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Casablanca Hooded Vest



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This vest will sure become one of your favorite cold weather-layering piece. It is worked in one piece from the top down and a hood that is worked by picking up stitches at the neckline.

This is a quick and fun knit!

Because it is worked from the top-down which means that the vest can be tried on as it is being knitted to customize its fit, especially in length.

Size: S (M, L, XL, 2XL)

Chest Measurement: To fit 36 (38, 42, 44, 48) inch chest with about 1" ease.

Materials:

Cascade Yarn's Casablanca – 4 (5, 5, 6, 6) skeins of #02

1 set of US # 8 (5 mm) –32" circular needle or needle size to obtain gauge

1 set of US # 8 (5 mm) - 16" circular needle or DPN or needle size to obtain gauge

1 set of US # 7 (4.5 mm) - 32" circular needle

1 set of US # 7 (4.5 mm) 16" circular needle or DPN

Tapestry Needle

Cable Needle

Stitch Markers

Scrap Yarn for holding stitches

Gauge: 18 sts = 4 inches in stockinette on larger sized needles.

Pattern Notes:

Abbreviations:

st/sts stitch/stitches

CO cast on

BO bind off

- PM** place stitch marker
- SM** slip stitch marker
- RM** remove stitch marker
- WS** wrong-side row
- RS** right-side row
- K** knit
- P** purl
- M1F** with left needle tip, lift strand between needles from the front to back, k lifted loop through the back (1 st inc).
- M1B** with left needle tip, lift strand between needles from back to front; k lifted loop through the front (1 st inc).
- K2tog** knit 2 together (1 st dec)
- SSK** slip 1 st as if to K, slip 1 st as if to K, K both slipped sts (1 st dec)
- Kfb** (knit 1 front & back). Knit a stitch, leaving stitch on left needle; knit into the back loop of this stitch. (1 st inc)

Buttonholes – Work buttonhole style of preference, however, the “one-row buttonhole” looks great. There is a great, step-by-step tutorial on line.

Search for: [neoknits one-row-buttonhole-tutorial](#)

Depending on the size buttons selected for this vest, bind-off 2 to 4 sts when making the buttonhole.

Tip: work the buttonhole slightly smaller than anticipated for the size button selected. Knitted fabric has a tendency to stretch, thus if the buttonhole is worked exactly for the size button selected, it may end up too large. For example – ¾” button, bind-off 2 sts; 1” button, bind-off 3 sts.

Directions:

Yoke: Using smaller sized needles, CO 82 (82, 82, 92, 92) sts; do not join in the round, work back and forth.

Knit one row. Purl one row.

Next Row (RS): Increase 10 sts evenly, using M1F method, 92 (92, 92, 102, 102) sts on needles.

Next Row (WS): P all sts.

Set-up Round 1: Using larger sized needles, K all sts and place raglan stitch markers.

K16 (16, 16, 18, 18) sts, PM; - Front 1/2

K12 (12, 12, 12, 14, 14) PM; - Sleeve
K36 (36, 36, 38, 38) PM; - Back
K12 (12, 12, 12, 14, 14) PM; - Sleeve
K16 (16, 16, 18, 18) sts to end of row. - Front 1/2

Set-up Round 2: P all sts, slip all markers.

Raglan Inc Round 1:

SM, K to next marker, KFB, SM;
KFB, K to next marker, KFB SM;
KFB, K to next marker, KFB, SM;
KFB, K to next marker, KFB, SM;
KFB, K to end of round. (8 sts inc)

Raglan Inc Round 2: P all sts, slip markers.

Repeat Raglan Inc Rounds 1 & 2 until there is the following stitch count:

Each Sleeve: 52 (56, 66, 70, 80) sts;

Each Front: 36 (38, 43, 46, 51) sts;

Back: 80 (84, 94, 98, 108) sts.

Separate Sleeves and continue working sweater's body:

K36 (38, 43, 46, 51), RM,

Place next 52 (56, 66, 70, 80) sts onto stitch holder (sleeves), RM;

CO 4 (4, 4, 4, 4);

K80 (84, 94, 98, 108) sts. RM,

Place next 52 (56, 66, 70, 80) sts onto stitch holder (sleeves), RM;

CO 4 (4, 4, 4, 4);

K36 (38, 43, 46, 51).

160 (168, 188, 198, 218) sts on needles.

Continue working in pattern until piece measures 15 (15, 15, 16, 16)“ from armhole or 1” below desired sweater length.

End with a WS row, P all sts, evenly reduce 2 (0, 0, 0, 0) sts by purling 2 sts together.

158 (168, 188, 198, 218) sts on needles.

Next RS Row:

Change to smaller sized needles and work in K3, * P2/K3 * -repeat to end of row.

Work in rib pattern for 10 rounds, BO in next round.

Sleeves (work 2): Place 52 (56, 66, 70, 80) sts back onto working needle, using smaller needle:

Kfb into 1st st, work all sts until 1 st remains, Kfb, pick-up 1 (1, 1, 2, 2) sts from underarm edge, PM, pick-up 0 (1, 1, 1, 1) st from underarm edge.

55 (60, 70, 75, 85) sts on needles.

Continue working in round and work in * P2/K3 * pattern.

Work in rib pattern for 10 rounds, BO in next round.

Hood:

With smaller sized needle, pick up 86 (86, 86, 96, 96) sts from the cast-on neckline; do not join in the round, work back and forth.

P one row.

Next Row (RS): Increase 10 sts evenly, using M1F method, 96 (96, 96, 106, 106) sts on needles.

Next Row (WS): P all sts.

Work in stockinette until hood measures 12” from neckline.

Connect to hood seam as follows: Place ½ of sts onto a second needle, hold parallel to second ½ of sts and with right sides held together, work a three-needle bind off in purl stitch.

Button Band: Place removable stitch markers on the right front side to mark button placement., ½” from the top and 1 “ from the bottom. Place the other three buttons evenly between the top and bottom button placement.

With smaller needles and with right side facing, starting at the bottom of the right front, evenly pick up sts for the button band. Pick up 3 sts every 4 rows.

Ensure that the same number of sts are picked up for the right and left front, from the bottom of right front to neckline, from neckline to top of hood, from top of hood to neckline and from neckline to bottom of left front. The number of sts needs to be divisible by 5 + 3 sts.

For example: 273 sts = 273 sts – 3 sts = 270 270 is divisible by 5.

Work front ribbing as follows:

WS: P3, * K2, P3 * - repeat to end.

Work two more rows in pattern.

Next RS Row: Work button holes on right front side where removable stitch markers are located. Use any preferred method (see pattern notes).

Work 6 more rows, ending with a RS row.

Bind off all sts in next row.

Finishing:

Weave in ends, sew on buttons, block. Enjoy! ☺