

Aran-Inspired Vest

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YARN

Limited Edition Alpaca DK



Fin ished Chest 37", (42", 47", 52", 57")

Skeins 5 (5, 6, 6, 7)

GAUGE

26 sts & 32 rows = 4" in 1x7 rib stitch pattern

Needles US #5 (3.75mm) or size needed to obtain gauge

16" circular needle one size smaller for neck and arm bands

Small stitch holder

Stitch markers



Featuring three Aran-inspired cables running up the front and down the back, this vest has a classic look that would be look great on a man or woman. Our luxurious Alpaca DK is a pleasure to knit and the combination of the cables and ribbing keeps the pattern interesting without being difficult.

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NOTES: Slip markers every row. Work all decs 1 st in from edge.

BACK: With larger needles, CO 124 (140, 156, 172, 188) sts.

Set-Up Row: (WS): [P1, K3] 11 [13, 15, 17, 19] times; pm (place marker), P1, K1, P6, *K1, P1, K3, P1, K1, P6; rep from * once, K1, P1, pm; (K3, P1) 11 [13, 15, 17, 19] times.

Row 1: (RS): (K1, P3) 11 [13, 15, 17, 19] times; *K1, P1, 1/2 RC, 1/2 LC, P1, K1, P3; rep from * once, K1, P1, 1/2 RC, 1/2 LC, P1, K1; (P3, K1) 11 [13, 15, 17, 19] times.

Row 2: (P1, K3) 11 [13, 15, 17, 19] times; pm (place marker), P1, K1, P6, *K1, P1, K3, P1, K1, P6; rep from * once, K1, P1, pm; (K3, P1) 11 [13, 15, 17, 19] times.

Row 3: (K1, P3) 11 [13, 15, 17, 19] times; *K1, P1, K6, P1, K1, P3; rep from * once, K1, P1, K6, P1, K1; (P3, K1) 11 [13, 15, 17, 19] times.

Row 4: Work same as row 2.

Repeat rows 1 - 4 once, then rows 1 -3 twice, end WS.

Set-up Body pat (RS): Cont with larger needles, P4, (K1, P7) 5 [6, 7, 8, 9] times to first marker; beg with row 1, work chart across center 36 sts to 2nd marker, (P7, K1) 5 [6, 7, 8, 9] times, P4.

Next Row (WS): Work in rib pat as est (K the K sts, P the P sts) to first marker, work chart patt as est to 2nd marker, work in rib pat as est to end.

Cont in pat as est until piece measures 13" (13.5" - 13.5" - 13.75" - 14") from beg, end WS.

Shape armholes (RS): BO 6 [7, 8, 9, 10] sts at beg next 2 rows: 112 [126, 140, 154, 168] sts.

Work even until piece measures 9.5" [10", 10.5", 10.75", 11"] above beg of armhole shaping, end WS.

Shape shoulders: BO 5 [5, 6, 7, 8] sts at shoulder edge beg next 4 rows, BO 5 [6, 6, 7, 8] sts at beg next 2 rows, then BO 4 [6, 7, 7, 7] sts at beg next 2 rows. BO rem 50 [54, 58, 62, 66] sts in pat.

FRONT: Work same as back to beg of armhole shaping. BO 6 [7, 8, 9, 10] sts at beg next 2 rows: 112 [126, 140, 154, 168] sts.

Divide for V-Neck: BO 2 sts, work a cross 53 [60, 67, 74, 81] sts in pat as est, join 2nd ball of yarn, place 2 sts on holder for V-neck, work across rem 55 [62, 69, 76, 83] sts inpat as est.

Next Row (WS): BO 2 sts, work in pat as est, working both sides at once.

Cont in pat as est, work armhole decs same as back, **AND AT THE SAME TIME**, dec 1 st at neck edge (see notes) eor 12 [14, 16, 19, 22] times and then every 4th row 12 [12, 12, 11, 10] times: 19 [22, 25, 28, 31] sts rem. When piece measures same as back to shoulder, BO 5 [5, 6, 7, 8] sts at shoulder edge beg next 4 rows, BO 5 [6, 6, 7, 8] sts at beg next 2 rows, then BO 4 [6, 7, 7, 7] sts at beg next 2 rows: no sts rem.

Assembly: Block pieces to measurements. Join shoulder & underarm seams neatly.

NECKBAND: With smaller circ needle, RS facing & beg at left shoulder seam, pick up & K 68 [72, 76, 76, 80] sts along left front neck, K2 sts from holder for center V placing marker between the 2 sts, pick up & K 68 [72, 76, 76, 80] sts along right front neck, 51 [55, 59, 63, 67] sts along back neck: 189 [201, 213, 217, 229) sts.

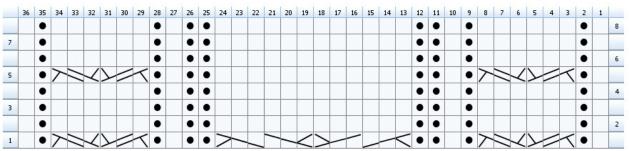
Next Round: Work in K1, P3 rib to 1 st before marker, K2tog, slip marker, ssk, beg rib P2, K1 on first repeat, then *P3, K1 rib; repeat from * to last 3 sts, end P3. Cont to work in 1X3 rib as est, working dec on each side of marker as est, for 1".

BO all sts in rib, dec on each side of marker on the BO row.

ARMBANDS: With smaller circ needle, pick up & K 140 [148, 156, 156, 164] sts around armhole. Work in rounds of K1, P3 rib for 1".

Finishing: Weave in all ends. Block lightly to measurements.

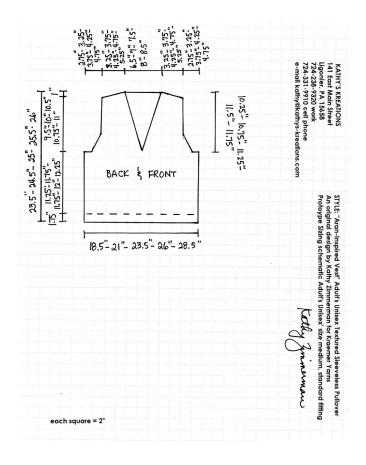


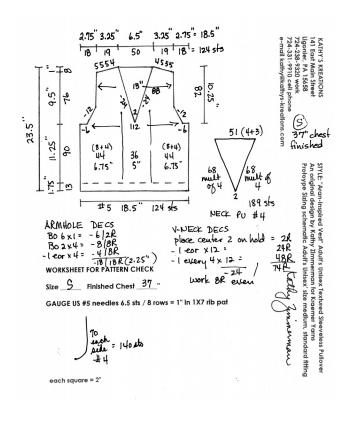


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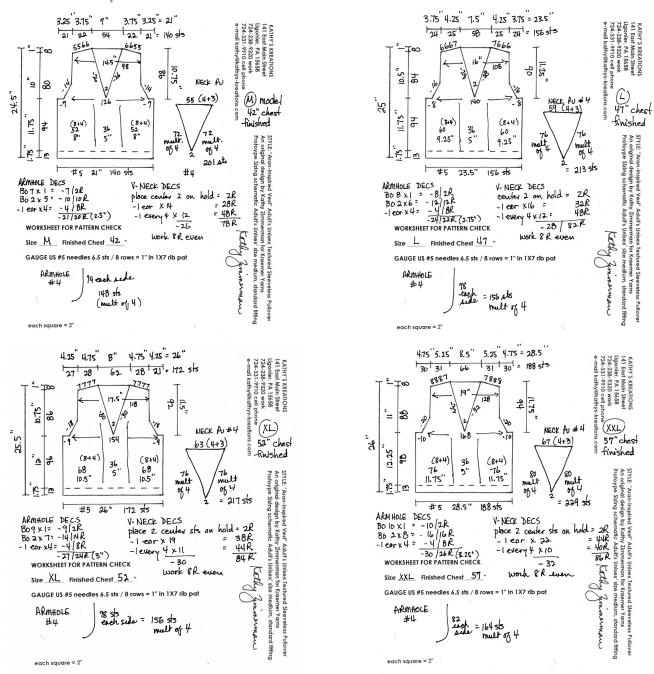
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•	purl	
7	c1 over 2 right	Slip 2 sts to cn & hold in back, K1, K2 from cable needle
$\nearrow \bowtie \checkmark$	c1 over 2 left	Slip next st to cable needle & hold in front, K2, K1 from cable needle
>	c3 over 3 right	Slip next 3 sts to cable needle & hold to back, K3, K3 from cable needle
>	c3 over 3 left	Slip next 3 sts to cable needle & hold in front, K3, K3 from cable needle

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COMMONLY USED KNITTING ABBREVIATIONS

beg BO CC CN CO cont dec(s) dpn eor g st inc(s) K K1, \$1, psso K2tog tbl kwite	begin bind off contrasting color cable needle cast on, cast off continue decreass(s)/decreasing double-pointed needles every other row garter stitch (K every row) increase(s)/increasing knit knit one, slip one, pass slipped stitch over knit 2 together knit 2 together through back loop	LH M1 MC P p2sso P2ttog patt rep(s) patt(s) PM psso pwise rem rep RH rnd(s)	left hand make one (increase 1 stitch) main color purl pass 2 slipped stitches over purl 2 stitches together (1 stitch decreased) pattern repeat(s) pattern(s) place marker pass slipped stitch over purlwise remain(ing) repeat right hand round(s) cinch side	sl ssk st st st(s) tbl tog WS wyib wyif yo yon ()	slip slip 1, slip1, knit 2 slipped stitches together stockinette (stocking) stitch (1 row K, 1 row P) stitch(es) through back of loop together wrong side with yarn in back with yarn in front yarn over yarn over needle repeat instructions in parantheses number of times indicated repeat instructions following asterisk as indicated or until end of row
kwise	knitwise	RS	right side	[]	instructions in square brackets refer to larger sizes