

# Men's sleeveless V-neck

## MEASUREMENTS

To fit chest 92(97:102:107:112)cm;  
Actual measurements: Chest  
98(105:112:120:127)cm; Length  
61(63:65:67:69)cm

## MATERIALS

6(7:8:9:10) 50g hanks of Rowan Summer Tweed.

Pair each 4.50mm and 5mm knitting needles.

Contact Rowan on 01484 681881 for stockist details.

## TENSION

16 sts and 23 rows to 10cm square measured over st-st using 5mm needles.

## ABBREVIATIONS

**alt** alternate; **beg** beginning; **cm** centimetres; **cont** continue; **dec** decrease; **k** knit; **p** purl; **patt** pattern; **rem** remaining; **rep** repeat; **RS** right side; **st(s)** stitch(es); **st-st** stocking stitch; **tbl** through back loop; **tog** together.

## BACK

Using 4.50mm needles, cast on 80(86:92:98:104) sts and work in rib as follows: **Row 1** (RS) [P2, k1] to last 2 sts, p2. **Row 2** [K2, p1] to last 2 sts, p2. Rep last 2 rows until work measures 6(6:7:7:8)cm, ending with RS facing for next row. Change to 5mm needles and work in patt as follows: **Row 1** (RS) [P2, k1] 3 times, p2, k to last 11 sts, [p2, k1] 3 times, p2. **Row 2** [K2, p1] 3 times, k2, p to last 11 sts, [k2, p1] 3 times, k2. These 2 rows **form** the st-st with ribbed edges and are repeated. Cont in patt until back measures 40(41:42:43:44)cm from cast on edge, ending with RS facing for next row.

## Shape armholes

Cast off 5 sts in rib at beg of next 2 rows, keeping rem rib sts as set. 70(76:82:88:94) sts. **Next row** (dec) [K1, p2] twice, k2tog, k to last 8 sts, k2tog tbl, [p2, k1] twice. Rep last 2 rows 4 more times.

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[p2, k1] twice. **Next row** [P1, k2] twice, p to last 6 sts, [k2, p1] twice. Rep last 2 rows 4 more times. 60(66:72:78:84) sts. Keeping rib edges as set, work straight until armhole measures 21(22:23:24:25)cm, ending with RS facing for next row. **Shape shoulders and back neck** Cast off 4(5:6:6:6) sts at beg of next 4 rows. 44(46:48:54:60) sts. **Next row** Cast off 4(4:5:6:7) sts, k until there are 8 sts on right hand needle, turn and complete this side first. Cast off 3 sts at beg (neck edge) of next row. Cast off rem 5 sts. With RS facing, rejoin yarn to rem sts, cast off centre 20(22:24:26:28) sts and work to end of row. Work to match first side, reversing shaping.

## FRONT

Work as Back until work measures 27(30:33:34:35)cm from cast on edge, ending with RS facing for next row. **Next row** Rib 11 sts, k26(29:32:35:38) sts, p2, k2, p2, k to last 11 sts, rib to end. **Next row** Rib 11 sts, p26(29:32:35:38) sts, k2, p2, k2, p to last 11 sts, rib to end. Rep last 2 rows until work measures 32(35:38:39:40)cm from cast on edge, ending with RS facing for next row. **Next row** Rib 11 sts, k23(26:29:32:35) sts, p2, k1, p2, k2, p2, k1, p2, k to last 11 sts, rib to end. **Next row** Rib 11 sts, p23(26:29:32:37) sts, k2, p1, k2, p2, k2, p1, k2, p to last 11 sts, rib to end. Rep the last 2 rows until work measures 40(41:42:43:44)cm from cast on edge, ending with RS facing for next row.

## Shape armholes

Cast off 5 sts in rib at beg of next 2 rows, keeping rem rib sts as set. 70(76:82:88:94) sts. **Next row** (dec) [K1, p2] twice, k2tog, work as set to last 8 sts, k2tog tbl, [p2, k1] twice. **Next row** [P1, k2] twice, work as set to last 6 sts, [k2, p1] twice. Rep last 2 rows 4 more times.

60(66:72:78:84) sts. Keeping rib centre panel and edges as set, work straight until front measures 45(46:47:48:49)cm from cast on edge, ending with a WS row.

## Divide for neck

**Next row** Patt 30(33:36:39:42) sts, keeping ribbed armhole and neck edges correct, turn and leave rem sts on a holder and complete each side of neck separately.

**Next row** Patt across sts as set.

## Shape neck

**Next row** (RS) Patt to last 8 sts, k2tog tbl, [p2, k1] twice. Cont to dec 1 st at neck edge, 6 sts in from edge, on every foll 4th(4th:4th:4th:3rd) row until 23(25:28:29:30) sts rem. Work straight until armhole matches Back to start of shoulder shaping, ending with RS facing for next row.

## Shape shoulder

Cast off 4(5:6:6:6) sts at beg of next row and foll alt row. Work 1 row. **Next row** Cast off 4(4:5:6:7) sts, work to last 6 rib sts, turn, leaving rib stitches on holder. Work 1 row. Cast off rem 5 sts. With RS facing, rejoin yarn to rem sts and work across sts as set and complete to match first side reversing shaping.

## Back neckband

Join both shoulder seams. Using 4.50mm needles, slip 6 sts from right shoulder holder back onto needle, rejoin yarn and cont in rib as set until band fits across back neck, slightly stretching to reach sts on left shoulder holder. Graft 2 sets of sts together. Sew band to back neck edge.

## TO MAKE UP

Weave in yarn ends. Lay work out flat and gently steam. Join side seams.

Taken from Men's Knits by Erika Knight, £14.99

