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#### EXPERIENCE



Intermediate

#### YARN

Alpaca  
Handknitting DK  
100 gr 220 yds  
70% alpaca  
30% merino



Yarn needed  
6 (7, 8)  
(9, 10, 11)

#### GAUGE

24 sts x 43 rows=  
4"/10 cm with #6  
needles in patt

US# 5 (3.75 mm)  
24" and 40-48"  
circular needles

US#6 (4.0 mm)  
single point or  
circular

Or size to obtain  
gauge

**Sizes:**  
S (M, L)  
(XL, 2XL, 3XL)

**Finished chest:**  
38" (42", 46")  
(50", 54", 58")

Stitch markers  
Darning needle  
7 3/4" buttons

# Drop Stitch Vest

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The undyed color of Alpaca Handknitting DK yarn is beautiful in this textured vest. Sized from 38" to 58" it's a classic style suitable for men or women.



## Drop Stitch Vest

**Designer's Notes:** To accommodate all the sts for the center front and neck ribbing, you can use 2 long circular needles if needed. When doing Row 6 of patt in area where decs occur (front neck and armhole) to maintain patt drop the sts to only one row above dec at the edge.

**PUK:** Pick up and knit

### Drop Stitch Pattern (multiple of 3 + 2)

Rows 1, 3 & 5 (RS): K 2, \* P 1, K 2; rep from \* to end.

Rows 2 & 4: P 2, \* K 1, P 2; rep from \* to end.

Row 6: P 2, \* drop next st off left hand needle and unravel it 4 rows down, so there are 4 loose strands behind st. Insert right hand needle from front into 5th st down and also under the 4 loose strands. K, drawing the st up and catching the strands behind

Rep Rows 1 - 6 for patt.

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**BACK:** With larger needles and cable CO method CO 113 (125, 137)(149, 161, 173) sts. Work Rows 1-6 of Drop St patt one time.

Row 7: P 2; \*K 1, P 2; rep from \* to end.

Row 8: K 2; \*P 1, K 2; rep from \* to end.

Rows 9-16: Rep rows 7 & 8 four times, end with a WS row.

Work rows 1 - 6 of Drop St patt until piece measures 14" (14½", 15")(15½", 16", 16½") from beg, end WS.

**Shape armholes:** BO 6 (6, 6)(7, 8, 9) sts at beg of next 2 rows; 101 (113, 125)(135, 145, 155) sts. BO 2 sts at beg next 4 (4, 6)(8, 10, 10) rows. Dec 1 st each end **every other row** 8 (9, 9)(8, 8, 10) times; 77 (87, 95) (103, 109, 115) sts. Cont in patt as est until piece measures 8" (8½", 9")(9½", 10", 10½") above beg armhole shaping, end WS.

**Shape shoulders & back neck:** Working both sides at once, work in patt across 29 (34, 37)(41, 44, 47) sts. Join 2nd ball of yarn, BO center 19 (19, 21)(21, 21, 21) sts, work across rem 29 (34, 37)(41, 44, 47) sts in patt as est. BO 5 (6, 7)(8, 8, 9) sts at each shoulder edge three times, then 4 (6, 6)(7, 8, 8) sts once. No sts will rem.

**RIGHT FRONT:** With larger needles, CO 53 (59, 65)(71, 77, 83) sts. Work as for back Rows 1-16.

Work rows 1-6 of Drop St patt until piece measures 14" (14½", 15")(15½", 16", 16½") from beg or same as back to armhole, ending with a RS row.

**Armhole Shaping:** BO 6 (6, 6)(7, 8, 9) sts at side edge on next row; 47 (53, 59)(64, 69, 74) sts. Work 1 row even, ending with a WS row at the front edge of work. Mark for beg of V-neck.

**Shape front neck:** Dec one st by working SSK one st in from edge on next row, every 4th row 4 (1, 2)(0, 5, 5) times, every 6th row 11 (14, 14)(15, 10, 8) times, then every 8th row 0 (0, 0)(1, 3, 5) times and **AT THE SAME TIME** cont to shape armhole same as back. BO 2 sts at beg of side edge 2 (2, 3)(4, 5, 5) times. Dec 1 st at armhole edge **every other row** 8 (9, 9)(8, 8, 10) times.

When piece measures same as back to shoulders, shape shoulders same as back. BO 5 (6, 7)(8, 8, 9) sts at each shoulder edge three times, then 4 (6, 6)(7, 8, 8) sts once. No st will rem.

## Drop Stitch Vest

**LEFT FRONT:** Work to correspond to right front, reversing all shaping.

Block pieces to measurements. Sew shoulder and underarm seams.

**NECK:** With smaller longer circular needle, beg at lower right front with RS facing, PUK 88 (93, 97) (101, 103, 108) sts along right front to "V" st, PM, K 1, PM, 68 (72, 76)(81, 86, 90) sts along right front neck, 39 (39, 41)(41, 45, 45) sts along BO sts of back neck, 68 (72, 76Z)(81, 86, 90) sts along left front neck, PM, K 1, PM, 88 (93, 97)(101, 103, 108) sts along left front; 353 (371, 389)(407, 425, 443) sts.

**Next Row (WS):** K 1 (edge st), \*P 1, K 2 rep from \* to 1st marker, M1, work next st in patt, M1, sl marker, work in rib patt as est to next marker, M1, work 1, M1, work in rib patt to last st, end K 1; 357 (375, 393)(411, 429, 447) sts.

K first and last st for edge st, work in patt for 2 more rows for ladies' version, 3 more rows for men's version. On the ladies' version the buttonholes are worked on the right front; on the men's version the buttonholes are worked on the left front.

**Next Row:** K 1 (edge st), work in patt until 84 (90, 94)(100, 100, 106) sts remain, \*yo twice, work 2 tog, work 11 (12, 13)(14, 14, 15) sts in patt, rep from \* 5 times, yo twice, work 2 tog, rib to end.

**Next Row:** Work even in rib patt, dropping extra yo wrap at each buttonhole.

**Next Row:** Work in rib patt as est, working into row below at each buttonhole space (into hole).

Work even in rib patt for 4 more rows. BO all sts in pat.

**ARM BAND:** With smaller shorter length circular needle, beg at right underarm seam with RS facing, PUK 6 (6, 6)(7, 8, 9) sts along left armhole BO, 16 (17, 18)(18, 19, 20) sts along dec line, 38 (40, 42)(44, 45, 46) st to shoulder, 38 (40, 42)(44, 45, 46) st to dec line, 16 (17, 18)(18, 19, 20) sts along dec line, 6 (6, 6)(7, 8, 9) sts along right armhole edge; 120 (126, 132)(138, 144, 150) sts.

Work in rnds of K 1, P 2 ribbing for 1". BO all sts in patt. Rep for second armhole, reversing shaping.

Weave in ends. Sew on buttons opposite buttonholes.

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### COMMONLY USED KNITTING ABBREVIATIONS

beg	begin	LH	left hand	sl	slip
BO	bind off	M1	make one (increase 1 stitch)	ssk	slip 1, slip 1, knit 2 slipped stitches together
CC	contrasting color	MC	main color	st st	stockinette (stocking) stitch (1 row K, 1 row P)
CN	cable needle	P	purl	st(s)	stitch(es)
CO	cast on, cast off	p2sso	pass 2 slipped stitches over	tbl	through back of loop
cont	continue	P2tog	purl 2 stitches together (1 stitch decreased)	tog	together
dec(s)	decrease(s)/decreasing	patt rep(s)	pattern repeat(s)	WS	wrong side
dpn	double-pointed needles	patt(s)	pattern(s)	wyib	with yarn in back
eor	every other row	PM	place marker	wyif	with yarn in front
g st	garter stitch (K every row)	psso	pass slipped stitch over	yo	yarn over
inc(s)	increase(s)/increasing	pwisw	purlwise	yon	yarn over needle
K	knit	rem	remain(ing)	( )	repeat instructions in parantheses number of times indicated
K1, s1, psso	knit one, slip one, pass slipped stitch over	rep	repeat	*	repeat instructions following asterisk as indicated or until end of row
K2tog	knit 2 together	RH	right hand	[ ]	instructions in square brackets refer to larger sizes
K2tog tbl	knit 2 together through back loop	rnd(s)	round(s)		
kwise	knitwise	RS	right side		