



## **CHILD'S VEST**

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1. This was designed for the least amount of finishing -- only the shoulders and armhole band (1 inch wide).
2. It is suitable for decorating for any holiday, theme, or personalizing with just a name, etc.
3. Back and front are worked at the same time until underarm.

### **Materials:**

1 - 4 oz ball for size 2, and 2 for 4, 6, & 8 (Worsted weight yarn)

Circular needles (unless you wish to have a side seam, then use 1/2 amt stitches and straight needles.)

<b>Size</b>	<b># of stitches</b>	<b>Needle Size</b>	<b>Length to Underarm</b>
2	80	9	7
4	80	10	8
6	84	10 ½	9
8	84	11	10

Cast on the required number of stitches for your size, and rib for 1 inch. Change to st st and work until piece measures the required number of inches from the beginning (as per above chart).

**Front:** Divide work in half, and place one half on a holder. Cast on 4 stitches at the beginning of the row, knit across 40 (42) sts. Turn and cast on 4 stitches at the beginning of the row and purl across until the last 4 sts. Knit these 4 (always keep 4 stitches on each side in garter stitch). At the same time, work the center 8 stitches in garter stitch for 4 rows, and then divide for V neck.

Using a separate ball of yarn for each front, work in stockinette stitch (except the first 4 stitches of the neck edge, and the 4 stitches for the arm band in garter stitch).

On the **right front** only, knit across 4 stitches of neck edge, SKP, finish knitting the row. Decrease in this manner only on the public (or knit) side of the sweater. Continue decreasing in this manner until 12 stitches remain in all. Place on holder.

**Left front:** Attach yarn at armhole edge, and knit across until 2 stitches before the 4 garter stitches of neck edge, and knit 2 tog, then finish row. Decrease in this manner on right (or public) side only until 12 stitches remain in all. Place on holder.

**Working on Back only,** on the right side, attach yarn and cast on 4 stitches at the beginning for arm band. Knit across next 40 (42) stitches and turn. Cast on 4 stitches again, and purl back across row, keeping the 4 stitches at each end in garter stitch (knit every row.) When armhole measures 5 inches (sizes 2 & 4), or 6 inches (sizes 6 & 8), or one inch less than the fronts

measure from the armhole, work 1 inch of garter stitch and place on holder.

Bind off 12 front and back shoulder stitches together, and bind off center back stitches that remain. Bind off other shoulder (back and front together). The only sewing is the 1-inch bottom of armhole bands, and then weave in your ends. It might need light blocking (place wet towel on sweater overnight). Duplicate stitch any design you wish.

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