

Magnolia Sweater Vest

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Classic Elite Yarns

The Yarn

Magnolia

70% wool, 30% silk

An exquisite blend of merino and silk, Magnolia has a subtle sheen and great stitch definition. The semi-solid colors give Magnolia the illusion of light reflecting off the surface of the fabric.

Magnolia's elegance is perfect for dressy, special occasions or for everyday luxury.

The Pattern

Skill Level: Intermediate

SIZES: XS (S, M, L, XL)

Shown in size S.

FINISHED MEASUREMENTS:

33 (37¼, 41, 44½, 49)", buttoned

Note: Vest is intended to be worn with approx 3 - 4" of positive ease. Please keep this in mind when choosing your size.

YARN:

Magnolia by **Classic Elite** (70% merino, 30% silk; 50 gram ball = approx 120 yards)

6 (7, 8, 9, 10) balls 5425 Berry

NEEDLES AND OTHER MATERIALS:

Circular knitting needle (24") in size US 6 (4 mm) **or size to obtain gauge.**

Circular knitting needles (16 and 24") in size US 5 (3.75 mm)

Circular knitting needle (24") in size US 7 (4.5 mm) for collar

Stitch holders.

Stitch markers

Removable markers or safety pins for buttonhole placement

10-14 5/8" buttons

GAUGE: 22 sts and 34 rows = 4" in Stockinette Stitch with medium needles. **Take time to save time, check your gauge.**



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ABBREVIATIONS:

approx: approximately

beg: begin(ning)

BO: bind off

CO: cast on

dec('d): decrease(d)

est: establish(ed)

inc('d): increase(d)

k: knit

k2tog: knit 2 sts together (1 st dec'd)

LH: left hand

m1-r: (make 1 right slanting)

Insert LH needle under horizontal strand between st just worked and next st from the back to the front, knit through the front loop (1 st inc'd)

m1-l: (make 1 left slanting) Insert LH needle under horizontal strand between st just worked and next st from the front to the back, knit through the back loop (1 st inc'd)

meas: measure(s)

p: purl

patt: pattern

pc(s): piece(s)

rem: remaining

rep: repeat

RH: right hand

rnd: round

RS: right side

ssk: (slip, slip, knit) Slip 2 sts, 1 at a time, knitwise to the RH needle; return sts to LH needle in turned position and knit them together through the back loops (1 st dec'd)

st(s): stitch(es)

wyib: with yarn in back

wyif: with yarn in front

WS: wrong side

NOTES:

1. Attaining row gauge is crucial to achieve stated garment length.
2. Body is worked in 1 pc to underarm and then divided; fronts and back are worked separately to the shoulders and seamed together using the Three Needle BO.
3. Body has "faux" side seams created by working 2 sts in Reverse St st.

BODY

With smallest needle, CO 170 (194, 214, 234, 258) sts. Work in 2 x 2 Rib until pc meas 3" from beg, ending after a WS row. Change to medium size needle.

Est Patt (RS): K38 (46, 50, 54, 62), place marker (pm), p2 for faux seam, pm, k90 (98, 110, 122, 130), pm, p2 for faux seam, pm, knit to end. (WS) *Purl to marker, slip marker, k2, slip marker; rep from *once more, purl to end.

Shape Waist, Dec row (RS): *Knit to 2 sts before marker, k2tog, slip marker, p2, slip marker, ssk; rep from * once more, knit to end – 4 sts dec'd. Rep dec row every 4th (6th, 8th, 10th, 12th) row twice more - 35 (43, 47, 51, 59) sts for each front and 84 (92, 104, 116, 124) sts for back (not including seam sts). Work even in St st for 13 rows, ending after a WS row. **Inc Row (RS):** *Knit to marker, m1-r, slip marker, p2, slip marker, m1-l; rep from * once more, knit to end – 4 sts inc'd. Rep inc row every 25th row twice more - 38 (46, 50, 54, 62) sts each front and 90 (98, 110, 122, 130) sts for back (not including seam sts). Work even for 9 rows.

Divide for Armholes (RS): *Knit to 2 (4, 5, 8, 9) sts before marker, BO 6 (10, 12, 18, 20) sts (removing markers as you reach them); rep from * once more, knit to end. Vest is divided into 3 sections: left front, back, and right front – 36 (42, 45, 46, 53) sts for each front; 86 (90, 100, 106, 112) for back. Each section will be worked separately, starting with left front. All sts will rem on working needle while each section is worked.

LEFT FRONT

(WS) Purl 1 row even. **Shape Armhole, Dec Row (RS):** K1, ssk, knit to end – 1 st dec'd. (WS) Work 1 row

even. Rep last 2 rows 2 (3, 4, 5, 7) more times - 33 (38, 40, 40, 45) sts. Work even for 40 (42, 44, 46, 48) rows.

Shape Neck and Shoulder using short rows:

Row 1 and all RS rows: Knit.

Rows 2, 4 and 6 (WS): BO 2 sts, purl to end.

Rows 8, 10 and 12: BO 1 (2, 2, 2, 2) sts, purl to end.

Row 14: BO 1 (2, 2, 1, 2) sts, purl to last 6 (6, 6, 7, 7) sts, wrap and turn.

Row 16: BO 1 (1, 1, 1, 2) sts, purl to last 11 (12, 12, 14, 14) sts, wrap and turn.

Row 18: BO 1 (1, 1, 0, 2) sts, purl to last 16 (17, 18, 20, 21) sts, wrap and turn.

Row 20: Purl to end, hiding wraps as you come to them - 21 (22, 24, 26, 27) sts.

Break yarn, leaving a long tail, and slip sts onto st holder.

BACK

(WS) Join yarn and purl to end. **Armhole Dec Row (RS):** K1, ssk, knit to last 3 sts, k2tog, k1. (WS) Work 1 row even. Rep last 2 rows 2 (3, 4, 5, 7) more times - 80 (82, 90, 94, 96) sts. Work even for 52 (54, 56, 58, 60) rows.

Shape Shoulders using short rows:

Row 1 (RS): Knit to last 6 (6, 6, 7, 7) sts, wrap and turn.

Row 2 (WS): Purl to last 6 (6, 6, 7, 7) sts, wrap and turn.

Row 3: Knit to last 11 (12, 12, 14, 14), wrap and turn.

Row 4: Purl to last 11 (12, 12, 14, 14), wrap and turn.

Row 5: Knit to last 16 (17, 18, 20, 21) sts, wrap and turn.

Row 6: Purl to last 16 (17, 18, 20, 21), wrap and turn.

Row 7: Knit to end, hiding wraps as they appear.

Row 8: Purl to end, hiding wraps as they appear.

Row 9: K21 (22, 24, 26, 27), BO 38 (38, 42, 42, 42), knit to end.

Break yarn, slip shoulder sts onto separate st holders.



PATTERN STITCHES:

Stockinette Stitch (St st):

Knit on RS, purl on WS.

Reverse Stockinette Stitch (Rev St st):

Purl on RS, knit on WS.

2 x 2 Rib – flat: (multiple of 4 sts + 2)

Row 1 (RS): *K2, p2; rep from * to last 2 sts, k2.

Row 2 (WS): P2, *k2, p2; rep from *. Rep Rows 1 and 2 for 2 x 2 Rib.

2 x 2 Rib – in-the-rnd: (multiple of 4 sts)

All Rnds: *K2, p2; rep from *.

Wrap and turn: Knit row - Wyib,

slip next st purlwise onto RH needle, bring yarn to front of work, return slipped st to LH needle, bring yarn to back of work, then turn work. **Purl row** – Wyif, slip next st purlwise onto RH needle, bring yarn to back of work, return slipped st to LH needle, bring yarn to front of work, then turn work.

Hide Wraps: Knit row - Pick up the wrap from the front with the RH needle and knit together with the st it wraps. **Purl row** - Pick up the wrap through the back of loop with RH needle and purl together with the st it wraps.

RIGHT FRONT

(WS) Join yarn and purl to end. **Armhole Dec Row (RS):** Knit to last 3 sts, k2tog, k1. (WS) Work 1 row even. Rep last 2 rows 2 (3, 4, 5, 7) more times - 33 (38, 40, 40, 45) sts. Work even for 40 (42, 44, 46, 48) rows.

Shape Neck and Shoulder using short row:

Rows: 1, 3 and 5: BO 2 sts, knit to end.

Row 2 and all WS rows: Purl.

Rows 7, 9 and 11: BO 1 (2, 2, 2, 2) sts, knit to end.

Row 13: BO 1 (2, 2, 1, 2) sts, knit to last 6 (6, 6, 7, 7) sts, wrap and turn.

Row 15: BO 1 (1, 1, 1, 2) sts, knit to last 11 (12, 12, 14, 14) sts, wrap and turn.

Row 17: BO 1 (1, 1, 0, 2) sts, knit to last 16 (17, 18, 20, 21), wrap and turn.

Row 19: Knit to end, hiding wraps as they appear.

Row 20: Purl to end - 21 (22, 24, 26, 27) sts. Do Not break yarn.

FINISHING

Join shoulder seams using Three Needle BO method. **Collar:** With largest needle and RS facing, beg at right front neck edge, pick up and knit 12 (16, 16, 16, 18) sts evenly along neck edge, 4 sts at top of the right shoulder, 38 (38, 42, 42, 42) sts across back neck, 4 sts at top of the left shoulder, and 12 (16, 16, 16, 18) sts along left front neck edge - 70 (78, 82, 82, 86) sts. **(WS)** Work in 2 x 2 Rib until pc meas 3", ending after a WS row. BO all sts in rib.

Buttonhole Band (RS): With smallest needle and RS facing, beg at lower edge, pick up and knit 3 sts for every 4 rows along right front edge to top of collar ribbing, making sure total sts picked up is a multiple of 4 sts + 2. Write number down. **(WS)** Work in 2 x 2 Rib until pc meas 1 1/4", ending after a WS row.

Buttonhole Prep Row (RS): With removable markers or safety pins, mark position of buttonholes by marking 2 sts together. The top buttonhole 3 sts below top edge, bottom buttonhole 5 sts from lower edge, and rem buttonholes evenly spaced approx 2 3/4" apart.

Buttonhole Row (RS): K2, p2, k1, remove marker, yo, k2tog, *work in est 2 x 2 Rib to next marker, remove marker, yo, k2tog; rep from * until buttonholes are complete, p1, k2. Work even until pc meas 2". BO all sts in rib.

Button Band: Work as for buttonhole band, omitting buttonholes.

Armhole Trim: With 16" circular needle and RS facing, join yarn at left edge of underarm (to the left of bound off underarm sts), pick up and knit 51 (55, 58, 59, 66) sts along back armhole curve, 51 (55, 58, 59, 66) sts along front armhole curve, and 6 (10, 12, 18, 20) sts at underarm, pm, join for working in-the-rnd - 108 (120, 128, 136, 152) sts. Work in 2 x 2 Rib until pc meas 1 3/4", from pick up row. BO all sts in rib. Block pc to measurements. Sew buttons opposite buttonholes.

