

## ENCORE WORSTED Toddler Vest



**MATERIALS:** 1(1, 2, 2, 2)-100g ball(s) Encore Worsted, circular needle US size 9, or size needed to achieve gauge. 3(4, 4, 4, 4) buttons.

**GAUGE:** 4 sts = 1" over garter st.

**TO FIT:** 6-9 mon(12-18 mon, 2-3 yrs, 4 yrs, 6 yrs).

**FINISHED SIZES:** 23(25, 27, 29, 31)".

### **Body**

Loosely cast on 100 (108, 116, 124, 132) sts.

Row 1: Knit.

Repeat Row 1 until total length is 1(1, 1½, 1¼, 1)"", ending with a WS row. Next row (1<sup>st</sup> buttonhole): For a girl: K3, yo, k2tog, knit to end of row. For a boy: Knit to last 5 sts, k2tog, yo, k3. Continue in garter st (knit every row) working 2(3, 3, 3, 3,) more buttonholes as before at: (3" and 5") [(2½", 4", and 5½"), (3", 4½", and 6"), (3", 4¾", and 6½"), (3", 5", and 7")].

AT THE SAME TIME: when the total length is 5(5¼, 6, 6½, 7)"", ending with a WS row, shape armholes: Knit 24(26, 28, 30, 32) sts for the right front, bind off next 6 sts, knit

40(44, 48, 52, 56) sts for the back, bind off next 6 sts, knit 24(26, 28, 30, 32) sts for the left front.

### **Left Front**

**Abbreviations:** alt = alternate, CO = cast on, BO = bind off, RS = right side, WS = wrong side, st(s) = stitch(es) yo = yarn over, k = knit, p = purl, k2tog = knit 2 sts together.

Working on the left front sts only, knit 1 row. Next row (RS): K1, k2tog, knit to end. Next row: Knit. Repeat these last 2 rows once more: 22(24, 26, 28, 30) sts. Begin neck shaping: Knit to last 3 sts, k2tog, k1. Next row: Knit. Repeat these last 2 rows until 12(13, 14, 15, 16) sts remain. Work even until total length is 10½(11, 11½, 12½, 13)”, ending with a WS row. Place remaining sts on a stitch holder.

### **Back**

With WS facing, reattach yarn at underarm to back sts. Knit 1 row. Next row (RS): K1, k2tog, knit to last 3 sts, k2tog, k1. Repeat last 2 rows once more: 36(40, 44, 48, 52) sts. Work even until total length is same as left front, ending with a WS row. Place remaining sts on a stitch holder.

### **Right Front**

With WS facing, reattach yarn at underarm to right front sts. Knit 1 row. Next row (RS): Knit to last 3 sts, k2tog, k1. Next row: Knit. Repeat these last 2 rows once more: 22(24, 26, 28, 30) sts. Begin neck shaping: K1, k2tog, knit to end of row. Next row: Knit. Repeat these last 2 rows until 12(13, 14, 15, 16) sts remain. Work even until total length is same as left front, ending with a WS row. Place remaining sts on a stitch holder.

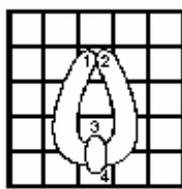
Work shoulder seams together using the 3-needle bind off technique.

### **3-Needle Bind Off**

Bind off the shoulders using the 3-needle bind off as follows: Slide the stitches from left front shoulder onto left hand needle. Place the stitches from back onto right hand needle. Place the 2 needles parallel, with the right sides of the fabric together. Using a third needle, bind off the same number of stitches from both the left front and back shoulders at the same time; bind off center stitches from back needle by themselves for back of neck; bind off remaining stitches from both the right front and back shoulders at the same time, working in the same manner as for the left front sts. Weave in all ends.

Sew on 3(4, 4, 4, 4) buttons opposite buttonholes.

Decorate with odd pieces of some contrasting colors. Make flowers as shown using the lazy daisy stitch as below.



(Detached Chain, Daisy, Tail Chain, Loop, Tied Loop, Knotted Knot, Picot)

Bring the needle to the front at 1 and down at 2, forming a loop. Anchor the loop by coming up at 3, inside the loop, and going down at 4, outside the loop.