

Garter Stitch Vest Pattern written by Betty Jayne Volpe

Materials: Worsted weight yarns – about 245yds

Needles to match yarn weight and one size smaller 7(8,9) US for Worsted (sportweight doubled, and DK weight doubled) Since kids come in all sizes, gauge is not very important for this vest.

Notes: This vest can be made using any weight yarn and appropriated needles for lots of sizes of kids. It is a quick-knit and requires minimal finish work. Leave long tails when starting each piece; use the tails to sew the side seams. When knitting garter stitch rows at bottom of neckline, knit these sts tightly (garter stitch spreads more than stockinette). To make nice edgings at armholes and neck edges, slip first stitch as if to purl and purl last stitch each row. Leave tails at shoulders on fronts to use for 3 needle bindoff, eliminating more tails to weave in after knitting.

Yarn info –

Worsted weight: 5 oz – results in a chest size of about 23” (18 months)

Sport weight doubled: 6 oz – results in a chest size of about 24” (size 2)

DK weight doubled: 8oz – results in a chest size of about 28” (size3)

Directions:

BACK

Knit first and last stitch of each row for body of vest. With smaller needles cast on 52 sts. Knit 6 rows. Switch to larger needles. Work 41 rows in stockinette stitch(st st).

Wrong Side(WS): Keeping 9sts each edge in garter st work 5 rows, then begin

ARM HOLE SHAPING

Right Side(RS): Bind off(BO) first 5 sts, work to end

WS: BO first 5 sts. Keeping 4 edge sts, each side in garter st, continuing with st st in center work a total of 33 rows from armhole BO row. End with RS row.

*WS: Work 4 edge sts in garter st, work next 4 sts in st st, work garter st to last 8 sts, work 4 sts in st st and 4 sts in garter st. Work 5 more rows the same.

WS: Keeping pattern as established, work 12 sts, bind off center sts to last 12 sts. Work to end of row. Keeping the 4 edge sts at armhole and neck edge in garter st and 4 sts in the middle in st st, work until armhole has 44 rows. Put shoulder stitches on holder. Break yarn. Attach ball at neck side (WS facing) and continue to work right shoulder to match left.**

FRONT

With smaller needles, CO 52 sts. Knit 6 rows. Switch to larger needles and work 41 rows st st.

Work as for BACK until armhole has 21 rows. Work from * to ** as for BACK.

FINISHING

Wrong sides together, attach shoulders using 3 needle bindoff from right to left, front facing, using tails. Sew side seams using tail.