

Florence's waistcoat



Sizes: 28-30/32-34/36-38/40

Materials: 300/500g Stylecraft Life double knitting; 3.25mm & 4mm needles.

Tension: stocking stitch, 22 stitches by 30 rows = 4 inches square.

LEFT FRONT

Using 4mm needles, cast on 90-98-106-114 stitches.

- knit 2, (purl 6, knit 2) to end
- (purl 2, knit 6) to last 2 stitches knit 2

Continue for 10 inches ending on a right side row - 68 rows.

Next Row: (knit 2 purl 1, purl 2 together, purl 2 together, purl 1) to last 2 stitches, knit 2 - 68-74-80-86 stitches

- (purl 2, knit 4) to last 2 stitches, knit 2
- knit 2 (purl 4, knit 2) to end

Continue for 5 inches ending on a right side row - 35 rows.

Next Row: knit 2 (purl 2 together, purl 2 together, knit 2) to end - 46-50-54-58 stitches

Continue knitting 2 stitches on the front edge and doing a knit 2, purl 2 rib.

Shape armhole:

- Cast off 6 stitches, pattern to end - 40-44-48-52 stitches
- pattern

Work the next 11-15-21-25 rows as follows:

Decrease 1 stitch at the armhole edge of next and every following alternate row 6-8-11-13 times - 34-35-37-39 stitches.

Continue without shaping until the armhole measures 5¼-6-7-8 inches ending with a right side row.

Shape neck:

Cast off 5-6-7-8- stitches, pattern to end.

Work the next 11 rows as follows:

Decrease 1 stitch at the neck edge of the next and every following row 11 times - 18-18-19-20 stitches.

Continue without shaping until armhole measures 8-9¼-10-11 inches ending with a wrong side row.

Cast off

RIGHT FRONT

Using 4mm needles, cast on 90-98-106-114 stitches.

- knit 2, (knit 6, purl 2) to end
- (knit 2, purl 6) to last 2 stitches knit 2

Continue for 10 inches ending on a right side row - 67 rows

Next Row: (knit 2, purl 1, purl 2 together, purl 2 together, purl 1) to last 2 stitches, knit 2 - 68-74-80-86 stitches

- knit 2 (knit 4, purl 2) to end
- (knit 2 purl 4) to last 2 stitches, knit 2

Continue for 5 inches ending on a wrong side row - 34 rows

Next Row: knit 2 (knit 2 together, knit 2 together, purl 2) to end - 46-50-54-58 stitches

Continue knitting 2 stitches on the front edge and doing a knit 2, purl 2 rib.

Shape armhole:

- Cast off 6 stitches, pattern to end - 40-44-48-52 stitches
- pattern

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Continue without shaping until the armhole measures 5¼-6-7-8 inches ending with a wrong side row.

Shape neck:

Cast off 5-6-7-8- stitches, pattern to end.

Work the next 11 rows as follows:

Decrease 1 stitch at the neck edge of the next and every following row 11 times - 18-18-19-20 stitches.

Continue without shaping until armhole measures 8-9¼-10-11 inches ending with a right side row.

Cast off

BACK

Using 4mm needles, cast on 170-186-210-226 stitches.

- purl 2 (knit 6, purl 2) to end
- knit 2 (purl 6, knit 2) to end

Continue until work measures 10 inches

Next Row: (purl 2, knit 1, knit 2 together, knit 2 together, knit 1) to last 2 stitches purl 2 - 128-140-158-170 stitches

- (knit 2, purl 4) to last 2 stitches, knit 2
- (purl 2, knit 4) to last 2 stitches, purl 2

Repeat the last 2 rows for a further 5 inches.

Next Row: (knit 2, purl 2 together, purl 2 together) to last 2 stitches, knit 2 - *86-94-106-114 stitches*

- (purl 2, knit 2) to last 2 stitches, purl 2
- (knit 2, purl 2) to last 2 stitches, knit 2

The last 2 rows now form the pattern.

Shape armholes:

Cast off 5 stitches at beginning of next 2 rows - *76-84-96-104 stitches*.

Work the next 11-15-21-25 rows as follows:
Decrease 1 stitch at each end of next and every following alternate row 6-8-11-13 times - *64-68-74-78 stitches*.

Continue without shaping until armhole measures 8-9¼-10-11 inches ending with a wrong side row.

Cast off

NECKBAND

Join shoulder seams. With right side facing and using 3.25mm needles pick up and knit 27-28-29-30 stitches evenly along right side of neck, 31-33-35-37 from back of neck and 27-28-29-30 stitches evenly along left side of neck - *85-89-93-97 stitches*.

Knit 6 rows.

Cast off using a 4mm needle.

ARMHOLE BORDERS

With right side facing and using 3.25mm needles, pick up and knit 90-100-110-120 stitches evenly all round the armhole edge.

Knit 8 rows.

Cast off using a 4mm needle.

Make a tie by using 3.25mm needles and cast on 3 stitches - knit for approx 120 rows. Cast off and attach to the front edges.

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