

**MERINO DEL SOL
Ladies Vest**



To Fit Size: 32" (36, 40, 44, 48, 52, 56)

Approx. Finished Measurements:

36", (40, 44, 48, 52, 56, 60)

Approx. Finished Length:

22", (22, 23½, 24½, 25½, 26, 26)

Materials:

Merino Del Sol – 4 (4, 4, 5, 5, 5, 6)- 100g skeins,
shown in color 208 Indigo Heather

Gauge: 18 sts = 4" on a US 7 needle over pattern
stitch when slightly stretched.

Needles: US 6 and US 7, and a 24" circular size US 6,
or size necessary to obtain given gauge, 5 buttons
from Dill #300436.

Pattern Stitch:

Row 1: P2, *(k2, p2); repeat from * to end of
row.

Row 2: K2, *(p2, k2); repeat from * to end of
row.

Row 3: P2, *(k2, p2); repeat from * to end of
row.

Row 4: Knit.

1X1 Ribbing:

Row 1: P1, *(k1, p1); repeat from * to end of
row.

Row 2: K1, *(p1, k1); repeat from * to end of
row.

Repeat rows 1 and 2 for ribbing.

Back:

With smaller needles, cast on 77 (85, 91, 97, 105, 113, 123) sts.

Work 1x1 rib for 2.5", increasing 5 (5, 7, 9, 13, 13, 11) sts evenly across the last row of ribbing: 82 (90, 98, 106, 118, 126, 134) sts.

Change to larger needles, and work in pattern stitch until piece measures 13 (14, 14½, 15, 16, 16, 16)", ending with a WS row.

Armhole Shaping

Bind off 6 (7, 8, 8, 8, 8, 9) sts at beg of next 2 rows.

Bind off 0 (0, 2, 2, 3, 4, 5) sts at beg of next 2 rows. Dec 1 st at each side on next and every following alternate row- 6 (6, 6, 8, 10, 11, 11) times total: 58 (64, 66, 70, 76, 80, 84) sts.

Continue even in pattern stitch until piece measures 21 (21, 22½, 23½, 24½, 25, 25)" from the beginning.

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Shape Shoulders:

Bind off 5 (5, 5, 6, 6, 7, 7) sts at the beginning of the next 2 rows.

Bind off 5 (6, 5, 6, 7, 7, 8) sts at the beginning of the next 2 rows.

Bind off 5 (6, 6, 6, 7, 8, 8) sts at the beginning of the next 2 rows.

Bind off the remaining 28 (30, 34, 34, 36, 36, 38) sts for the back of the neck.

Left Front:

With smaller needles, cast on 39 (43, 47, 49, 53, 57, 61) sts. Work 1x1 rib for 2.5", increasing 3 (3, 3, 5, 5, 5) sts evenly across last row of ribbing: 42 (46, 50, 54, 58, 62, 66) sts. Work as for back, including all shaping, and, **at the same time** when piece measures 12 (13, 13½, 14, 14, 14)", begin neck shaping. Dec 1 st at neck edge every 3 (3, 3, 3, 4, 4, 4) rows 15 (16, 18, 18, 17, 17, 18) times total. Continue even in pattern stitch until piece measures 21 (21, 22½, 23½, 24½, 25, 25)" from the beginning, ending with a WS row.

Shape Shoulders:

Bind off 5 (5, 5, 6, 6, 7, 7) sts at the beginning of the next row. Work 1 row even.

Bind off 5 (6, 5, 6, 7, 7, 8) sts at the beginning of the next row. Work 1 row even.

Bind off remaining 5 (6, 6, 6, 7, 8, 8) sts.

Right Front:

Make same as Left front, reversing all shapings.

Finishing:

Sew up shoulder seams. Weave in all ends.

Collar:

With smaller long circular needle, and RS facing, begin at lower right front edge, pick up 52 (56, 56, 58, 58, 58, 58) sts to first neck decrease, **place neck marker**. Pick up 41 (41, 41, 43, 45, 49, 53) sts along the neck edge. Pick up 29 (31, 35, 35, 37, 37, 39) sts along the back of the neck, pick up 41 (41, 41, 43, 45, 49, 53) sts down along the neck edge to first neck decrease, **place neck marker**. Pick up 52 (52, 56, 58, 58, 58, 58) sts to bottom of left front. Total = 215 (225, 229, 237, 243, 251, 261) sts.

Beginning at lower left front edge, work in 1X1 ribbing. Work in ribbing for 3 rows.

Buttonhole Row: On the next row work 5 buttonholes evenly along the sts between the neck marker and the bottom edge on either the right front (for a woman) or the left front (for a man). Work these buttonholes by working (yo, k2tog) for each buttonhole. Work 3 more rows in ribbing. Bind off in ribbing.

Armhole Edging:

With smaller size needle, pick up 85 (85, 85, 91, 91, 101, 101) sts around armhole edge. Work in 1 X 1 ribbing for ¾". Bind off loosely in ribbing. Repeat for other armhole.

Sew up side seams. Sew on buttons to correspond to buttonholes.

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