

ANY SIZE, ANY YARN

SEAMLESS, SLEEVELESS VEST

This is a guidelines only pattern and is designed for experienced knitters, or intermediate knitters prepared to have a go. I do not provide information as to how many sts you should have at any given point. It is up to you to work that out.

Garment is worked in garter st throughout.

Increases can be worked any way you prefer.

- If you are using the 'knit in front and back of each st' increase, do it in first and second from last st in each section.
- If using an M1 variation, work after the first and before the last st of each section.

The three-colour garment pictured here is a sample only, would probably fit a teddy bear. I have not worked any borders on this version.

The first thing you need to do is to get some numbers. Using the diagram at right as a guide, record *your* required garment measurements.

I will be referring to these points as we go.

B-A-B = neck width

D-A-D = width across shoulders

D-E = armhole depth before curve

E-F = armhole curve

F-F = width across back of garment

(your body measurement plus ease – you will be wearing it over other items)

A-G = centre back length

Optional – depth of a lower border.

Start at back of neck (point A) - cast on 4 sts.

Row 1 (right side): Inc in all sts.

Row 2: Knit, put a marker between sts 4 and 5.

Continue in garter st, increasing at both ends of each section on every right-side row until B-A-B measures

desired width across back of neck, ending after a right-side row.

Count number of sts in each section.

Cast on that same number at start of next 2 rows, putting a marker between the old sections and the new. You have just added the sts for the fronts. (B-C)

Continue increasing at both ends of each section as before until D-B-A-B-D measures desired width at shoulders.

Next, work on left front only and create armhole.

Increase at front edge as before, work until 3 sts before 1st marker, k2tog, k1, turn.

Knit back.

Repeat last 2 rows until armhole D-E is desired depth.

For armhole curve E-F, continue increase at front edge, omit decreases at armhole edge.

Work in this way until centre front to side edge measures half the required F-F measurement.

End after a right-side row. Break wool.

Rejoin wool to next section and work the back.

Decrease at armhole edges and increase at centre back until work measures the same as front to armhole curve.

Work the armhole curve on each side as before.

End after a right-side row. Break wool.

Rejoin wool to the other front section and work to match. Do not break wool.

+++ If you want you can now work an edging of your choice around the armholes before you rejoin all pieces.

Knit across all sections to connect the body pieces, placing a marker between sections.

Continue working across all sts, working incs at centre back and front and decs at side edges until centre back A-G is desired length (remember to allow for whatever lower border you want (a few rows of garter st or a longer ribbed border).

You may only need a couple of rows to this point – in the sample pictured I have not worked any rows at this point, going straight to the next step.

Now is the time to work the lower triangles.

Work from centre front to centre back.

No more increases.

Decrease at front edge, side edges and centre back until all sts are worked off.

Rejoin wool at centre back and work 2nd half the same.

Work whatever border you like. Garter st or crochet edges work well. When picking up sts I usually pick up 3 for every 4 rows along the diagonal edges.

