Framed Leaf Vest

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Difficulty Level: Experienced

Sizes: Women's Small (Medium, Large) Note: Numbers have only been tested for size Small -- if you find any errors in the larger sizes, would you please alert me: lambknitj@juno.com
Finished Bust Measurement: 37(39, 41) inches.

Materials: Size 6 and 9 (U.S.) knitting needles; worsted weight yarn; cable needle; stitch markers; six 1-inch buttons.

Gauge: 4 sts/inch in moss st on larger needles.



Abbreviations:

M1 knitwise: lift running thread between sts and knit into the back of the loop.

M1 purlwise; lift running thread between sts and purl into the back of the loop.

C5B: slip next 3 sts to a cable needle and hold in back; k2, slip the purl st back to the LH needle and purl it; k2 from cable needle.

C2R: Slip 1 st to cable needle and hold in back; k2, then p1 from cable needle.

C2L: slip 2 sts to cable needle and hold in front; p1, then k2 from cable needle.

RT: Knit 2 tog, leaving both sts on LH needle, then knit first st again. Remove both sts.

LT: Knit into the back loop of 2nd st on needle, then k2 tog thru the back loop (!st and 2nd st together)

k1-b: knit 1 through the back loop.

Moss Stitch:

Row 1: (k1, p1) - rep for as many sts as required.

Row 2: knit all knit sts, purl all purl sts.

Row 3: purl all knit sts, and knit all purl sts.

Row 4: rep row 2.

Twisted Braid:

Row 1: RT, k1

Row 2: p3.

Row 3: k1, LT

Row 4: p3.

Framed Leaf Cable:

Row 1: p8, C5B, p8.

Row 2: k8, p2, k1, p2, k8.

Row 3: p7, C2R, p1, C2L, p7.

Row 4: k7, p2, k3, p2, k7.

Row 5: p6, C2R, p1, k1, p1, C2L, p6.

Row 6: k6, p2, k2, p1, k2, p2, k6.

Row 7: p5, C2R, p1, k3, p1, C2L, p5.

Row 8: k5, p2, k2, p3, k2, p2, k5.

Row 9: p4, C2R, p1, k2tog, yo, k1, yo, ssk, p1, C2L, p4.

Row 10: k4, p2, k2, p5, k2, p2, k4.

Row 11: p3, C2R, p1, k2tog, k1, yo, k1, yo, k1, ssk, p1, C2L, p3.

Row 12: k3, p2, k2, p7, k2, p2, k3.

Row 13: p2, C2R, p1, k2tog, k2, yo, k1, yo, k2, ssk, p1, C2L, p2.

Row 14: k2, p2, k2, p9, k2, p2, k2.

Row 15: p2, C2L, p1, yo, ssk, k5, k2tog, yo, p1, C2R, p2.

Row 16: rep row 12.

Row 17: p3, C2L, p1, yo, ssk, k3, k2tog, yo, p1, C2R, p3.

Row 18: rep row 10.

Row 19: p4, C2L, p1, yo, ssk, k1, k2tog, yo, p1, C2R, p4.

Row 20: rep row 8:

Row 21: p5, C2L, p1, yo, S2KP, yo, p1, C2R, p5.

Row 22: rep row 6.

Row 23: p6, C2L, p3, C2R, p6.

Row 24: rep row 4.

Row 25: p7, C2L, p1, C2R, p7.

Row 26: rep row 2.

Row 27: rep row 1

Row 28: rep row 2

Row 29: rep row 3.

Row 30: rep row 4.

Row 31: p7, k2, p3, k2, p7.

Row 32: rep row 4.

Row 33: rep row 25.

Row 34: rep row 2.

Repeat rows 1-34 for pattern.

Directions:

Back:

With smaller needles, cast on 76(80,84) sts.

Row 1: knit

Row 2: purl

Row 3: knit

Row 4: k1, (p2, k2) across to last st, k1.

Row 5: p1, (k2, p2) across to last st, p1.

Rep rows 4 and 5 five more times, then rep row 5 once more.

Change to larger needles.

Row 16: Work row 1 of Moss Stitch for 9(11, 13) sts, sl 1 purlwise, p7, M1 purlwise, k2, p2 tog, k2, M1purlwise, p7, k1, M1 knitwise, k1, p2, sl1, work row 1 of Moss Stitch over 6 sts, sl1, p2, k1, M1 knitwise, k1, p7, M1 purlwise, k2, p2 tog, k2, M1 purlwise, p7, sl1, work row 1 of Moss Stitch over last 9(11,13) sts. (80(84,88) sts)

Row 17: Work row 2 of Moss Stitch over 9(11,13) sts, p1, k8, p2, k1, p2, k8, p3, k2, p1, work row 2 of Moss Stitch over 6 sts, p1, k2, p3, k8, p2, k1, p2, k8, p1, work row 2 of Moss Stitch over last 9(11,13) sts.

Row 18: work in Moss Stitch for 9(11,13) sts, slip 1 purlwise, place marker, work row 1 of Framed Leaf Cable, place marker, work row 1 of Twisted Braid, p2, sl 1, work 6 sts in Moss Stitch, sl 1, p2, work row 1 of Twisted Braid, place marker, work row 1 of Framed Leaf Cable, place marker, sl 1, work 9(11,13) sts in Moss Stitch.

Row 19: Work 9(11,13) sts in Moss Stitch, p1, slip marker, work row 2 of Framed Leaf Cable, slip marker, work row 2 of Twisted Braid, k2, p1, work 6 sts in Moss Stitch, p1, k2, work row 2 of Twisted Braid, slip marker, work row 2 of Framed Leaf Cable, slip marker, p1, work last 9(11,13) sts in Moss Stitch.

Rows 18 and 19 set up pattern. Continue in set pattern, working respective rows of each pattern, until piece measures 13(13-1/2, 14) inches from bottom of ribbing.

Keeping in pattern, bind off 4 sts at beg of next 2 rows.

Bind off 3 sts at beg of next 2 rows.

Dec 1 st at each end of next 3(4,5) right side rows. (60(62.64) sts).

Work even until armholes measure 9-1/2(9-1/2, 9-3/4) inches.

At beginning of next 2 rows, bind off 8(6,6) sts.

At beginning of following two rows, bind off 8(6,6) sts.

At beginning of following two rows, bind of 0(6,6) sts.

Place remaining 28(28,30) sts on a stitch holder or spare length of yarn to be worked later.

Left Front:

With smaller needles, cast on 38(40,42) sts.

Row 1: knit

Row 2: purl

Row 3: knit

Row 4: k1, (p2, k2) across to last st, k1.

Row 5: p1, (k2, p2) across to last st, k1.

Rep rows 4 and 5 five more times, then rep row 5 once more.

Change to larger needles.

Row 16: work row 1 of Moss Stitch over 10(12,14) sts, k1, p7, M1 purlwise, k2, p2 tog, k2, p8, k1, M1 knitwise, k1, p2, k1, p1. (39 sts)

Row 17: k1, p1, k2, p3, k8, p2, k1, p2, k8, p1, work row 2 of Moss Stitch over last 10(12,14) sts.

Row 18: Work row 3 of Moss stitch over 10(12,14) sts, sl 1 purlwise, Work row 1 of Framed Leaf Cable, work row 1 of Twisted Braid, p2, sl 1, p1.

Row 19: k1, p1, k2, work row 2 of Twisted Braid, work row 2 of Framed Leaf Cable, p1, work row 4 of Moss stitch over last 10(12,14) sts.

Rows 18 and 19 set up pattern. Continue in set pattern, working respective rows of each pattern, until piece measures 13(13-1/2, 14) inches from bottom of ribbing.

Shape Armholes:

Keeping in pattern, bind off 5 sts at beg of next RS row.

Bind off 3 sts at beg of next RS row.

Dec 1 st at beg of next 3(4,5) RS rows.

Work even until armholes measure 7-1/2(7-1/2, 7-3/4) inches, ending by working a RS row.

At neck edge, bind off 7 sts.

Dec 1 st at neck edge of next 4 rows.

Then dec 1 st every other row 2(2,3) times.

Work even until armhole measures 9-1/2(9-1/2, 9-3/4) inches.

At beginning of next RS row, bind off 8(7,7) sts.

At beginning of next RS row, bind off 7(5,6) sts.

At beginning of next RS row, bind off 0(5,5) sts

Right Front:

With smaller needles, cast on 38(40,42) sts.

Row 1: knit

Row 2: purl

Row 3: knit

Row 4: k1, k2, p2) across to last st, p1.

Row 5: k1, (k2, p2) across to last st, k1.

Rep rows 4 and 5 five more times, then rep row 5 once more.

Change to larger needles.

Row 16: p1, k1, p2, k1, M1 knitwise, k1, p8, k2, p2 tog, k2, M1 purlwise, p7, k1, work row 1 of Moss Stitch over 10(12,14) sts. (39 sts)

Row 17: Work row 2 of Moss Stitch over 10(12,14) sts, p1, k8, p2, k1, p2, k8, p3, k2, p1, k1.

Row 18: p1, sl 1, p2, work row 1 of Twisted Braid, work row 1 of Framed Leaf Cable, sl 1, work row 3 of Moss stitch over 10(12,14) sts.

Row 19: Work row 4 of Moss stitch over 10(12,14) sts, p1, work row 2 of Framed Leaf Cable, work row 2 of Twisted Braid, k2, p1, k1.

Rows 18 and 19 set pattern. Continue in set pattern, working respective rows of each pattern, until piece measures 13 inches from bottom of ribbing.

Keeping in pattern, bind off 5 sts at beg of next WS row.

Bind off 3 sts at beg of next WS row.

Dec 1 st at beg of next 3(4,5) WS rows.

Work even until armholes measure 7-1/2(7-1/2, 7-3/4) inches, ending by working a WS row.

At neck edge, bind off 7 sts.

Dec 1 st at neck edge of next 4 rows.

Then dec 1 st at neck edge every other row 2(2,3) times.

Work even until armhole measures 9 1/2(9-1/2, 9-3/4) inches.

At beginning of next WS row, bind off 8 sts.

At beginning of next WS row, bind off 7(5,6) sts.

At beginning of next WS row, bind off 0(5,5) sts

Button Band:

WIth right side of Left Front facing and smaller needles, pick up 96(100, 104) sts evenly along front edge.

Row 1: k1, (p2, k2) across to last 3 sts, p2, k1.

Row 2: k1, (k2, p2) across to last 3 sts, k3.

Repeat rows 1 and 2 twice more, then row 1 again.

Row 8: knit

Row 9: purl.

Bind off knitwise.

Bind off in patt using larger needles.

Buttonhole Band:

With right side of Right Front facing and smaller needles, pick up 96(100, 104) sts evenly along front edge.

Row 1: k1, (p2, k2) across to last 3 sts, p2, k1.

Row 2: k1, (k2, p2) across to last 3 sts, k3.

Row 3: repeat row 1.

Row 4 (buttonhole row). k1(1,5), *k1, ssk, yo twice, k2 tog, k1, (p2, k2) twice,p2, rep from * to

last 3(7,3) sts, patt to end.

Rows 5,6,7: repeat rows 1,2,3. (working double yo's on first row as k1, k1-b).

Row 8: knit

Row 9: purl.

Bind off knitwise.

Sew shoulder seams.

Armhole Bands:

With smaller needles, pick up 94(94, 98) sts along one armhole edge.

Knit 4 rows.

Row 5: k1, (p2, k2) across to last st, k1.

Row 6: p1, (p2, k2) across to last st, p1.

Rows 7,8,9: Repeat rows 5,6,5.

Bind off in patt.

Repeat for second armhole.

Sew side seams.

Neckband:

With right side facing and smaller needles, and starting after rolled sts, pick up 7 sts along buttonhole band, 19(21,23) sts up right neck edge, knit sts from Back on holder, 19(21,23) sts down left neck edge, and 7 sts along button band

Work ribbing same as rows 1 and 2 of button band for 10 rows, binding off in patt on last row.

Sew on buttons.