2. Work in seed stitch for 6½ inches.
3. Begin shaping armhole on both sides of knit piece: Decrease 1 stitch each at beginning and end of row; continue in seed stitch in between.
4. Seed stitch 1 complete row.
5. Decrease 1 stitch each at beginning and end of row; continue in seed stitch in between.
6. Seed stitch 1 complete row for 3 rows.
7. Decrease 1 stitch each at beginning and end of row; continue in seed stitch in between.
8. Seed stitch 1 complete row for 3 rows.
9. Decrease 1 stitch each at beginning and end of row; continue in seed stitch in between.
10. Seed stitch 1 complete row for 7 rows.
11. Decrease 1 stitch each at beginning and end of row; work in seed stitch in between.
12. Seed stitch 1 complete row for 7 rows.
13. Decrease 1 stitch each at beginning and end of row; continue in seed stitch in between.



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14. Seed stitch 1 complete row for 9 rows. (Now you should have 43 stitches remaining.)
15. Seed stitch for 15 more rows.
16. Bind off.

Pockets:

1. Cast on 12 stitches.
2. Work in seed stitch for 2½ inches.
3. Cast off.
4. Repeat for other pocket.

Blocking, piecing, and finishing:

1. Block the knit pieces.
2. Use the tails to sew the shoulders and side seams together.
3. Single crochet around all edges, starting at bottom-side seam and working around.
4. Single crochet around the armholes.
5. Weave in loose ends.
6. Sew 1 pocket to each front piece, centered 1½ inches up from bottom hem.
7. Make 2 pompoms, attach to each end of a 4-inch cord, and sew to neckline to tie.

KNIT VEST FOR A 12- TO 18-MONTH-OLD TODDLER:

Front:

1. Cast on 29 stitches (or 7 inches).
2. Work in seed stitch for 7 inches.
3. Begin armhole, shaping on one side only; decrease 1 stitch, and continue in seed stitch until end of row.
4. Seed stitch 1 complete row.
5. Decrease 1 stitch; continue in seed stitch until end of row.
6. Seed stitch 1 complete row for 3 rows.
7. Decrease 1 stitch; continue in seed stitch until end of row.
8. Seed stitch 1 complete row for 3 rows.
9. Decrease 1 stitch; continue in seed stitch until end of row.
10. Seed stitch 1 complete row for 9 rows.
11. Decrease 1 stitch; continue in seed stitch until end of row.
12. Seed stitch 1 complete row for 9 rows.
13. Decrease 1 stitch; continue in seed stitch until end of row.
14. Seed stitch 1 complete row for 11 rows. (Now you should have 23 stitches remaining.)
15. Begin shaping neckline on side opposite armhole: Decrease 1 stitch; continue in seed stitch until end of row.
16. Seed stitch 1 complete row.
17. Decrease 1 stitch; continue in seed stitch until end of row.
18. Seed stitch 1 complete row.
19. Decrease 1 stitch; continue in seed stitch until end of row.
20. Seed stitch 1 complete row for 5 rows.
21. Decrease 1 stitch; continue in seed stitch until end of row.
22. Seed stitch 1 complete row for 3 rows.
23. Decrease 1 stitch; continue in seed stitch until end of row.
24. Seed stitch complete row for 3 rows.



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25. Decrease 1 stitch; continue in seed stitch until end of row.
26. Seed stitch 1 complete row for 3 rows.
27. Decrease 1 stitch; continue in seed stitch until end of row.
28. Seed stitch 1 complete row for 3 rows.
29. Decrease 1 stitch; continue in seed stitch until end of row.
30. Seed stitch 1 complete row for 5 rows. (You should have 15 stitches remaining.)
31. Bind off.
32. For the second front piece, repeat all steps, with armhole and neckline on the alternate sides.

Back:

1. Cast on 59 stitches (or 14 inches).
2. Work in seed stitch for 7 inches.
3. Begin shaping armhole on both sides of knit piece: Decrease 1 stitch each at beginning and end of row; continue in seed stitch in between.
4. Seed stitch 1 complete row.
5. Decrease 1 stitch each at beginning and end of row; continue in seed stitch in between.
6. Seed stitch 1 complete row for 3 rows.
7. Decrease 1 stitch each at beginning and end of row; continue in seed stitch in between.
8. Seed stitch 1 complete row for 3 rows.
9. Decrease 1 stitch each at beginning and end of row; continue in seed stitch in between.
10. Seed stitch 1 complete row for 9 rows.
11. Decrease 1 stitch each at beginning and end of row; work in seed stitch in between.
12. Seed stitch 1 complete row for 9 rows.
13. Decrease 1 stitch each at beginning and end of row; continue in seed stitch in between.
14. Seed stitch 1 complete row for 11 rows. (Now you should have 47 stitches remaining.)
15. Seed stitch for 16 more rows.
16. Bind off.

Pockets:

1. Cast on 18 stitches.
2. Work in seed stitch for 3½ inches.
3. Cast off.
4. Repeat for other pocket.

Blocking, piecing, and finishing:

1. Block the knit pieces.
2. Use the tails to sew the shoulders and side seams together.
3. Single crochet around all edges, starting at bottom-side seam and working around.
4. Single crochet around the armholes.
5. Weave in loose ends.
6. Sew 1 pocket to each front piece, centered 1½ inches up from bottom hem.
7. Make 2 pompoms, attach to each end of a 4-inch cord, and sew to neckline to tie.

