

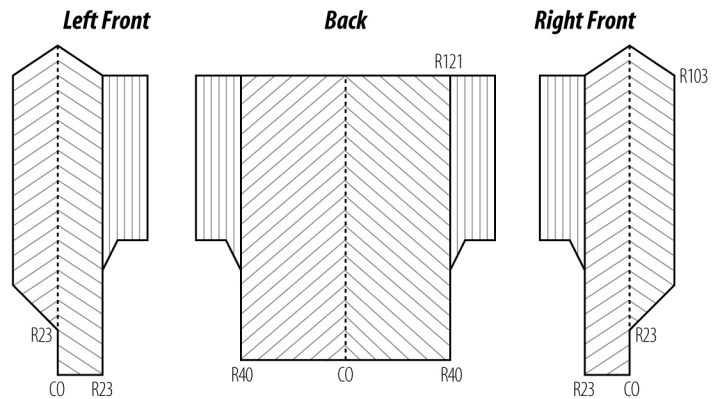


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Stitches Midwest Design Challenge

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Note

All even rows are WS rows. All WS rows are purl.

Inc2 K, yo, K in same stitch.

The inc2 will always be centered over the yo of the previous inc2. To avoid confusion place markers on the center stitches until the pattern is understood. A piece of contrast yarn is a good marker you may "weave" it through the knitting and remove later.

Ssk Slip, slip, knit these two stitches together.

S2KP2 Slip 2 knitwise, knit1, pass 2 slipped stitches over.

M1 Lift the yarn between two stitches of row below, and knit through it twisting the lifted stitch.

Hdc Half double crochet.

Back

With larger needles make a slip knot. **Row 1**(RS) Work inc2 in slip knot—3 sts. **2 and all WS rows** Purl. **3** K1, M1, inc2, M1, k1. **5** K1, M1, k2, inc2, k2, M1, k1. **7** K1, M1, k4, inc2, k4, M1, k1. **9** K1, M1, k6, inc2, k6, M1, k1. **11-39** Continue knitting 2 additional stitches either side of the inc2 every RS row until you have 79 stitches on needles. **41- 89** Maintain pattern and stitch count by: K1, k2tog, knit to center st, inc2, knit to end less 3 stitches, ssk, k1. **91** *K1, k2tog, k34, ssk, k1, place remaining stitches on holder. **93-115** K1, k2tog, k across less 3, ssk, k1. **117** K1, k2 tog, ssk, k1. **119** K1, k2 tog, k1. **121** S2KP2, break yarn.

Place stitches on holder and center st on needles and repeat rows 91 through 121.

Back side panels

Place a marker 8 inches below shoulder on either side of back. Pick up and knit 3 stitches for every 4 rows along edge from hem to marker. Work stockinette stitch decreasing at armhole every right side row 10 times. Then work even to required underarm width. Repeat for opposite side.

Right front

Make a slip knot. **Row 1** inc2 in slip knot. **2 and all WS rows** Purl. **3** K1, M1, k1, M1, k1. **5** K1, M1, k3, M1, k1. **7** K1, M1, k across less 1, M1, k1. **9-23** Continue as previous row until you have 25 sts on needles*. **25** K1, k2tog, k21, inc2. **27** K1, k2tog, k21, inc2, k1. **29** K1, k2tog, k21, inc2, k to end. **31-39** Continue as established after the inc2 until you have 36 stitches on needles. **41-103** K1, k2tog, k21, inc2, k8, ssk, k1.

Note The waistcoat point will extend beyond back length, but the side of front and back should be equal.

Left front

Work as right front to*. **Row 25** Inc2, k 21, ssk, k1. **27** K1, inc2, k 21, ssk, k1. **29** K2, inc2, k21, ssk, k1. **31-39** Continue as established working one more stitch before the inc2 every RS row, until you have 36 stitches on needle. **41-103** K1, k2tog, k8, inc2, k across less 3, ssk, k1.

Work sides as for back panel.

Finishing

Seam shoulders and side seams.

With crochet hook **Row1** Hdc stitches around edge, shape corners and waist coat points by placing 4 stitches at each. **2** Work a round placing 5 ch1, skip1 buttonholes evenly spaced along front right edge. **3** Hdc around.

2 rows Hdc finish armholes.

Sew on buttons, neaten, and block.

Bias Knit Vest	
Sizes (depend on width of side panels)	42
Yarn	Muench Naturwolle Regatta - balls
Needles	Size 10
Extras	G crochet hook
Gauge	3.5 sts and 4.5 rows per inch