

# Boy's V-Neck Vest

Using Cascade Sierra Yarn



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When you want to dress a young man up just a little from his usual t-shirt and jeans, try this charming vest over an oxford cloth shirt. This simple no-sew garment knits up quickly and looks like it was crafted by an expert.

**Materials:** 2\*(3, 3, 4) skeins of Cascade Sierra Yarn, Pictured vest is color #22. Size 6 16" circular needle and size 7 24" circular needles **OR NEEDLES REQUIRED TO OBTAIN GAUGE.** Stitch holders.

**Gauge:** 5 stitches to 1 inch in stockinette st with larger needle

**Sizes:** 6 (8, 10, 12) years. Picture is 6-year size. Instructions are for smallest size with changes in parentheses. If only one instruction is given, it applies to all sizes.

## Measurements:

Chest: 28"(30", 32", 34")

Length: 16"(18", 20", 22")

Armhole depth: 7"(7", 8", 8")

**Garter and Offset Rib pattern** (multiple of 6 stitches worked in the round and 6 plus 3 when worked back and forth). Directions are for working in the round only. When working back and forth, follow the pattern as established, 4 rows of garter stitch alternating with 4 rows of ribbing, staggered and lining up.

Rows 1 and 3: P

Rows 2 all even numbered rows: K

Row 5 and 7: \*K3, P3, repeat from \*

Rows 9 and 11: P

Rows 13 and 15: \*P3, K3, repeat from \*

Row 16: K

Repeat Rows 1 through 16 for pattern.

## Directions:

**Lower Body:** With larger needles, cast on 136(148, 160, 168) sts. Join in the round being careful not to twist. Work K2, P2 ribbing for 10(10,12,14)rows. Work set up row: K inc/g 2(2, 2, 0) sts evenly spaced. Work even in Garter and Offset Rib pattern until piece measures 9(11,12,14) inches from cast on edge, Divide sts for front and back: place 1/2 of sts on a holder and continue to work on the remaining half.

**Back:** Being careful to maintain pattern (4 rows of garter st alternating with 4 rows of ribbing carefully staggering and lining ribbing up as established), BO 5(5, 6, 6)sts at beginning of next 2 rows. Dec. 1 st at each side on right side rows 5(5, 6, 6) times. Work decreases 1 st in from edge. After completion of decs, work 2 edge sts on each side in stockinette and continue pattern on rest of sts. Work even until back measures 16(18, 20, 22) inches from cast on edge. Place all sts on holder.

**Front:** Work as back until completion of 2<sup>nd</sup> armhole dec. Divide for neck. Work to 1 st before center, place center st on pin or holder, join 2<sup>nd</sup> strand of yarn and complete row. Working 2 sides together, continue armhole decs to match back and **AT THE SAME TIME** dec 1 st at each side of V-neck, again working decs 1 st in from edge, every other row 6(6, 7, 7) times and every 4<sup>th</sup> row 6(6, 7, 7) times. Work even until front is same length as back.

Place the front and back together rights sides facing each other and join the shoulder sts from front and back using the 3-needle bind off method. Leave the center stitches at the back neck live for later picking up for neck border. Alternatively, the shoulder sts can be bound off the usual way and sewed together.

**Armhole borders:** Using smaller needle, with right side facing, beginning at center of bottom of armhole, pick up and knit 1 st in each of the bound off sts and 1 st in 3 out of every 4 rows up one side and down the other ending with 1 st in each of the other set of bound off sts. The number of sts doesn't matter so long as it is a multiple of 4. Join in the round and work 6(6, 7, 8) rows of K2, P2 ribbing. Bind off reasonably loosely.

**Neck Border:** Using smaller needle, with right side facing, beginning at center st at bottom of V, pick up and knit the center st, 1 st in 3 out of every 4 rows up the right side of neck, the sts from the back neck, 1 st in 3 out of every 4 rows down the left side of neck. Again, the number of sts doesn't matter so long as it is a multiple of 4 **plus 2 NOT** counting the center st. Join in the round and work K2 P2 ribbing, starting with K1 (the center st) P2 and ending P2. Work 6(6, 8, 8) rows of ribbing, dec'g 1 st each side of the center st on every other row. Bind off reasonably loosely.

**Finishing:** No sewing needed just weave in ends.

\*The pictured vest took all but about 6 yards of the second skein. If your yarn store is good about returns, buy a third skein to be safe.