

## Baby's Holiday Vest and Socks

## WR1960



INTERMEDIATE
Designed by Heather Lodinsky
Vest Sizes: $6(12,18,24)$ months
Finished Chest: 20 (22, 24½, 27)"
Length: 10 (11, 12, 13)"

Sock Sizes: S (M, L)
Finished Foot Length: $3 ½(4,41 / 2)$ "

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Knitting Needles: Vest - 3.25mm [US 3] straight and 16" circular and 3.5 mm [US 4] straight. Socks -3.25 mm [US 3] and 3.5mm [US 4] double pointed needles. Stitch holders, stitch markers, yarn needle.

GAUGE: 28 sts and 36 rows $=4$ " in St st on size US 4 ( 3.5 mm ) needle. CHECK YOUR GAUGE. Use any size needle to obtain the gauge given.

Special Abbreviation:
SSK (slip, slip, knit) = Slip next 2sts knitwise, one at a time, onto right needle; insert point of left needle into fronts of these 2 stitches and knit them together from this position.

## VEST <br> Back

With smaller needles, cast on $70(78,86,94)$ sts.
Next row (WS): (P2, k2) across row, ending with p2.
Next row: (K2, p2) across row, ending with k2. Repeat last 2 rows for $3 / 4(3 / 4,1,1)$ ", ending with a WS row. Change to larger needles and work in St st until back measures $5(51 / 2,6,61 / 2)$ ", ending with a WS row.

Shape Armhole: Bind off 6 sts at beginning of next 2 rows, 3 sts at beginning of next 2 rows, 2 sts at beginning of next 2 rows and 1 st at beginning of next 4 rows [44 (52, $60,68)$ sts]. Work even in St st until armhole measures $4112(5,51 / 2,6)$ ", ending with a WS row.

Shape Back Neck: K13 $(15,17,19)$ sts, slip center 18 $(22,26,30)$ sts on holder, attach another ball of yarn and knit remaining $13(15,17,19)$ sts. Working both sides at the same time, dec 1 st at each neck edge every row 3 times [10 (12, 14, 16) sts]. Work even until armhole measures $5(51 / 2,6,61 / 2)$ ". Bind off.

## Front

With smaller needles, cast on $70(78,86,94)$ sts. Work same as for Back until 2 rows before armhole shaping.

Neck Shaping (RS): K34 (38, 42, 46), slip next 2 sts onto a holder or safety pin. Join second ball of yarn and knit remaining $34(38,42,46)$ sts. Working both sides at the same time, shape as Back for armholes AND AT THE SAME TIME dec 1 st at each neck edge every 3rd row 11 $(13,15,17)$ times $[10(12,14,16)$ sts]. Work even until piece measures same as Back to shoulders. Bind off.
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## Finishing

Sew shoulders seams.
Knit armhole bands: With smaller needles and RS facing, pick up $74(82,90,98)$ sts. Work p2, k2 rib as for bottom of vest for $3 / 4$ ". Bind off in rib.

Neckband: With smaller circular needle and RS facing, starting at right shoulder seam, pick up 4 sts down right back neck, knit across $18(22,26,30)$ sts on holder, pick up 4 sts up left back neck, $38(42,46,50)$ sts down left front neck, k 2 sts at bottom of front neck, placing a marker between the two sts, then pick up $38(42,46,50)$ sts up right front neck edge [104 (116, 128, 140) sts]. Place different color marker on needle to note beginning of round. Working in the round, work k2, p2 rib around entire neck.
Next round: Work in rib to 2 sts before marker at bottom of neck, k2tog, slip marker, ssk, work in rib to end of round. Next round: Work in rib. Repeat the last 2 rounds until neck band measures $3 / 4$ ". Bind off in rib. Sew side seams. Weave in ends.

## SOCKS

With smaller double-pointed needles, cast on $32(36,40)$ sts loosely. Divide sts onto 3 needles. Place marker at beginning of round and join, being careful not to twist. Work in k2, p2 rib for $21 / 2(3,31 / 2)$ ", changing to larger needles on last row.

Heel flap: On next needle, slip sts so that there are 16 $(18,20)$ sts on first needle and rest of stitches divided between 2nd and 3rd needles for instep. Working only on the needle with $16(18,20)$ sts, work heel flap as follows:
Row 1 (RS): (Slip 1, k1) to end.
Row 2 (WS): Slip 1, purl to end.
Repeat last 2 rows for a total of $16(18,20)$ rows, ending with Row 2.

## Turn heel

Row 1 (RS): Slip 1, k8 (10, 10), ssk, k1, turn.
Row 2 (WS): Slip 1, p3 (5, 3), p2tog, p1, turn.
Row 3: Slip 1, k4 (6, 4), ssk, k1, turn.
Row 4: Slip 1, p5 (7, 5), p2tog, p1, turn.
Continue in this manner until all the sts on the ends of the needle have been worked $[10(12,12)]$ sts. End with a WS row.

Pick up sts for gusset: Knit $5(6,6)$ sts of heel. Using free needle, knit across remaining $5(6,6)$ sts of heel and with same needle, pick up $9(9,11)$ sts along edge of heel flap (needle 1). Slip $16(18,20)$ instep sts onto 1 needle
and knit across (needle 2). With free needle, pick up 9 (9, 11) along edge of heel flap and knit next $5(6,6)$ sts of heel (needle 3). Starting at center of heel, there are $14(15,17)$ sts on needle $1,16(18,20)$ sts on needle 2 , and $14(15$, 17) sts on needle 3.

## Gusset <br> Round 1: Knit.

Next round: Knit to last 3 sts of needle 1, k2tog, k1; k16 $(18,20)$ sts of needle 2, k1, ssk, knit to end of needle 3. Repeat the last 2 rounds until there are $8(9,10)$ sts on needles 1 and 3 , and $16(18,20)$ sts on needle 2 [32 $(36$, $40)$ sts]. Work even until foot measures $3(31 / 2,4)$ " or $1 / 2^{\prime \prime}$ less than desired total length.

## Toe

Next round: (K2, k2tog) around [24 $(27,30)$ sts]. Knit 1 round.
Next round: (K1, k2tog) around [16 $(18,20)$ sts]. Knit 1 round.
Next round: K2tog around $[8(9,10)$ sts]. Cut yarn and thread tail through remaining sts and pull. Fasten off. Weave in ends.

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ABBREVIATIONS: $\mathbf{k}=$ Knit; K2tog $=$ Knit next 2 sts together; mm = millimeters; $\mathbf{p}=$ Purl; P2tog = purl next 2 sts together; RS = Right side; St = Stockinette stitch; st(s) = stitch(es); tog = together; WS = Wrong side; [ ] = work directions in brackets the number of times specified; * or ** = repeat whatever follows the * or ** as indicated.
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