Diagonal Knitted Vest
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LEFT FRONT
Reverse for RIGHT FRONT

Work the whole vest in the knit stitch.

Before starting to increase/decrease the stitches, just work the stitch at the corner/curve (dot) starting the increase/decrease with the next row. This makes for a better transition.

Decrease from 58 stitches to 38 stitches.

1. Cast on 3 stitches, at dot/corner.
2. Increase stitches at the end of each row by knitting two in one stitch in the second stitch from the end of the row. Knit last stitch. Begin next row by slipping the first stitch as if to purl.
3. Continue until there are 58 diagonal stitches or the piece measures 10” along both straight sides.
4. Start decreases
5. Start decrease
6. @ 38 stitches do not decrease or increase at the armhole.
7. Start increase @ 36 stitches
8. Knit 18 stitches, place on holder for shoulder. Start decrease with slip 1 st, k1, ssk at dot then decrease to finish bottom of neckline.
9. Knit the stitches on holder increasing and decreasing until armhole measures 5” from dot.

Direction of diagonal stitch

Decrease ONE stitch at the end of each row by knitting the last two stitches together. Begin next row by slipping the first stitch as if to purl.

Neck is more squared off than the armhole.

Reverse for RIGHT FRONT

Diagonal Knit Vest #10 needle for DK sports yarn--12wpi

Begin each row by slipping the first stitch as if to purl to make the exposed edges look more uniform. All increases and decreases are done in the same way.
Sew center edges together with ladder stitch, make all the seams so the seam allowances are facing out. Sew the side seams in the same way.

SIZING THIS VEST

The finished vest measures 42” at the bottom edge, the knitted seam added about 1/2” to the width of the front. Adjust the measurements and the number of stitches used and included in the drawings for your own measurements.

As stated I am not a knitting instructor, I do not guarantee how your vest will turn out using my instructions. I have done my best to indicate what I did step by step. Any suggestions to improve the pattern would be appreciated.
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2. Increase stitches at the end of each row by knitting two in one stitch in the second stitch from the end of the row. Knit last stitch. Begin next row by slipping the first stitch as if to purl.
3. Continue until there are 58 diagonal stitches or the piece measures 9½" along both side and bottom.
4. @ 58 stitches start decrease by joining both sides at the center seam.
5. Start decrease
6. @ 38 stitches do not decrease or increase at the armhole.
7. Start increase @ 36 stitches
8. When the center seam measures 13” or above the bottom of the armhole Bind off 18 stitches from the center, for both sides. Place 18 stitches from one side on a holder for shoulder.
9. Knit the stitches on the other side inc. and dec. until armhole measures 5” from dot.
10. Start dec. on both edges, top and neck side until two stitches are left, pull yarn through to end.

Repeat for stitches on holder.

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Decrease from 58 stitches to 38 stitches.

Work the whole vest in the knit stitch.

LEFT BACK
Reverse for RIGHT BACK

Direction of diagonal stitch.
JOINING CENTER SEAM

1. Using a 24” circular needle. Start two triangles with 3 stitches increasing each one ALTERNATELY until there are 58 stitches for each triangle, on the needle. Make sure that the triangles face each other.

2. Each side is knit ALTERNATELY. This is important!! DO NOT set it aside at the end of a row or put it down unless you have started the other side, maybe just a few stitches, just so you know were you left off. Or mark it with a clip, anything just to be aware of which side you must knit next. You do not want to knit one side twice as this throws off the way the center seam comes together.

3. Knit one side to the center. For the first row, knit the last stitch of one side and the first stitch of the other side together.

4. TURN the work. Slip the stitch knitted in #3 as if to purl and then knit back to the beginning.

5. Go to the other side. Knit to the center. Slip the last stitch, knit the first stitch of the other side, pass the slipped stitch over the knit stitch. (PSSO)

6. TURN the work. Slip that stitch as if to purl and then knit back to the beginning.

7. Go to the other side. Knit to the center. Slip the last stitch, knit the first stitch of the other side, pass the slipped stitch over the knit stitch. (PSSO)

8. Repeat #4-7 until sides measure 12”. Follow the illustration on page 4 to finish the armholes and shoulder.

9. Do not increase or decrease at this corner. At the end of the next row KNIT 2 TOG. to decrease for the armhole. Repeat on the other side, keep repeating #4-7 in the center.

10. When finished use a short piece of yarn in a yarn needle to bring the stitches together at the bottom of the neckline “V”.