BUTTON FRONT CREW NECK VEST

■■□□ **EASY**

SIZES

Bust measurement						Finished bust				
Extra-Small	28-30	ins	[71-76	cm]		34	ins [86.5	cm]
Small	32-34	ins	[81.5-86.5	cm]		37½	ins [95	cm]
Medium	36-38	ins	[91.5-96.5	cm]		41½	ins [105.5	cm]
Large	40-42	ins	[101.5-106.5	cm]		46	ins [117	cm]
Extra-Large	44-46	ins	[112-117	cm]		50	ins [127	cm]
2 Extra-Large	48-50	ins	[122-127	cm]		53½	ins [136	cm]
3 Extra-Large	52-54	ins	[132-137	cm]		58	ins [147.5	cm]
4 Extra-Large	56-58	ins	[142-147.5	cm]		62	ins [157.5	cm]
5 Extra-Large	60-62	ins	[152.5-157.5	cm]		65	ins [165	cm]

MATERIALS

Patons® Shetland Chunky (100 g/3.5 oz)										
#03020 (Deep Taupe)	**XS** 5	**S** 5	**M** 6	**L** 6	**XL** 7	**2XL** 7	**3XL** 8	**4XL** 9	**5XL** 9	**balls**

or **Patons® Shetland Chunky Tweeds** (85 g/3 oz)									
Any color of your choice	**5**	**5**	**6**	**6**	**7**	**7**	**8**	**8**	**9**	**balls**

Sizes 5.5 mm (U.S. 9) and 6 mm (U.S. 10) knitting needles **or size needed to obtain tension.** 1 st holder. 5 (**5**-5-**5**-5-**6**-6-**6**-6) buttons (approx 1½ ins [4 cm] in diameter).

TENSION

15 sts and 20 rows = 4 ins [10 cm] with larger needles in stocking st.

INSTRUCTIONS

The instructions are written for smallest size. If changes are necessary for larger sizes the instructions will be written thus ( ). When only one number is given, it applies to all sizes. For ease in working, circle all numbers pertaining to your size.

BACK

Sizes XS-XL only
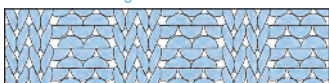
With smaller needles, cast on 62 (**70**-78-**86**-94) sts.

1st row: (RS). K2. *P2. K2. Rep from * to end of row.

2nd row: P2. *K2. P2. Rep from * to end of row.

Rep last 2 rows of (K2. P2) ribbing until work from beg measures 2½ ins [6 cm], ending with a 2nd row and increase (inc) 2 (**0**-0-**0**-0) sts evenly across last row. 64 (**70**-78-**86**-94) sts.
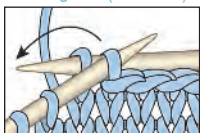
K2. P2 Ribbing

Change to larger needles and beg with a knit row, proceed in stocking st until work from beg measures 12½ ins [32 cm], ending with RS facing for next row.

Shape armholes: Cast off 4 (**5**-6-**8**-10) sts beg next 2 rows. 56 (**60**-66-**70**-74) sts.

Casting Off (knitwise)   Casting Off (purlwise)

Next row: (RS). K2. K2tog. Knit to last 4 sts. Sl1. K1. psso. K2.
Next row: P2. P2togtbl. Purl to last 4 sts. P2tog. P2.
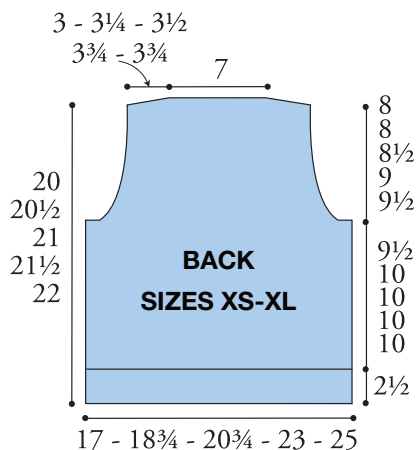Rep last 2 rows 0 (**0**-0-**0**-1) time more. 52 (**56**-62-**66**-66) sts.

Next row: (RS). K2. K2tog. Knit to last 4 sts. Sl1. K1. psso. K2.
Next row: Purl.
Rep last 2 rows 1 (**2**-4-**5**-5) time(s) more. 48 (**50**-52-**54**-54) sts.

Cont even until armhole measures 8 (**8**-8½-**9**-9½) ins [20.5 (**20.5**-21.5-**23**-24) cm], ending with RS facing for next row.

Shape shoulders: Cast off 5 (**6**-6-**7**-7) sts beg next 2 rows, then 6 (**6**-7-**7**-7) sts beg following 2 rows. Leave rem 26 sts on a st holder.

3 - 3¼ - 3½
3¾ - 3¾

7

8
8
8½
9
9½

20
20½
21
21½
22

BACK SIZES XS-XL

9½
10
10
10
10

2½

17 - 18¾ - 20¾ - 23 - 25
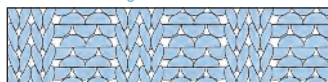
BACK
Sizes 2XL-5XL only

With smaller needles, cast on 98 (**106**-114-**122**) sts.
1st row: (RS). K2. *P2. K2. Rep from * to end of row.
2nd row: P2. *K2. P2. Rep from * to end of row.
Rep last 2 rows of (K2. P2) ribbing until work from beg measures 2½ ins [6 cm], ending with a 2nd row and increase (inc) 2 (**2**-2-**0**) sts evenly across last row. 100 (**108**-116-**122**) sts.
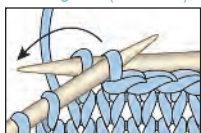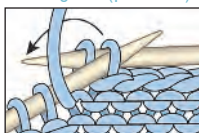
K2. P2 Ribbing

Change to larger needles and beg with a knit row, proceed in stocking st until work from beg measures 14 ins [35.5 cm], ending with RS facing for next row.

Shape armholes: Cast off 10 (**12**-14-**15**) sts beg next 2 rows. 80 (**84**-88-**92**) sts.

Casting Off (knitwise)   Casting Off (purlwise)

Next row: (RS). K2. K2tog. Knit to last 4 sts. Sl1. K1. psso. K2.
Next row: P2. P2togtbl. Purl to last 4 sts. P2tog. P2.
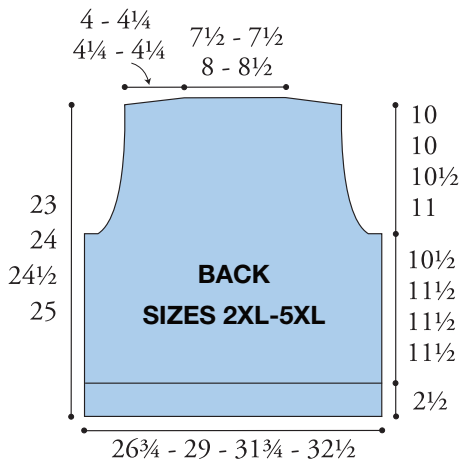Rep last 2 rows 1 (**1**-3-**3**) time(s) more. 72 (**76**-72-**76**) sts.

Next row: (RS). K2. K2tog. Knit to last 4 sts. Sl1. K1. psso. K2.
Next row: Purl.
Rep last 2 rows 6 (**7**-4-**5**) times more. 58 (**60**-62-**64**) sts.

Cont even until armhole measures 10 (**10**-10½-**11**) ins [25.5 (**25.5**-26.5-**28**) cm], ending with RS facing for next row.

Shape shoulders: Cast off 7 (**8**-8-**8**) sts beg next 2 rows, then 8 sts beg following 2 rows. Leave rem 28 (**28**-30-**32**) sts on a st holder.

4 - 4¼
4¼ - 4¼   7½ - 7½
           8 - 8½

23
24
24½
25

BACK SIZES 2XL-5XL

10
10
10½
11

10½
11½
11½
11½

2½

26¾ - 29 - 31¾ - 32½

LEFT FRONT
Sizes XS-XL only

With smaller needles, cast on 30 (34**-38-**42**-46) sts and work 2½ ins [6 cm] in (K2. P2) ribbing, as given for Back, ending on a 2nd row and increase (inc) 1 (**0**-0-**0**-0) st at center of last row. 31 (**34**-38-**42**-46) sts.**
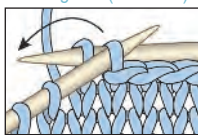
K2. P2 Ribbing

Change to larger needles and beg with a knit row, proceed in stocking st until work from beg measures same length as Back to beg of armhole shaping, ending with RS facing for next row.

Shape armhole: 1st row: Cast off 4 (**5**-6-**8**-10) sts. Knit to end of row. 27 (**29**-32-**34**-36) sts.

Casting Off (knitwise)

2nd row: Purl.

3rd row: K2. K2tog. Knit to end of row.

4th row: Purl to last 4 sts. P2tog. P2. Rep last 2 rows 0 (**0**-0-**0**-1) time(s) more. 25 (**27**-30-**32**-32) sts.

Next row: (RS). K2. K2tog. Knit to end of row.

Next row: Purl.

Rep last 2 rows 1 (**2**-4-**5**-5) time(s) more. 23 (**24**-25-**26**-26) sts.

Cont even until armhole measures 5 (**5**-5-**5½**-5½) ins [12.5 (**12.5**-12.5-**14**-14) cm], ending with WS facing for next row.

Shape neck: Next row: Cast off 6 sts. Purl to end of row. 17 (**18**-19-**20**-20) sts.

Dec 1 st at neck edge on next 3 rows, then on every following alt row 3 times more. 11 (**12**-13-**14**-14) sts.

Cont even until armhole measures same length as Back to beg of shoulder shaping, ending with RS facing for next row.

Shape shoulder: Cast off 5 (**6**-6-**7**-7) sts beg next row. Purl 1 row. Cast off rem 6 (**6**-7-**7**-7) sts.

RIGHT FRONT
Sizes XS-XL only

Work from ** to ** as given for Left Front.

Change to larger needles and beg with a knit row, proceed in stocking st until work from beg measures same length as Back to beg of armhole shaping, ending with WS facing for next row.

Shape armhole: 1st row: Cast off 4 (**5**-6-**8**-10) sts. Purl to end of row. 27 (**29**-32-**34**-36) sts.

Casting Off (purlwise)

2nd row: (RS). Knit to last 4 sts. Sl1. K1. psso. K2.

3rd row: P2. P2togtbl. Purl to end of row.

Rep last 2 rows 0 (**0**-0-**0**-1) time more. 25 (**27**-30-**32**-32) sts.

Next row: (RS). Knit to last 4 sts. Sl1. K1. psso. K2.

Next row: Purl.

Rep last 2 rows 1 (**2**-4-**5**-5) time(s) more. 23 (**24**-25-**26**-26) sts.

Cont even until armhole measures 5 (**5**-5-**5½**-5½) ins [12.5 (**12.5**-12.5-**14**-14) cm], ending with RS facing for next row.

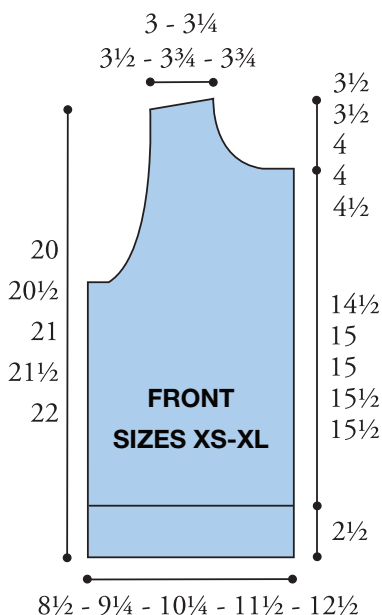**Shape neck: Next row:** (RS). Cast off 6 sts. Knit to end of row. 17 (**18**-19-**20**-20) sts.

Purl 1 row.

Dec 1 st at neck edge on next 3 rows, then on every following alt row 3 times more. 11 (**12**-13-**14**-14) sts.

Cont even until armhole measures same length as Back to beg of shoulder shaping, ending with WS facing for next row.

**Shape shoulder:** Cast off 5 (**6**-6-**7**-7) sts beg next row. Knit 1 row. Cast off rem 6 (**6**-7-7-7) sts.

3 - 3¼
3½ - 3¾ - 3¾

3½
3½
4
4
4½

20
20½
21
21½
22

14½
15
15
15½
15½

FRONT SIZES XS-XL

2½

8½ - 9¼ - 10¼ - 11½ - 12½

LEFT FRONT
Sizes 2XL-5XL only

With smaller needles, cast on 46 (50**-54-**58**) sts and work 2½ ins [6 cm] in (K2. P2) ribbing as given for Back, ending on a 2nd row and increase (inc) 3 (**3**-3-**2**) sts evenly across last row. 49 (**53**-57-**60**) sts.**

K2. P2 Ribbing
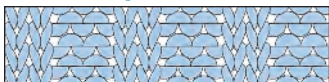
Change to larger needles and beg with a knit row, proceed in stocking st until work from beg measures same length as Back to beg of armhole shaping, ending with RS facing for next row.

Shape armhole: Cast off 10 (**12**-14-**15**) sts beg next row. 39 (**41**-43-**45**) sts. Purl 1 row.

Casting Off (knitwise)
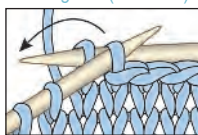
Next row: (RS). K2. K2tog. Knit to end of row.
Next row: Purl to last 4 sts. P2tog. P2. Rep last 2 rows 1 (**1**-2-**2**) time(s) more. 35 (**37**-37-**39**) sts.

Next row: (RS). K2. K2tog. Knit to end of row.
Next row: Purl.

Rep last 2 rows 6 (**7**-6-**7**) times more. 28 (**29**-30-**31**) sts.
Cont even until armhole measures 6 (**6**-6½-**7**) ins [15 (**15**-16.5-**18**) cm], ending with WS facing for next row.

Shape neck: Next row: Cast off 6 (**6**-7-**7**) sts. Purl to end of row.
Dec 1 st at neck edge on next and every following alt row 6 (**6**-6-**7**) times more. 15 (**16**-16-**16**) sts.

Cont even until armhole measures same length as Back to beg of shoulder shaping, ending with RS facing for next row.

Shape shoulder: Cast off 7 (**8**-8-**8**) sts beg next row. Purl 1 row. Cast off rem 8 sts.
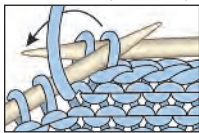
RIGHT FRONT
Sizes 2XL-5XL only

Work from ** to ** as given for Left Front.

Change to larger needles and beg with a knit row, proceed in stocking st until work from beg measures same length as Back to beg of armhole shaping, ending with WS facing for next row.

Shape armhole: Cast off 10 (**12**-14-**15**) sts beg next row. 39 (**41**-43-**45**) sts.

Casting Off (purlwise)

Next row: (RS). Knit to last 4 sts. Sl1. K1. psso. K2.
Next row: P2. P2togtbl. Purl to end of row.
Rep last 2 rows 1 (**1**-2-**2**) time(s) more. 35 (**37**-37-**39**) sts.

Next row: (RS). Knit to last 4 sts. Sl1. K1. psso. K2.
Next row: Purl.
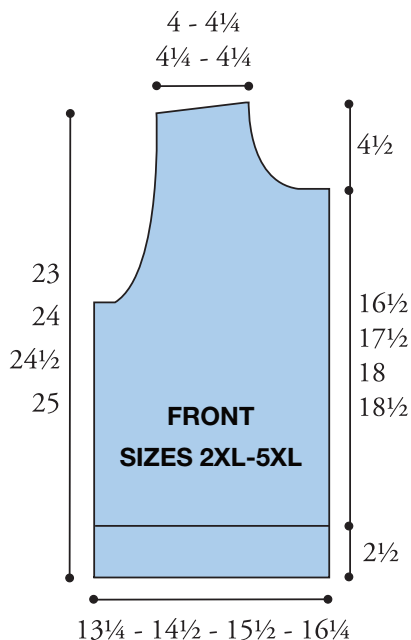Rep last 2 rows 6 (**7**-6-**7**) times more. 28 (**29**-30-**31**) sts.

Cont even until armhole measures 6 (**6**-6½-**7**) ins [15 (**15**-16.5-**18**) cm], ending with RS facing for next row.

Shape neck: Next row: Cast off 6 (**6**-7-**7**) sts. Knit to end of row.
Purl 1 row.
Dec 1 st at neck edge on next and every following alt row 6 (**6**-6-**7**) times more. 15 (**16**-16-**16**) sts.
Cont even until armhole measures same length as Back to beg of shoulder shaping, ending with WS facing for next row.
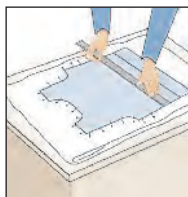
Shape shoulder: Cast off 7 (**8**-8-**8**) sts beg next row. Knit 1 row. Cast off rem 8 sts.

4 - 4¼
4¼ - 4¼

4½

23
24
24½
25

16½
17½
18
18½

FRONT
**SIZES 2XL-5XL**

2½

13¼ - 14½ - 15½ - 16¼

FINISHING

Pin garment pieces to measurements and cover with damp cloth leaving cloth to dry.

Armbands: Sew shoulder seams (see "Sewing Shoulder Seams" on page 12). With RS of work facing and smaller needles, pick up and knit 70 (**70**-74-**78**-78-**82**-82-**86**-90) sts evenly across armhole edge (see "Picking Up Along a Shaped Edge" on page 12). Beg on a 2nd row, work 3 rows in (K2. P2) ribbing as given for Back. Cast off in ribbing.

Cast Off in Ribbing
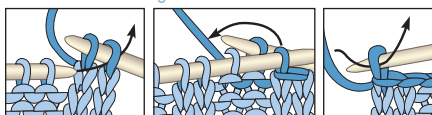
Sew side and armband seams (see "Sewing Side and Sleeve Seams" on page 11).

Neckband: With RS of work facing and smaller needles, pick up and knit 18 (**18**-20-**20**-22-**23**-23-**24**-25) sts up right front neck edge. K26 (**26**-26-**26**-26-**28**-28-**30**-32) from back st holder. Pick up and knit 18 (**18**-20-**20**-22-**23**-23-**24**-25) sts down left front neck edge. 62 (**62**-66-**66**-70-**74**-74-**78**-82) sts.

Beg on a 2nd row, work 7 rows in (K2. P2) ribbing as given for Back. Cast off in ribbing.

BUTTON FRONT CREW NECK VEST

Buttonhole Band: With RS of Right Front facing and smaller needles, beg at cast on edge, pick up and knit 70 (**74**-74-**78**-78-**82**-82-**86**-86) sts up front edge to cast off edge of neckband (see "Picking Up Along a Side Edge" on page 12).

Beg on a 2nd row, work 3 rows in (K2. P2) ribbing as given for Back.

Buttonhole
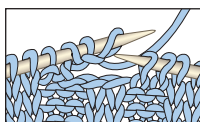
Next row: (RS). (Buttonhole row). Rib across 4 sts. *Cast off 2 sts. Rib across 13 (**14**-14-**15**-15-**12**-12-**13**-13) sts (including st on needle after cast off). Rep from * 3 (**3**-3-**3**-3-**4**-4-**4**-4) times more. Cast off 2 sts. Rib to end of row. 5 (**5**-5-**5**-5-**6**-6-**6**-6) buttonholes.

Next row: Rib, casting on 2 sts over cast off sts.

Work 2 more rows in ribbing. Cast off in ribbing.

Button Band: Work as given for Buttonhole Band, picking up sts along Left Front between cast off edge of neckband and cast on edge, omitting all references to buttonholes. Sew on buttons to correspond to buttonholes. ♣

ASSEMBLY DIAGRAM
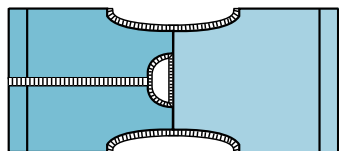
ABBREVIATIONS

alt = alternate
beg = beginning
cont = continue(ity)
dec = decrease (K2tog or P2tog, see below)
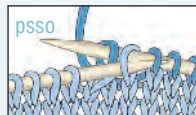inc = increase 1 stitch by knitting into front and back of next stitch

inc

K = knit
K2tog = knit 2 stitches together

K2tog

P = purl
P2tog = purl 2 stitches together

P2tog

P2togtbl = purl 2 stitches together through back loops
psso = pass slipped stitch over

psso

rep = repeat
rem = remaining
RS = right side
Sl1 = slip next stitch knitwise
st(s) = stitch(es)
WS = wrong side

j OiNiNG A NEW BALL

When working with balls of yarn, it's recommended that the yarn be pulled out of the center of the ball whenever possible. When you need to join a new ball, always join the new ball at the side of your work. Never tie knots in the middle of your knitting.
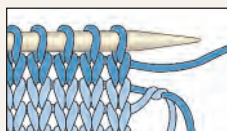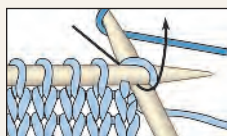
Begin working with the new ball leaving about 6 inches of yarn at the side of work from the new ball. After knitting a few stitches, tie the ends together in a loose knot at the side of work. These ends will be darned into the side of work or into seams later.

WEavING IN ENDS
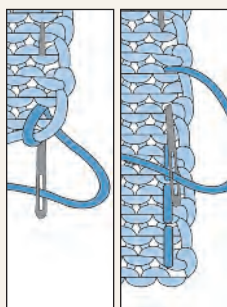
What do you do with those dangling ends at the sides of your work? Never cut without darning them in first because they will not be secure and your knitting could easily unravel. Thread each end onto a blunt ended large eye needle and make small alternating stitches into the side of your work. After you've worked up about 2 inches [5 cm] in one direction, turn and work backwards alternating over the spaces you just worked. Now you can safely cut the end.

SEWiNG SiDE AND SLEEVE SEAMS
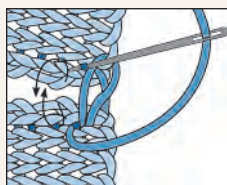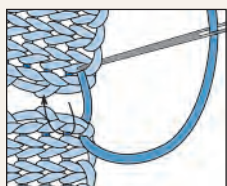
Lay the pieces to be joined right side up on a flat surface. Thread yarn through blunt needle and attach to wrong side of one edge. Bring needle to right side between edge stitch and second stitch of first row.
Repeat on other piece. Pass needle under loop of one row on first piece. Insert needle where last stitch emerges on second piece and pass under loop of one row. Repeat zigzag action, passing needle under corresponding loops on each piece. After a few stitches pull yarn to close seam.

SEWiNG ShOUl DER SEAMS
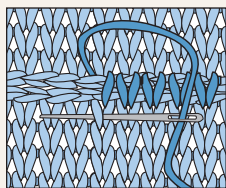
Use this seam when sewing 2 cast off edges such as shoulder seam. The seam matches the edge's stitch for stitch and resembles a row of knitting which covers the cast off edges.

SEWiNG a Rmh Ol E SEAMS
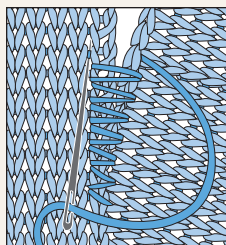
Use this method for a seam joining a side edge and a cast off edge, such as the top of a sleeve. Work this seam with right side of garment facing in a similar way as joining 2 side edges. Lay pieces side by side and pin together carefully easing cast off edge (if necessary) into side edge. Work this seam under 1 or 2 row of stitches as necessary making sure seam retains elasticity.

PiCKiNG UP STITCHES
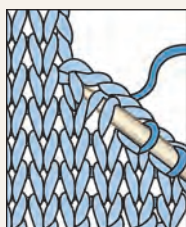
Picking Up Along a Shaped Edge
On the shaped section of a neck edge, insert the right-hand needle into the stitches one row below the side edge. Do not insert the needle between stitches as this may form a hole. Insert the needle into the center of the stitches and draw through a loop to make a new stitch as before. Tip: use a crochet hook to pull up stitches when your knitting is very tight around a shaped edge.
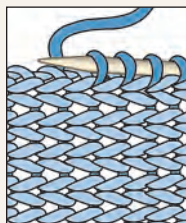
Picking Up Along a Side Edge
With the right side facing, insert the point of the right-hand needle from front to back between first and second stitch of first row (working one whole stitch in from side edge). Wind yarn around the point of the needle and draw the loop through as though knitting a stitch. A new stitch is now formed on the right-hand needle. Continue in this way along the edge until the required number of stitches has been picked up. Tip: pick up stitches over 3 rows, then skip 1 row to prevent picking up too many stitches along side edge. If you are working with thick yarn, work through the center of each edge stitch to reduce the bulk.