

Working back and forth in stockinette st,
Row 1- *inc, slip marker, inc, k to within 1 st of next marker*, rep at each marker to last st, k 1. You will have increased 8 sts in this row.

Row 2- purl.

Row 3- *k to within 1 st of next marker, inc, slip marker, inc*, rep from * at each marker, k to end of row.

Row 4- purl.

Repeat these last 2 rows 2 more times.

Next row- k 2, m 1, *k to within 1 st of next marker, inc, slip marker, inc*, rep at each marker, k to 2 sts before end of row, m 1, k 2.

You will have increased 10 times in this row.

Next row- purl.

Repeat the last 2 rows until there are 42 (46, 48, 52, 54, 56) sts between the back markers (these are the second and third markers that you placed).

Next row- k 2, m 1, *k to within 1 st of next marker, inc, slip marker, inc, repeat from * at each marker, k to 2 sts before end of row, m 1, k 2, cast on 12 (12, 13, 13, 14, 14) sts.

Next row- p to end, cast on 12 (12, 13, 13, 14, 14) sts.

Next row- work row 1 of Irish moss st over 10 sts, *k to within 1 st of next marker, inc, slip marker, inc, repeat from * at each marker, k to within 10 sts of end of row, work row 1 of Irish moss st over last 10 sts.

Next row- work row 2 of Irish moss st over 10 sts, p to within 10 sts of end of row, work row 2 of Irish moss st over last 10 sts.

Continue to work in stockinette st, with 10 stitches of Irish moss stitch at each end, increasing before and after each marker on the knit side of the work only, until there are 50 (56, 64, 70, 74, 80) sts between the back markers, ending after working a wrong side row.

Divide for sleeves-

Work to the first marker, remove it (remove all old markers as you come to them), k 1.

Now using a blunt darning needle and scrap yarn, slip all the sts between here and the next marker onto a length of yarn to hold for the left sleeve.

Cast onto the right tip of the needle 8 (8, 9, 10, 13, 14) sts, placing a marker after 4 (4, 4, 5, 6, 7) sts, and join to the back sts. K across the back sts to the next marker, k 1, slip all the sts between here and the next marker onto a length of yarn to hold for the right sleeve.

Cast on 8 (8, 9, 10, 13, 14) sts, placing a marker after 4 (4, 4, 5, 6, 7) sts, join to front, and work to the end of the row. Work in stockinette st on these sts, keeping front edges in Irish moss st, until work measures 10 (10, 10½, 10½, 11, 11) ins from the top of the shoulder, ending after working a wrong side row.

Begin side shaping (optional)-

Decrease row- *work to 2 sts before marker, ssk, slip marker, k 1, k 2 tog, rep from *, work to end of row.

Work even in pattern until work measures 12 inches.

Repeat the decrease row.

Continue in stockinette st, repeating the decrease row again at 14 and 16 inches.

Work even until work measures 18½ inches, ending after working a wrong side row.

Increase row- *work to marker, m1, slip marker, k1, m1, repeat from * at each marker, work to end of row.

Continue in pattern, working increase row again at 19½, 21, and 22½ inches.

Lower body- Work in pattern until body measures 24 (24, 24½, 24½, 25, 25) inches from the top of the shoulder or 2 inches less than desired length.

Work Irish moss stitch for 2 inches.

Bind off loosely.

Neck edging-

Using the smaller 29 inch circular needle, beginning at the right front neck edge, pick up 22 (23, 23, 24, 26, 26) sts across right front; 14 sts across right sleeve; 28 (30, 32, 34, 36, 38) across back of neck; 14 sts across left sleeve; and 22 (23, 23, 24, 26, 26) sts across left front.

Work 3 rows of 1 x 1 rib. Bind off.

Arm edging-

Slip the sleeve sts onto the double point or 16 inch needle. Joining the yarn at the right edge of the armhole, pick up

11 (11, 11, 13, 15, 17) sts along armhole, placing a marker after 5 (5, 5, 6, 7, 8) sts. This marker is the beginning of the round. Join work and knit to marker.

Work 3 rounds of 1 x 1 rib.

Bind off.

Vest front overlaps about 2½ inches and closes with a decorative pin.