



Midnight Blue Women's Vest

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Experience Level: Easy

Sizes: Women's Small (Medium, Large) to fit chest size 32(34,36) inches. Finished chest measurement: 36(38,40) inches.

Materials: Size 11(US) knitting needles, Patons Diana yarn (or other Bulky yarn): 2(3,3) skeins turquoise, 3(4,4) skeins black; five 1-inch buttons.

Gauge: 8 sts/ 1 ½ inches in patt.

Note: Vest is worked in one piece to armholes.

Directions:

With Black, cast on 115(119,127) sts. Knit 4 rows.

Begin Pattern:

Row 1: With Blue, (k3, sl 1 wyib) across, end k3.

Row 2: With Blue, (k3, sl 1 wyif) across, end k3.

Row 3: With Black, k1, (sl 1 wyib, k3) across to last 2 sts, sl 1 wyib, k1.

Row 4: With Black, p1, (sl 1 wyif, p3) across to last 2 sts, sl 1 wyif, p1.

These four rows set pattern. Continue to work in pattern until piece measures 13(13,13½) inches.

Keeping in pattern, split work into fronts and back as follows:

Patt across 25(26,28) sts, bind off 6 sts, work across 53(55,59) sts, bind off 6 sts, then work across last 25(26,28) sts.

Turn. Working only on sts of left front and keeping in pattern, bind off 2 sts at armhole edge, then decrease 1 st at armhole edge every other row 3(3,4) times. **AT THE SAME TIME**, start V-neck shaping. At neck edge, dec 1 st every 4 rows until there are 9(9,11) sts left on needle. Work even until armhole measures 9(9 ½,9 ½) inches. Bind off.

Attach yarn to rem sts (with wrong side facing), and bind off 2 sts at beg of next 2 rows. Then dec 1 st at each armhole edge every other row 3(3,4) times. Work even until Back measures same as Left Front. Bind off.

Attach yarn to rem sts of Right Front (wrong side facing), bind off 2 sts, work to end of row. Shape armholes and V-neck same as Left Front, reversing shaping. Work even until Right Front measures same as Left Front.

Armhole Bands: Pick up 60(64,64) sts along armhole edge.

Knit 4 rows, dec 2 sts at bottom of underarm along last row.

Bind off knitwise.

Repeat for other armhole.

Sew shoulder seams.

Button/Buttonhole/Neckband: Pick up 149(153, 156) sts along front edges and back of neck. Knit 2 rows.

Buttonhole Row: Knit to last 31 sts. (yo, k2 tog, k6) 4 times, k3.

Knit 2 rows.

Bind off knitwise.