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## What you will need:

**RED HEART® Soft®:** 8 (9, 10, 12) balls 00012 Grey

**Circular Knitting Needles:** 5mm [US 8] and 4 mm [US 6], 90 cm [36"] long

Stitch markers, yarn needle, stitch holder, 5 buttons, small buckle

**TENSION/GAUGE:** 17 sts = 10 cm [4"]; 23 rows = 10 cm [4"] in Stockinette stitch. **CHECK YOUR TENSION/GAUGE.** Use any size needles to obtain the tension/gauge.

**4 MEDIUM**

**RED HEART® Soft®,** Art. 9809670 solid colors available in 100 g (3.5 oz), 167 m (182 yd) balls

**SHOP KIT**

# Knit Vested & Stylish

*Layering is in! Fun to knit and cozy to wear this stylish knit vest is the perfect addition to your weekend wardrobe.*

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Directions are for size Small. Changes for sizes Medium, Large and 1X are in parentheses.

To Fit Bust: 76-81 (86-91, 96-101, 107-112) cm [30-32 (34-36, 38-40, 42-44)"]
Finished Bust Measurement: 109 (117, 129, 140) cm [43 (46, 51, 55)"]

## LEFT BACK
With larger needles, cast on 36 (39, 44, 49) sts.
**Row 1:** Knit.
**Row 2:** Purl.
**Row 3:** Knit.
**Row 4:** Increase 1 st in first st, purl to last st.
Repeat Rows 1-4 until there are 41 (44, 49, 54) sts. Place sts on a holder.

## RIGHT BACK
With larger needles, cast on 36 (39, 44, 49) sts.
**Row 1:** Knit.
**Row 2:** Purl.
**Row 3:** Knit.
**Row 4:** Purl to last st, increase 1 st in last st.
Repeat Rows 1-4 until there are 41 (44, 49, 54) sts.

## Back Joining
**Next Row (Right Side):** With right side facing, knit across sts from Right Back, with same yarn, knit across sts from Left Back stitch holder – 82 (88, 98, 108) sts.
Purl 1 row.
Mark each side edge.

## Shape Sides
Increase 1 st each side of next right side row, then every 8th row 4 more times – 92 (98, 108, 118) sts.
Purl 1 row.

## Shape Armhole
Cast off 6 (6, 8, 10) sts at beginning of next 2 rows.
Decrease 1 st each end of every right side row 6 (7, 9, 10) times – 68 (72, 74, 78) sts.
Work even until armhole measures approximately 19 (19, 20, 20) cm [7½ (7½, 8, 8)"], end with a wrong side row.

## Shape Neck and Shoulder
### First Shoulder
**Next Row (Right Side):** K21 (22, 22, 23) sts, turn and slip remaining sts to a stitch holder.
Decrease 1 st at neck edge on next 3 rows – 18 (19, 19, 20) sts.
Cast off 9 (9, 9, 10) sts at beginning of next row – 9 (10, 10, 10) sts.
Purl 1 row.
Cast off.

### Second Shoulder
With right side facing, leave center 26 (28, 30, 32) sts on stitch holder, join yarn and k21 (22, 22, 23).
Work as for First Shoulder, reversing shaping.

## LEFT FRONT
** Cast on 3 sts.
Knit 1 row.
Beginning with a right side row, work in St st, increasing 1 st each side every row 12 times, end with a wrong side row – 27 sts. **
**Next Row:** Cast on 16 (19, 24, 29) sts, knit to end – 43 (46, 51, 56) sts.
Work even until front measures same as back to marker, end with a wrong side row.

## Shape Side
Increase 1 st at beginning of next row, then every 8th row 4 times – 48 (51, 56, 61) sts.
Purl 1 row.

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## Shape Armhole and Neck

Cast off 6 (6, 8, 10) sts at beginning of next right side row – 42 (45, 48, 51) sts.
Purl 1 row.
**Next Row (Right Side):** K2tog, knit to last 2 sts, k2tog – 40 (43, 46, 49) sts.
Purl 1 row.
Repeat last 2 rows 5 (6, 8, 9) times – 30 (31, 30, 31) sts. Decrease 1 st at front edge only on next row, then every 3rd row 11 (11, 10, 10) times – 18 (19, 19, 20) sts. Work even until front is same length as back to shoulder, end with a wrong side row.

## Shape Shoulder

Cast off 9 (9, 9, 10) sts at beginning of next right side row.
Purl 1 row.
Cast off 9 (10, 10, 10) sts.

## RIGHT FRONT

Work same as for Left Front from ** to **.
Knit 1 row.
**Next Row:** Cast on 16 (19, 24, 29) sts, purl to end – 43 (46, 51, 56) sts.
Knit 1 row.
Purl 1 row.
**Buttonhole Row:** K2, k2tog, yo, knit to end.
Work 11 rows even.
Repeat Buttonhole Row.
Work 5 rows even.
Increase 1 st at end of next row, then every 8th row 4 times.
AT SAME TIME, work 3 more buttonholes every 12th row as before – 48 (51, 56, 61) sts. When front measures same as back to underarm, work as for Left Front, reversing armhole, neck and shoulder shaping.

## FINISHING

Sew side and shoulder seams.

## Armbands

With right side facing and smaller needles, pick up and knit 96 (102, 111, 117) sts evenly along armhole edge.
Knit 2 rows.
Cast off.

## Front Band

With right side facing and smaller needles, beginning at lower right side seam, pick up and knit sts evenly spaced across bottom, up right edge, around neck and down to left side seam. Mark st at lower front points.
Knit 4 rows, increase 1 st every row at marked sts.
Cast off.

## Back Band

With right side facing and smaller needles, beginning at lower left side seam, pick up and knit sts evenly spaced across back, up to center point, and down and across to right side seam, marking each point at lower back corners, and upper st where backs are joined. Knit to first marker, increase in corner, knit to 2 sts before next marker, [k2tog] twice, knit to next marker, increase in corner, knit to end. Repeat last row 3 more times.
Cast off.

Sew side band seams. Sew on buttons to correspond to buttonholes.

## Back Tab (Make 2)

With smaller needles, cast on 21 sts.
Knit 6 rows.
Cast off.

Tack the buckle in place at end of one band, tack other end securely to back. Attach other band; weave through buckle.
**Note:** It may be necessary to tack buckle lightly to keep it from sagging.
Weave in ends.

## Abbreviations

**cm** = centimeters; **k** = knit; **k2tog** = knit 2 sts together; **mm** = millimeters; **p** = purl; **St st** = Stockinette stitch; **st(s)** = stitch(es); **tog** = together; **yo** = yarn over; **[ ]** = work directions in brackets the number of times specified; **\* or \*\*** = repeat whatever follows the \* or \*\* as indicated.