

What you will need:
RED HEART® Lisa: $2(3,4,4)$ balls Berry 5690 or Petrol 8195

Knitting Needles: 4mm [US 6] and 4.5 mm [US 7]

Yarn needle, opening stitch markers, four $23 \mathrm{~mm}\left[7 / 8^{\prime \prime}\right]$ buttons

TENSION/GAUGE: $21 \mathrm{sts}=10 \mathrm{~cm}$ [ $\left.41 / 2^{\prime \prime}\right] ; 30$ rows $=10 \mathrm{~cm}$ [4"] in St st using larger needles. CHECK YOUR TENSION/GAUGE. Use any size needles to obtain the gauge.

RED HEART• Lisa, Art. 9809619 available in 50 g (1.75 0z), 133 m (145 yd) balls


## Back To School Vest

Send them off to school in style in this cozy sweater vest. So easy to make, you can knit up a rainbow for each child!

Directions are for size 92-98 (2-3 years); changes for sizes 104-110 (4-5 years), 116122 (6-7 years) and 128-124 (8-9 years) are in parentheses.

Chest, buttoned: $57(61,65,69) \mathrm{cm}[221 ⁄ 2(24$, $251 / 2,271 / 4$ )"]
Length: $36(38,40,42) \mathrm{cm}[141 / 4(15,153 / 4$, $\left.\left.16^{1 / 2}\right)^{\prime \prime}\right]$

## Special Abbreviations

Skp (slip, knit, pass): Slip 1 knitwise, k1, pass slipped st over knit st.

## VEST

## Back

With smaller needles cast on $60(64,68,72)$ sts. Work in K1/P1 rib for 3 cm [11/4"]. Change to larger needles and work in St st until piece measures $24(26,28,30) \mathrm{cm}[91 / 2(101 / 4,11$, $113 / 4$ )"] from beginning, ending with a wrong side row.
Shape armhole (right side): K1, skp, knit to last 3 sts, k2tog, k1—58 $(62,66,70)$ sts. Continue to dec 1 st each side every other row 5 more times-48 $(52,56,60)$ sts. Work even until armholes measure $11.5 \mathrm{~cm}\left[41 / 2^{\prime \prime}\right]$, ending with a wrong side row.
Shape neck (right side): $\operatorname{K10}(12,14,16)$, join second ball of yarn and cast off next 28 sts, knit to end-10 $(12,14,16)$ sts each side. Working both sides at once, work even until armholes measure $12 \mathrm{~cm}\left[43 / 4^{"}\right]$. Cast off remaining sts.

## Left Front

With smaller needles, cast on $28(30,32,34)$ sts. Work in K1/P1 rib for 3 cm [11/4"]. Change to larger needles and work in St st until piece measures $24(26,28,30) \mathrm{cm}[91 / 2(101 / 4,11$, $113 / 4$ )"] from beginning, ending with a wrong side row.

Shape armhole and front neck (right side): K1, skp, knit to last 3 sts, k2tog, k1-26 (28, 30, 32). Continue to dec 1 st at side edge every other row 5 more times AND AT THE SAME TIME, dec 1 st at neck edge every other row 6 more times, then every 4th row 4 times-10 ( $12,14,16$ sts. Work even until armhole measures $12 \mathrm{~cm}\left[43 / 4^{\prime \prime}\right]$. Cast off remaining sts.

## Right Front

With smaller needles, cast on $28(30,32,34)$ sts. Work in K1/P1 rib for 3 cm [11/4"]. Change to larger needles and work in St st until piece measures $24(26,28,30) \mathrm{cm}[91 / 2(101 / 4,11$, $113 / 4$ )"] from beginning, ending with a wrong side row.
Shape front neck and armhole (right side): K1, skp, knit to last 3 sts, k2tog, k1-26 (28, 30, 32). Continue to dec 1 st at side edge every other row 5 more times AND AT THE SAME TIME, dec 1 st at neck edge every other row 6 more times, then every 4th row 4 times- 10 (12, 14, 16 sts. Work even until armhole measures $12 \mathrm{~cm}\left[43 / 4^{" 1}\right.$. Cast off remaining sts.

## FINISHING

Block pieces. Sew shoulder seams. On the right front (for girls) or the left front (for boys), place markers for four buttonholes, with the first marker $1.5 \mathrm{~cm}\left[1 / 22^{\prime \prime}\right]$ below beginning of neck shaping, the last marker 2.5 cm [1"] above lower edge, and the remaining 2 buttons evenly spaced between.

Front bands: Working from lower right front edge with right side facing and smaller needles, pick up and knit 3 sts from every 4 rows along front edges and 1 st from every st across back neck. Work 1 row in K1/P1 rib.

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Next row (right side): (Work in established rib to purl st closest to marker, yo, k2tog) 4 times, work in established rib to end of row. Work 3 more rows in established rib. Cast off.

## Sew side seams

Armhole bands: With right side facing and smaller needles, pick up and knit 58 sts around armhole edge. Work in K1/P1 rib for 2 cm [3/4"]. Cast off. Repeat for other armhole.

Abbreviations: dec = decrease; $\mathbf{k}=$ knit;
k2tog = knit next 2 sts together; $\mathbf{m m}=$ millimeters, $\mathbf{p}=$ purl; st(s) = stitch(es); St st = Stockinette stitch; * or ** = repeat whatever follows the * or ** as indicated.

$28.5(30.5,32,34) \mathrm{cm}$ $11 \frac{1}{4}(12,123 / 4,131 / 2)^{\prime \prime}$
 Please Note: Print this pattern using Landscape Orientation.
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