

Cropped Vest

SIZES

Finished bust

S M L XL 2XL

34 38 42 47 49 ins

86.5 96.5 106.5 119.5 124.5 cm

MATERIALS: Bernat Boa (50 g)

Sizes

S M L XL 2XL

4 4 5 6 7 balls

Sizes 5 mm (U.S. 8) and 5½ mm (U.S. 9) knitting needles **or size needed to obtain gauge**. Size 5 mm (U.S. H or 8) crochet hook.

GAUGE: 14 sts and 17 rows = 4 ins [10 cm] in stocking st with larger needles.

INSTRUCTIONS: *The instructions are written for smallest size. If changes are necessary for larger sizes the instructions will be written thus ().*

BACK: With smaller needles, cast on 56 (**63-70-79-83**) sts. Work 7 rows in garter st (knit every row), noting 1st row is WS and inc 6 sts evenly across last row. 62 (**69-76-85-89**) sts.

Change to larger needles and beg with knit row, proceed in stocking st until work from beg measures 9½ ins [23 cm], ending with RS facing for next row.

Armhole shaping: Cast off 5 (**5-5-7-7**) sts beg next 2 rows. 52 (**59-66-71-75**) sts.

Next row: (RS). Knit. **Next row:** K3. Purl to last 3 sts. K3. Rep last 2 rows until armhole measures 8 (**8-8½-9-9½**) ins [20.5 (**20.5-21.5-23-24**) cm], ending with RS facing for next row. Cast off. Place markers 15 (**17-18-21-23**) sts in from both sides of Back for shoulders.

LEFT FRONT: With smaller needles, cast on 28 (**32-35-40-42**) sts. Work 7 rows in garter st, noting 1st row is WS and inc 3 sts evenly across last row. 31 (**35-38-43-45**) sts.

Change to larger needles and proceed as follows: **Next row:** (RS). Knit. **Next row:** K3. Purl to end of row. Rep last 2 rows until work from beg measures 9½ ins [23 cm], ending with RS facing for next row.

Armhole and v-neck shaping: Cast off

3 sts. Knit to last 5 sts. K2tog. K3. 25 (**29-32-35-37**) sts. **Next row:** K3. Purl to last 3 sts. K3. **Next row:** Knit to last 5 sts. K2tog. K3. Rep last 2 rows to 15 (**17-18-21-23**) sts.

Cont even in stocking st, having 3 garter sts at Neck and armhole edges, until armhole measures same length as Back, ending with RS facing for next row. Cast off.

RIGHT FRONT: Work as given for Left front, reversing shaping for armholes and v-neck.

Finishing: Sew shoulders and side seams.

Ties: (make 2). With crochet hook, chain 12. Fasten off. Sew ties to beg of V-neck shaping.