

Child's First Gilet



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Level of difficulty: pretty easy!

This sweet little stocking stitch waistcoat is knitted in one piece, with a garter stitch yoke, then joined at the shoulders, but you do need to pick up stitches for the front bands and to add the pockets.

The square shape with garter stitch yoke is easy and attractive with a dress or dungarees. You can add two more buttons as extra decoration and/or to close the pockets (make a button hole in the broken rib band at the top of the pocket if you do this).

Remember to sew on the buttons well to avoid them being chewed off and swallowed!

MEASUREMENTS

Size 1: finished width 20" 50cm

Size 2: finished width 22" 56cm

Instructions for larger size where different are shown in **Bold type**

Materials:

50g Blacker Yarns 4-ply yarn - we suggest Shetland, Blue-faced Leicester or Alpaca in the natural colours or Corriedale (organic or not), Ryeland or Border Leicester in the coloured shades.

1 pair 3.5 mm needles

Small buttons: 6 for size 1 and 7 for size 2

Tension:

24 sts and 32 rows = 4" 10cm

Adjust needle size to give required tension.

Stitches and abbreviations

st, sts = stitch, stitches K = knit P = purl

RS = right side WS = wrong side

Garter stitch: all rows knit

Stocking Stitch, alternate rows knit and purl

Broken rib: Row 1: knit whole row, Row 2: K1, P1, repeat as required

NR: next row

K2tog or P2tog = knit or purl the next 2 sts together

Body

With 3.5mm needles cast on 120 **130**sts

Knit 8 rows border in broken rib. (Row 1 knit, Row 2 k1, p1)

Change to Stocking Stitch and work false seams at sides as follows:

RS facing, K30 **32**, P1, K58 **64**, P1, K30 **32**

Repeat on every right side row

Continue in Stocking Stitch till work measures 4", **4.5" 10cm, 11.5cm**

NR: WS facing, P26 **28**, K9, P50 **56**, K9, P26 **28**

NR: knit

NR: P25 **27**, K11, P48 **54**, K11, P25 **27**

NR: knit

NR: p24 **26**, K13, K46 **52**, K13, P24 **26**

NR: knit

Divide for Back and Fronts

With WS facing, P23 **25**, K5, cast off 5, K5, P44 **50**, K5, cast off 5, K5, p23 **25**

NR: knit to cast off point.

Turn work and continue on these sts as follows (just leave the rest on the needle):

Right side

NR: Cast off 2 sts, K4, P to end

NR: knit

NR: cast off 2 sts, K4, P to end. **24 26** sts remain on needle

NR: knit to end of row, K2tog

NR: K5, purl to end

NR: knit to end of row, K2tog. **22 24** sts remain

NR: K5, P to end of row.

Start Garter stitch yoke pattern.

With RS facing:

NR: Knit

NR: K5, P5, K12 **14**

Repeat last 2 rows three times.

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Front neck shaping:

NR: RS facing cast off 5 sts, K to end
NR: K5, P5, K7 9
NR: cast off 2, K to end.

Continue on these sts till piece measures 9, 9.5" 23,
24 cm
Cast off fairly loosely

Left side

With right side facing join yarn to left side stitches
left on needle.
NR: Cast off two stitches and knit to end
NR: purl to last 5sts, K5
NR: Cast off two stitches and knit to end. 24 26 sts
remain on needle
NR: purl to last 5sts, K5
NR: K2tog, K to end
NR: purl to last 5sts, K5
NR: k2tog, K to end. 22 24sts.

Start Garter stitch yoke pattern

With WS facing.
NR: K12 14, P5, K5
NR: knit
Repeat last two rows three times.

Front neck shaping:

NR: WS facing cast off 5 sts, K6 (7 total on right
needle), P5 7, K5
NR: knit
NR: Cast off two stitches, K4, P5 7, K5

Continue on these sts till piece measures 9, 9.5" 23,
24 cm
Cast off fairly loosely.

Back

With RS facing, rejoin yarn to Back and work on this
section only.

NR: Cast off 2sts, K to end
NR: Cast off 2sts, K4 (5sts total on right needle), P
to last 5sts, K5
NR: Cast off 1st at either end of knit row
NR: knit 5, P to last 5sts, K5
NR: Cast of 1st at either end of knit row. 46 52sts
NR: K5, P to last 5sts, K5
NR: knit.

Start Garter stitch yoke pattern:

With WS facing K5, P5, K36 42, P5, K5
NR: knit

Continue till piece measures 8.5, 9" 22, 23 cm

Shape back neck:

With WS facing K5, P5, K6 8, cast off 14 16 sts, K6
8, P5, K5
NR: K16 18 and turn
NR: K2tog, K4 7, P5, K5
NR: knit
Cast off fairly loosely.

Join shoulder seams.

Front bands

Reverse for a boy or girl.

Buttonhole band.

With RS facing, pick up and knit 32 38 sts.
Tip: If you find difficulty picking up this number, fit
in some extra stitches on the return row near the
top and bottom of the band by knitting into stitches
below those on the needle.

NR: (K1, P1), repeat to end.
NR: button hole row: K2 4, (K2tog, pass yarn over
needle, K4), repeat to end.
NR: (K1, P1), repeat to end.
NR: knit.
Cast off loosely.

Work button band as buttonhole band but leave out
buttonholes, just knitting the second row.

Pockets

With RS facing, pick up and knit 12sts at the base of
front where rib ends.
Work four rows in Stocking Stitch
NR: Increase 1 st at each end of next row
Repeat these five rows once more
Work two more rows of Stocking Stitch.
Work four rows of Broken Rib.
Cast off.
Attach pocket sides to fronts with small overstiches.

To Finish

Wash, garment, dry flat, press lightly and sew on
buttons.
Darn in all ends.

Care advice: Hand wash in cool water using a liquid
wool wash. Spin dry. Do not tumble dry. Spread on
a towel, hand pressing garment to shape and correct
size. Store folded.

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