

Heart to Heart Bear V-NECK WAISTCOAT

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Materials:.. 1oz/30g yarn DK weight
2 or 3 15mm buttons (optional)
 Stitch holder

Needles: 3 4mm needles, optional stitch holder, tapestry needle

Gauge: 25 stitches, 36 rows = 10cm X 10cm

Note:..... Waistcoat will fit a teddy bear about 25-30cm/10-12in tall with a waist of about 29cm/11½in. Final waistcoat should measure about 32cm/12in along the bottom edge and 11.5cm/4½in. from top to bottom at the back.



ABBREVIATIONS

Kknit

Ppurl

St(s)stitch(s)

RSright side (odd # rows)

WSwrong side (even # rows)

St.St. ...stockinette stitch (K RS row,
 P WS row)

Slk.....slip stitch knitwise

Slp.....slip stitch purlwise

Ribwork in K1P1 ribbing,
 beginning with P or Slp on
 RS, K or Slk on WS

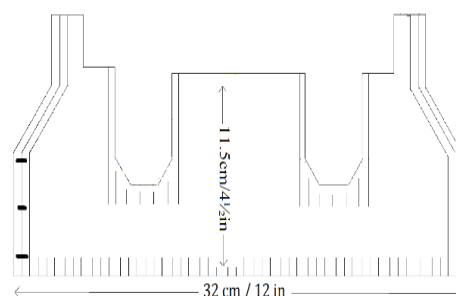
YOyarn over

K2tog ...knit 2 Sts together

P2tog ...purl 2 Sts together

PSSOPass Slipped St Over St just
 worked

SSK.....Slip 2 Sts knitwise, then
 knit these 2 sts



BACK & FRONTS (knit in one piece until armholes)

Cast on 71 Sts, put optional markers after 1st 5 and before last 5 Sts to mark ribbing.

Bottom ribbing:

Begin ribbing with a P St:

Row 1 Slp1; *K1P1, repeat from * until end

Row 2: Slk1; *P1K1, repeat from * until end

Row 3: Repeat Row 1

Row 4: Slk1; P2tog; YO (by bringing yarn over needle, around then under); P1; *K1P1, repeat from * until end (first buttonhole made)

Underarms:

Row 5: Slp1 and Rib 4; K until 5 Sts left; Rib 5

Row 6: Slk1 and Rib 4; P until 5 Sts left; Rib 5

Rows 7-10: Repeat rows 5 & 6 twice

Row 11: Slp1 and Rib 4; K until 5 Sts left; P1 K1 YO K2tog P1 (2nd buttonhole made)

Row 12: Slk1 and Rib4; P10; Rib 11; P19; Rib 11; P10; Rib5

Row 13: Slp1 and Rib4; K10; Rib 11; K19; Rib 11; K10; Rib5

Divide for Left-Front, Back, and Right Front:

Row 14: Slk1; Rib 4; P10; Rib 3; BO 5; Rib 3; P19; Rib 3; BO 5; Rib 3; P10; Rib 5 (18 Sts + 25 Sts + 18 Sts)

RIGHT FRONT (18 Sts):

Decrease underarm:

Row 15: Slp1 and Rib4; K until 3 Sts left; Rib 3

Row 16: Slk1; P1; K2tog; P until 5 Sts left; Rib 5

Row 17-18: repeat rows 15-16 (16 Sts)

Decrease collar:

Row 19: Slp1 and Rib4; K until 3 Sts left; Rib 3

Row 20: Slk1; P1; K1; P until 6 Sts left; move yarn to back of needle, Slk1, K1, PSSO; Rib 4

Row 21-30: Repeat rows 19-20 until there are 10 Sts left, (2 Sts between ribbings), ending with a row 20.

Row 31: Slp1 and Rib4; K2; Rib 3.

Row 32: Slk1; P1; K1; P2; Rib 5

Row 33-35: Repeat rows 31-32, then row 31 (3 more rows)

Cut yarn and leave all 10 Sts on needle.

BACK (25 Sts):

With RS facing, join yarn at bottom right of the back.

Decrease underarm:

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Row 15: Slp1; K1; P1; K until 3 Sts left; Rib 3
Row 16: Slk1; P1; K2tog; P until 4 Sts left; Slk1,
K1, PSSO; P1; K1 (23 Sts)
Rows 17-18: repeat rows 15-16 (21 Sts)
Row 19-30 (Next 12 rows): Slip 1st St; Rib 2; Work in
St.St. until 3 Sts left; Rib 3

RIGHT Shoulder Seam & Collar

Join Right Front to Back

Placing right sides together, use 3-needle bind-off (described at end of pattern) to bind off 5 Sts from the armhole edges of the Right Front and Back. You now have 15 Sts on Back needle, 4 Sts on Right Front needle, and 1 St on working needle. Slip the single St onto needle with Back Sts, then, continuing with 4 remaining Sts from right front, Rib 4.

Right Collar:

Row 1: Slp1; K1; P1; K1; P2tog (14 Sts left on back needle) Turn
Row 2: (Working with 5 collar Sts): pull last (P2tog) stitch on previous row tight, Slk, and Rib 4
Rows 3-11: Repeat rows 1-2 (ending with a RS row 1) until there are 10 Sts left on Back needle. (Slip collar Sts onto optional holder.) Slip 10 back Sts onto the collar needle. Cut yarn.

LEFT-FRONT (18 Sts)

With RS facing, join yarn to the bottom right of the LEFT-FRONT section.

Decrease underarm:

Row 15: Slp1; K1; P1; K until 5 Sts left; Rib 5
Row 16: Slk1 and Rib 4; P until 4 Sts left; Move yarn to back, Slk1, K1, PSSO; P1; K1
Row 17: Repeat Row 15
Row 18: Slk1; P2tog; YO (by bringing yarn over needle, around then under); P1; K1; P until 4 Sts left; Move yarn to back, Slk1, K1, PSSO; P1; K1 (3rd buttonhole made) (16 Sts)

Decrease collar:

Row 19: Slp1; K1; P1; K until 5 Sts left; Rib 5
Row 20: Slk1; P1; K1; P1; K2tog; P until 3 Sts left; Rib 3
Row 21-30: Repeat rows 19-20 until there are 10 Sts left, (2 Sts between ribbings), ending with a P (WS) row
Row 31: Slp1; K1; P1; K2; Rib 5
Row 32: Slk1; Rib 4; P2; Rib3
Row 33-36: Repeat Row 31-32 twice (4 more rows)

LEFT Shoulder Seam & Collar

Join Left Front to Back

Placing right sides together, use a 3rd needle for a 3-needle bind-off to bind off 5 Sts from the armhole edge of the Left Front and Back. You now have 9 Sts on needle with the Back Sts, 4 Sts on the needle with the Left Front Sts, and 1 St on working needle.

Slip the single St onto needle with Back Sts, then, continuing with the 4 remaining Sts from left front, Rib 4.

Left Collar:

Row 1: Slk1; P1; K1; P1; move yarn to back and pulling last St tight, SSK. Turn
Row 2 (Working with 5 collar Sts): Move yarn to back, Slp1; Rib 4
Rows 3-8: Repeat rows 1-2 (ending with a RS row 2)

Join RIGHT and LEFT COLLAR:

Transfer 5 Right Collar Sts from holder onto a double pointed needle (or transfer to regular needle, then transfer again to get outside edge at working end of needle). With right sides together and working from outside edge toward back seam, bind off right and left collar Sts using either a 3-needle bind off or, for slightly neater seam, Kitchener stitch for P1K1 ribbing, described below.

FINISHING

Sew in yarn ends, using tails to fill in any holes (esp at back collar seam). Sew on buttons.

Three Needle Bind-Off

Hold two needles with stitches together, with right sides facing inwards, towards each other (first picture). Insert the *third* needle into the first stitch on *each* of the needles knitwise, starting with the front needle (picture 2), and knit one stitch. Continue in this way, binding off stitches as you knit.



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DETAILED INSTRUCTIONS:



Hold the needles parallel with the tips pointing in the same direction and the wrong sides facing inwards.

Cut wool, leaving about a 10inch/25cm tail, and thread it onto a blunt end tapestry needle.

Setup: First stitch on each needle is a P stitch:



Insert the threaded tapestry needle into the first (Purl) stitch on the front needle knitwise and pull it through, leaving the stitch on the needle.



Insert tapestry needle into the first (Purl) stitch on the back needle purlwise, leaving the stitch on the needle.

Grafting set 1: 1st stitch on the needle is a Purl, 2nd stitch is a Knit.

1. Insert tapestry needle into the Front (Purl) stitch Purlwise, pull wool through, and slip this stitch off the needle.
2. Insert tapestry needle into the next Front (Knit) stitch Purlwise, pull wool through and leave the stitch on the needle
3. Bring the wool under the knitting needles, then insert the tapestry needle into the Back (Purl) stitch Knitwise, then slip the stitch off the needle.
4. Insert tapestry needle into the next Back (Knit) stitch Knitwise, pull wool through and leave stitch on the needle.

Grafting set 2: 1st stitch on the needle is a Knit, 2nd stitch is a Purl.

1. Insert tapestry needle into the Front (Knit) stitch Knitwise, pull wool through and slip stitch off.
2. Insert tapestry needle into next Front (Purl) stitch Knitwise, pull wool through but leave stitch on.
3. Bring wool under the knitting needles, insert tapestry needle into the Back (Knit) stitch Purlwise, and slip stitch off.
4. Insert tapestry needle into next Back (Purl) stitch Purlwise, pull wool through but leave stitch on.

Repeat sets 1 and 2.

You now should have 1 Purl stitch on each needle.

Repeat steps 1 and 3 from set 1, removing last 2 stitch.

ABBREVIATED INSTRUCTIONS

Setup: With wrong sides together, K front, P back (K stitch on both front and back needle)

Set 1: P front off; P front; K back off, K back (P stitch front and back, followed by K front and back)

Set 2: K front off, K front; P back off, P back (K stitch front and back, followed by P front and back)

Repeat Set 1 and Set 2

Finish: P front off, K back off

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