

Classic Waistcoat and Slipover

in sizes 22 to 40



This pattern is plain and simple and gives you the basic instructions. You can use any stitch you prefer and any colour combinations or designs to make it more interesting and to use up your stash.

Measurements to fit chest/bust

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| 22 | 24 | 26 | 28 | 30 | 32 | 34 | 36 | 38 | 40 | in |
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Actual Size

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| 23½ | 26 | 28 | 30 | 32½ | 34 | 36 | 38 | 40 | 42½ | in |
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Finished length

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| 12 ½ | 14 | 16 | 18 | 19 ½ | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | in |
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Slipover

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| 2 | 3 | 3 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 5 | 5 | 6 | 6 | 50g balls |
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Buttons

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| 4 | 4 | 5 | 5 | 6 | 6 | 7 | 7 | 8 | 8 |
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Needles

3 ¼ (10) and 4mm (8)

Slipover Back

** With 3 ¼ (10) needles cast on 65 (71, 77, 83, 89, 95, 101, 107, 113, 119) sts.

Rib for 1½ (1½, 2, 2, 2, 2½, 2½, 3, 3, 3) ins.

Change to 4mm (8) needles and work in stocking stitch until Back measures 8 (8½, 10, 11½, 12, 12, 13, 14, 14, 14) ins, or adjust to suit.

Shape Armhole

Cast off 3 sts at beg of next two rows, **

Dec 1 st at each end of next and foll 4 (5, 6, 6, 4, 6, 10, 12, 13, 14) alt rows.

(49 (53, 57, 63, 73, 75, 73, 75, 79, 83) sts)

30 and 32 sizes only

Work 3 rows.

Dec 1 st at each end of next row.

Repeat these 4 rows once more 69, 71 sts.

All sizes.

Work straight until armhole measures 5 (5, 5½, 6, 7, 8½, 9, 10, 10½) ins.

Shape Shoulders.

Cast off 12 (14, 15, 17, 19, 19, 19, 19, 21, 22) sts at beg of next two rows. Leave rem sts on a spare needle.

Slipover Front

Work as back to **

34, 36, 38, 40 sizes only

Dec 1 st at each end of next row.

Purl 1 row.

Shape neck

K2tog, k24 (27, 30, 33, 36, 39, 41, 44, 47, 50) K2tog, turn and leave remaining sts on a spare needle.

Work 1 row.

Dec 1 st at each end of next and every following alt row until 20 (21, 22, 25, 34, 33, 33, 36, 39, 42) sts rem.

24, 26, 28 sizes only.

Work 1 row. Dec 1 st at neck edge on next and foll (2, 1, 1) alt rows. (18, 20, 23) sts.

30 and 32 sizes only.

Work 1 row. Dec 1 st at armhole edge on next and every foll 4th row, **at the same time** dec 1 st at neck edge on next and every alt row until (26, 28) sts rem.

32 size only

Work 3 rows. Dec 1st at each end of next row. (26sts)

34, 36, 38, 40 sizes only.

Work 1 row. Dec 1 st at armhole edge on next and every alt row, **at the same time** dec 1 st at neck edge on next and every foll 4th row to (28, 28, 31, 31) sts.

38 size only.

Work 1 row. Dec 1 st at armhole edge only on next row (30) sts.

All sizes.

Work 1 (3, 3, 3, 3, 3, 3, 1, 3) rows. With RS facing dec 1 st at neck edge only on next and every foll alt 4th row until 12 (14, 15, 17, 19, 19, 19, 21, 22) sts rem.

Work straight until Front matches Back to start of shoulder shaping, ending with RS facing. Cast off.

With RS facing slip centre stitch on a pin. Rejoin yarn to remaining sts, k2tog, k to last 2 sts k2tog. Work to match first side, reversing shaping, working an extra row before shoulder shaping. Cast off.

Make Up

Join right shoulder seam.

Neck Border

With RS facing and 3 ¼ mm needles pick up 32 (38,42,44,50,60,60,64,70,76) sts down left side of neck, k st from pin,(mark this stitch) k 32 (38, 42, 44, 50, 60, 60, 64, 70, 76) sts up right side of neck, then all sts from back neck, increasing one st at centre of neck. 91 (103, 113, 119, 133, 155, 157, 167, 179, 193) sts.

Rib row 1: (WS) * p1,K1, rep from * to 2 sts before marked st, P2tog, P1, P2togtbl. ** k1, p1, rep from ** to end.

Rib row 2: K1, *P1,K1: rep from * to 2 sts before marked st, P2tog, K1, P2togtbl, K1, ** P1,K1, rep from ** to end.

Repeat these two rows 1 (1, 1, 2, 2, 2, 2, 3, 3, 3) times more, then row 1 again.

Cast off in rib dec as before.

Join neck border and shoulder seam.

Armhole Borders

With RS facing and 3 ¼ needles, knit up 65 (75, 78, 93, 105, 109, 113, 123, 131) sts evenly round armhole.

Working in rib, work 5 (5, 5, 7, 7, 7, 7, 9, 9, 9) rows. Cast off loosely in rib.

Join side seams and armhole borders.

Waistcoat Back

Work as for Back of Slipover but casting off remaining sts.

Waistcoat Left Front

With 3 ¼ (10) needles cast on 28(30, 34, 36, 40, 42, 46, 48, 52, 54) sts.

Rib for 1½ (1½, 2, 2, 2, 2½, 2½, 3, 3, 3) in. On last row inc 1 (2, 1, 2, 1, 2, 1, 2, 1, 2) sts evenly.

Change to 4mm (8) needles and work in stocking stitch until Front matches Back to armhole,

Shape Armhole and Front Slope.

Cast off 3 sts at beg of next row.

Work 1 row.

Sizes 34,36,38,40 only, dec 1 st at beg of next row.

Work 1 row.

22, 24,26,28,30,32,sizes only

Dec 1 st at armhole edge on next and foll 3 (1, 1, 1, 1, 1) alt rows.

Sizes 24,26,28,30,32,34,36,38,40 only

Work 1 row.

Dec 1 st at armhole edge on next and foll (2, 3, 3, 1, 3, 7, 9, 10,11) alt rows, **at the same time** dec 1 st at front edge on every foll 4th row from previous dec. (20, 21, 24, 30, 30, 28, 28, 30, 31) sts

Sizes 30 and 32 sizes only.

Work 3 rows. Dec 1 st at each end of next and foll 4th row (26 sts)

All sizes.

Work 1 (1, 3, 3, 3, 3, 3, 3, 1, 3) rows

Dec 1 st at front edge only on next and every foll 4th row until 12 (14, 15, 17, 19,19, 19, 19, 21, 22) sts remain.

Work straight until left from matches back to start of shoulder shaping. Cast off.

Waistcoat Right Front

Work as for left front reversing shapings, working an extra row before shoulder cast-offs.

Armhole Borders.

Work as for Slipover.

Button Border

Cast on 9 sts and knit in rib until border is long enough to fit, slightly stretched from edge to centre back.

Stitch border on and attach buttons.

Buttonhole Border.

Work as button border working the buttonholes to match the buttons.

Sew up all seams.