



Reuben Vest



Size: (3/4y, 5/6y) 7/8y, 9/10y (11/12y, 13/14yrs)

Materials: Approximately (278, 329) 368, 439 (501, 582) yds of [Berroco Vintage Chunky 100g/136yds](#) yarn needle, stitch markers

Needle Size: 10(US) 6mm circular needles, 9(US) 5.5mm circular and dpn

Gauge (tension): 16sts & 20 rows to make 10cm square, using size 6(US) 4mm needles working in Reuben Stitch pattern

Chest Measurement: (57, 61) 66, 72 (77.5, 85) cm or (22.5, 24) 26.5, 28.75 (31, 34) ins

METHOD

Reuben Vest is bottom-up set-in sleeve vest in an easy-care yarn. It is worked flat with the collar ribbing being worked in the round. Created for our 5th child, I bought the wrong weight yarn and had just enough for a vest and since it was his favorite color he claimed it. I then found a perfect shirt from goodwill to match the yarn and the perfect winter outfit was made.

Abbreviations can be found on the last page.

Note: choose size based on chest measurement for best fit. Measurements above are measurement of the person not sweater measurements.



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1X1 RIB PATTERN

Row 1 (right side row) - (k1, p1) across

Row 2 - knit all the knit stitches, purl all the purl stitches.

REUBEN STITCH PATTERN

Row 1 - [p1, k3, p2, k2, (k1, yo, k1) in the next st, p1] around

Row 2 - [k1, wyif sl3, k2, p2, k3, p1] across

Row 3 - [p1, k3, p2, sl2 onto cable needle and hold in back, k3tog, k2 from cable needle, p1] around

Row 4 - [k1, p3, k1] across

Row 5 - [p1, k2, (k1, yo, k1) in the next st, p2, k3, p1] around

Row 6 - [k1, p3, k2, wyif sl3, k2, p1] across

Row 7 - [p1, sl2 onto cable needle and hold in back, k3tog, k2 from cable needle, p2, k3, p1] around

Row 8 - [k1, p3, k1] across

BACK

Cast on using smaller circular needle: (52, 58) 62, 68 (72, 78) sts. Join in the round.

Work in 1x1 ribbing for 1.5ins or 4cms.

Switch to larger needles.

Work in pattern as follows:

K1, work in Reuben stitch pattern (5, 5) 6, 6 (7, 7) times then work the first 5 sts of Reuben stitch pattern (0, 1) 0, 1 (0, 1) time then p (0, 1) 0, 1 (0, 1), k1 until the piece measures (9.5, 10.5) 11.5, 12.5 (13.5, 14.5) ins or (23.5, 26) 29, 31 (34, 36) cm measuring from cast on, ending after completing a row 4 or 8.

SHAPE BACK ARMHOLES

Cast off (3, 3) 3, 3 (3, 4) stitches at beginning of next 2 rows. (48, 52) 56, 62 (66, 70) sts

Decrease 1 st at each end of following (1, 2) 1, 2 (2, 1) rows. (46, 48) 54, 58 (62, 68) sts

Then decrease 1 st each end of every other row (1, 1) 1, 1 (1, 2) times (44, 46) 52, 56 (60, 64) sts

Continue without shaping until work measures (14.5, 16) 17.5, 19.5 (21, 22.5) ins or (36, 40) 44, 49 (52.5, 56) cms from cast on edge, ending after completing a row 4 or 8.

SHAPE BACK SHOULDERS

Bind off (4, 4) 5, 6 (6, 7) sts at beginning of the next 2 rows.

Knit until there are (6, 7) 8, 8 (9, 9) sts on right needle.

Put remaining sts on stitch holder.

Turn, bind off (2, 2) 2, 2 (2, 2) sts, work to end of row.



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Turn, bind off remaining (4, 5) 6, 6 (7, 7) sts
With right side facing, rejoin yarn to stitches on hold, bind off (22, 24) 26, 28 (30, 32) knit remaining (10, 11) 13, 14 (15, 16) sts.
Turn, bind off (4, 4) 5, 6 (6, 7) sts
Turn, bind off (2, 2) 2, 2 (2, 2) sts, work remaining stitches.
Turn, bind off (4, 5) 6, 6 (7, 7) sts

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Continue without shaping until work measures (11, 12.5) 13.5, 14.5 (16, 17) ins or (27.5, 31) 34, 36 (40, 42.5) cms from cast on edge, ending after completing a row 4 or 8.

LEFT FRONT NECK SHAPING

Work (21, 23) 26, 28 (30, 32) sts, put remaining sts on holder, turn.

Decrease 1 st at neck edge every row for (12, 12) 12, 12 (12, 12) rows.

Then decrease 1 st at each end of every other row (2, 2) 3, 4 (5, 6) times.

(8, 9) 11, 12 (13, 24) sts remain.

Continue without shaping until work measures (14.5, 16) 17.5, 19.5 (21, 22.5) ins or (36, 40) 44, 49 (52.5, 56) cms from cast on edge.

LEFT FRONT SHOULDER SHAPING

Starting on a right-side row, bind off (4, 4) 5, 6 (6, 7) sts, turn.

Bind off remaining (4, 5) 6, 6 (7, 7) sts.



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RIGHT FRONT NECK SHAPING

Rejoin yarn to work on stitch holder.

Put 1 sts on stitch holder (I use a closing safety pin style stitch marker for this)

Work (21, 23) 26, 28 (30, 32) sts, put remaining sts on holder, turn.

Decrease 1 st at neck edge every row for (12, 12) 12, 12 (12, 12) rows.

Then decrease 1 st at each end of every other row (2, 2) 3, 4 (5, 6) times.

(8, 9) 11, 12 (13, 24) sts remain.

Continue without shaping until work measures (14.5, 16) 17.5, 19.5 (21, 22.5) ins or (36, 40) 44, 49 (52.5, 56) cms from cast on edge.

RIGHT FRONT SHOULDER SHAPING

Starting on a wrong side row, bind off (4, 4) 5, 6 (6, 7) sts, turn.

Bind off remaining (4, 5) 6, 6 (7, 7) sts.

NECKBAND

Sew shoulder seams.

With right-side facing pick up and knit (16, 16) 17, 19 (20, 22) sts down left front, 1 st at center of “v”, pm,

Pick up and knit (16, 16) 17, 19 (20, 22) sts up right front,

Pick up and knit (28, 28) 30, 33 (34, 36) sts around back.

Join in the round. (61, 61) 65, 71 (75, 81) sts

V-Neck rounds - work in k1p1 ribbing to 2 sts before center stitch marker, work vdd, continue in k1p1 around

Continue repeating v-neck rounds until the neck measures 1in or 2.5cms.

Bind off in pattern.

ARMBANDS

With right-side facing, pick up and knit (44, 50) 50, 58 (66, 70) sts.

Work in k1p1 ribbing for 2cms.

Bind off in pattern.

FINISHING

Sew side seams. Weave in all ends and block as desired.



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ABBREVIATIONS

K - knit

K2tog -knit 2 stitches together

P - purl

PM - place marker

SL - slip stitch

SSK - slip, slip, knit the slipped sts together

SM - slip marker

VDD - vertical double decrease - slip the next 2 sts together as if to knit, knit the next st, pass over the 2 slipped sts together

WYIF - With yarn in front

YO - yarn over