

Par Vest for Him

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INTERMEDIATE



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Originally designed for a book published in 1937, this classic vest has received an update and is ready for the 21st century man. Knit in a washable tweedy yarn, it will be a welcome layer on the golf course or when the weather is cold.

Designed by Jodi Lewanda.

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

Finished Chest: 37 (41, 44, 48, 52)"

Finished Length: 24 (26, 27½, 28½, 29½)"

RED HEART® "Super Tweed™": 2 (3, 3, 4, 4) balls 7404 Smokey.

Knitting Needles: 5mm [US 8] straight needles, and 5mm [US 8] circular needle, 24" long.

Stitch markers, stitch holder or safety pin, yarn needle.

GAUGE: 18 sts = 4¼", 24 rows = 4" in Retro st. **CHECK YOUR GAUGE. Use any size needles to obtain the gauge.**

SPECIAL STITCHES

M1 = Make 1 (Increase) – Lift strand between needles to left-hand needle and knit strand through the back loop, twisting it to prevent a hole.

ssk = slip next two stitches knitwise to right needle, insert point of left needle through front of sts, knit these sts together through back loop.

PATTERN STITCHES

Retro Stitch (multiple of 8 sts + 6)

Row 1 (Right Side): Knit.

Row 2: Purl.



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Row 3: K2, p2, *k6, p2; repeat from * to last 2 sts, k2.

Row 4: P2, k2, *p6, k2; repeat from * to last 2 sts, p2.

Row 5: Knit.

Row 6: Purl.

Row 7: K6, *p2, k6; repeat from * to end of row.

Row 8: P6, *k2, p6; repeat from * to end of row.

Repeat Rows 1–8 for Retro st.

1x1 Rib (multiple of 2 sts + 1)

Row 1 (Right Side): K1, *p1, k1; repeat from * to end of row.

Row 2: P1, *k1, p1; repeat from * to end of row.

Repeat Rows 1 and 2 for 1x1 Rib.

NOTE

Back and front can be worked with straight needles or circular needle, working back and forth in rows, as preferred.

VEST

Back

Cast on 77 (85, 93, 101, 109) sts.

Work in 1x1 Rib until piece measures 2 (2¼, 2½, 2¾, 3)" from beginning, end with a Right Side row.

Last Rib Row (Wrong Side): P1, M1, *k1, p1; repeat from * to end of row—78 (86, 94, 102, 110) sts.

Beginning with Row 1 of pattern, work even in Retro st until piece measures 14½ (16, 17, 17½, 18)" from beginning, end with a WS row.

Shape Armholes

Note: Throughout shaping, adjust Retro pattern as needed, working more or fewer stitches at beginning of rows, so that the small purl sections on Right Side of piece line up vertically.

Bind off 3 (4, 5, 6, 7) sts at beginning of next 2 rows—72 (78, 84, 90, 96) sts.

Next Row: K1, k2tog, work in pattern to last 3 sts, ssk, k1—70 (76, 82, 88, 94) sts.

Next Row: Work in pattern to end of row.

Repeat last 2 rows 4 (5, 6, 7, 8) more times—62 (66, 70, 74, 78) sts.

Work even in pattern until armhole measures 8½ (9, 9½, 10, 10½)" , end with a Wrong Side row.

Shape Neck and Shoulders

Row 1 (Right Side): Work in pattern over first 16 (17, 18, 19, 20) sts for first shoulder, join another ball of yarn and bind off center 30 (32, 34, 36, 38) sts for neck, work in pattern across remaining 16 (17, 18, 19, 20) sts for other shoulder.

Work both shoulders at same time with separate balls of yarn, as follows:

Row 2: Work in pattern across first shoulder; with other ball of yarn, work in pattern across other shoulder.

Row 3: Work in pattern to last 3 sts of first shoulder, k2tog, k1; on other shoulder, k1, ssk, work in pattern to end—15 (16, 17, 18, 19) sts for each shoulder.

Row 4: Work in pattern across first shoulder; on other shoulder, work in pattern to end.

Rows 5 and 6: Bind off 8 (8, 9, 9, 10) sts at beginning of first shoulder; on other shoulder, work in pattern to end—7 (8, 8, 9, 9) sts for each shoulder.

Row 7: Bind off all sts of first shoulder; on other shoulder, work in pattern to end.

Row 8: Bind off all sts of remaining shoulder.

Front

Cast on 77 (85, 93, 101, 109) sts.

Work in 1x1 Rib until piece measures 2 (2¼, 2½, 2¾, 3)" from beginning, end with a Right Side row.

Last Rib Row (Wrong Side): P1, M1, *k1, p1; repeat from * to end of row—78 (86, 94, 102, 110) sts.

Beginning with Row 5 of Retro st, work even in pattern until piece measures 14½ (16, 17, 17½, 18)" from beginning, end with a WS row.

Shape Armholes, V-neck and Shoulders

Note: Throughout shaping, adjust Retro pattern as needed, working more or fewer stitches at beginning of rows, so that the small purl sections on Right Side of piece line up vertically.

Row 1 (Right Side): Bind off 3 (4, 5, 6, 7) sts, work in pattern until there are 35 (38, 41, 44, 47) sts on right-hand needle for first side, slip center 2 sts onto a holder (for center front neck), join another ball of yarn and work in pattern to end of row for other side.

Row 2: Bind off 3 (4, 5, 6, 7) sts work in pattern to end of first side; with other ball of yarn, work in pattern to end of other side—35 (38, 41, 44, 47) sts for each side.

Row 3: K1, k2tog, work in pattern to last 3 sts of first side, ssk, k1; on other side, k1, k2tog, work in pattern to last 3 sts, ssk, k1—33 (36, 39, 42, 45) sts for each side.

Row 4: Work in pattern across first side; on other side, work in pattern to end.

Row 5: K1, k2tog, work in pattern to end of first side; on other side, work in pattern to last 3 sts, ssk, k1—32 (35, 38, 41, 44) sts for each side.

Row 6: Work in pattern across first side; on other side, work in pattern to end.



Rows 7 and 8: Repeat Rows 3 and 4—30 (33, 36, 39, 42) sts for each side.

Repeat last 6 rows (beginning at Row 3) 0 (1, 1, 1, 2) more time(s)—30 (28, 31, 34, 32) sts for each side.

Sizes Small (Large, X-Large) Only

Repeat Rows 3–6 (4, 6)—27 (29, 31) sts for each side.

Work even in pattern across both sides for 0 (2, 0) rows.

Next Row: Work in pattern to last 3 sts of first side, ssk, k1; on other side, k1, k2tog, work in pattern to end—26 (28, 30) sts for each side.

Work even in pattern across both sides for 1 row.

All Sizes

Next Row: Work in pattern to last 3 sts of first side, ssk, k1; on other side, k1, k2tog, work in pattern to end—25 (27, 27, 29, 31) sts for each side.

Work even in pattern across both sides for 3 rows.

Next Row: Work in pattern to last 3 sts of first side, ssk, k1; on other side, k1, k2tog, work in pattern to end—24 (26, 26, 28, 30) sts.

Work even in pattern across both sides for 1 row.

Repeat last 6 rows 4 (5, 4, 5, 5) times—16 (16, 18, 18, 20) sts for each side.

Sizes Small (Large, XX-Large) Only

Next Row: Work in pattern to last 3 sts of first side, ssk, k1; on other side, k1, k2tog, work in pattern to end—15 (17, 19) sts for each side.

All Sizes

Next Row: Work in pattern across first side; on other side, work in pattern to end.

Repeat last row until armhole measures same as back armhole.

Next 2 Rows: Bind off 8 (8, 9, 9, 10) sts at beginning of first shoulder; on other shoulder, work in pattern to end—7 (8, 8, 9, 9) sts for each shoulder.

Next Row: Bind off all sts of first shoulder; on other shoulder, work in pattern to end.

Next Row: Bind off all sts of remaining shoulder.

FINISHING

Sew shoulder seams.

Armhole Edging

With Right Side facing, beginning at underarm, pick up and k95 (95, 101, 107, 113) sts across armhole edge.

Work in 1x1 Rib for 4 rows. Bind off.

V-neck Edging

With Right Side facing and circular needle, beginning at right shoulder seam, pick up and k40 (42, 44, 46, 48) sts across back neck, 43 (45, 47, 49, 51) sts across left front neck edge, place marker, slip 2 sts from stitch holder onto needle, place marker, pick up and k43 (45, 47, 49, 51) sts across right front neck edge, place marker for beginning of round—128 (134, 140, 146, 152) sts.

Work in rounds.

Next Round: K1, *p1, k1; repeat from * to 2 sts before marker, ssk, slip marker, k2, slip marker, k2tog, p1, **k1, p1; repeat from ** to end of round—126 (132, 138, 144, 150) sts.

Next Round: *K1, p1; repeat from * to 2 sts before marker, p2tog, slip marker, k2, slip marker, p2tog, **k1, p1; repeat from ** to end of round—124 (130, 136, 142, 148) sts. Repeat last 2 rows once more—120 (126, 132, 138, 144) sts. Bind off.

Sew side seams and armhole edging seams.

Weave in ends.



RED HEART® “Super Tweed™”, Art. E779, available in tweed 5 oz (141g), 266 yd (243m) skeins.

ABBREVIATIONS: k = knit; k2tog = knit next 2 sts together; p = purl; p2tog = purl next 2 sts together; st(s) = stitch(es); * and ** = repeat whatever follows the * or ** as indicated.



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