



## ***Mohair Magic Vest***

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***Little or no finishing required --thus it is almost Magic!! Also easy to size bigger or smaller as you wish.***

Gauge: 3.5 sts = 1 inch

4 balls mohair (110 yds each)

Size 42 (directions for size 44 are in parentheses)

Size 9 circular needle for ribbing

Size 10 1/2 or 11 circular needle for body (according to your gauge and the weight of the mohair)

PM = place marker

Cast on 150 and rib k1, p2 for 10 rows (or as many of inches in the rib as you wish). Change to size 10 1/2 or 11 needles according to your gauge, and either decrease to 146 or increase to (154) sts.

Placing a **special marker** at the beginning of the round, purl 73 (77) sts for the back.

Place another marker and purl 28 (30) sts, PM, knit 8, p1, k8 for cable panel, PM, purl 28 (30) to end of round.

On Round 3, twist the cables (center front) in this manner: place 4 sts on a cable needle in the back of your work, knit the next 4 sts, then knit the 4 sts from the holder. Purl 1 st, then place the next 4 sts on a cable needle to the front of your work, k the next 4 sts, then the 4 sts from the holder.

Counting your rows - perform the cable twist every 6th row until your piece measures 11 inches measured from above your ribbing (or until desired length.) End with a 6th row performing the cables on the front.

**BACK:** begin at the **special marker** and knit 8 sts, then purl 57 (61) sts, and knit 8 sts for the back. (Place the rest of the stitches on a holder for the front) **Count this as Row 2.** On the 6th row, perform the cable twist: slip the first 4 stitches to a cable needle and hold in front of your work, knit the next 4 sts, then knit 4 sts from the cable needle. Purl across until the last 8 sts - slip the first 4 stitches to a cable needle and hold in back of your work, knit the next 4 sts, then knit 4 sts from the cable needle. Work these cables every 6th row until entire back is 10 (11) inches from beginning of armhole.

**LEFT FRONT:** With right side facing you, attach yam and knit the first 8 stitches, purl 20 (22) and knit the last 8 sts. (Place the remaining sts on a holder for Right Front.) **Count this row as Row 2.** On Row 6 perform the cable twist: slip the 1st 4 stitches to a cable needle and hold in front of your work, knit the

next 4 sts, then knit 4 sts from the cable needle. Purl across until the last 8 sts - slip the first 4 stitches to a cable needle and hold in back of your work, knit the next 4 sts, then knit 4 sts from the cable needle. Work these cables every 6th row until entire front is 10 (11) inches from beginning of armhole. Work decreases as follows:

*Note:* Each time you reach the 6th row (which is on the right side), decrease 1 st on that row. On the first decrease, your numbers should be as follows: Cable the first 8 sts, purl 18 (20), purl next 2 sts together, and end with cabling the last 8 sts. Do this decrease 7 times in all, bringing your shoulder stitches to: knit 8, purl 13 (15) and knit 8. A total of 29 (31) sts.

Place the 8 neck cable stitches on a holder, and work the 3 needle bind off with the rest of the shoulder stitches with the back.

Now go to the **Right Front** stitches waiting for you. Attach yarn in the center, with the right side facing you. To get rid of the center purl stitch, decrease it by knitting the first 2 sts together. With right side facing you, attach yarn and knit the first 8 stitches, purl 20 (22) and knit the last 8 sts. **Count this row as Row 2.** On Row 6 perform the cable twist: slip the first 4 stitches to a cable needle and hold in front of your work, knit the next 4 sts, then knit 4 sts from the cable needle. Purl across until the last 8 sts - slip the first 4 stitches to a cable needle and hold in back of your work, knit the next 4 sts, then knit 4 sts from the cable needle. Work these cables every 6th row until entire front is 10 (11) inches from beginning of armhole. Work decreases as follows:

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Place the 8 neck cable stitches on a holder, and work the 3-needle bind off with the rest of the shoulder stitches with the back. Bind off the rest of the stitches on back neck.

Now continue just the cables that will wind around your neck. Do this with the right and left neck cables. Stretch them a little, and seam or Kitchener them together at center back of neck. Tack down the edges of the cables with the back neck, easing it in. Voilà, you are finished and can put it on!!

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