BOLD AND BULKY VEST

MATERIALS: Cascades Magnum 4, 5, 6 hanks
Needles #17 & #19
3 large buttons
N Crochet hook

Sizes: 36", 40", 44", 48"
Gauge: 1 3/4 sts = 1 in on #19 needles
In pattern st.

Back:
With #17 needle CO 38, 42, 46, 50sts. And work K1 P1 rib for 7 rows. Change to #19 needles and work patterns as follows:
Row 1: K5, (P1, K1) 5, 6, 7, 8 times, K8, (K1, P1) 5, 6, 7, 8 times, K5.
Row 2: P4, (K1, P1) 5, 6, 7, 8 times, K1, P8, K1, (P1, K1) 5, 6, 7, 8 times, P4.
Row 3: as row 1
Row 4: as row 2
Row 5: C4F, K1, (P1, K1) 5, 6, 7, 8 times, C4B, C4F, (K1, P1) 5, 6, 7, 8 times, K1, C4B.
Row 6, 8 & 10: as row 2
Row 7 & 9: as row 1
Repeat these 10 rows for pattern to 13", 14", 15", 15" total.
Shape armholes as follows: BO 2 (3, 4, 5) sts. beginning of next 2 rows, then decrease 1 st. at each end on next 2 (4, 6, 6) rows. Continue in pattern to 20", 21", 22", 23" total, bind off all stitches.

Front:
Work as for back to armholes. BO 2, (3, 4, 5) sts. pattern next 12, 15, 18, 21 sts. Turn and work on these sts. only for Left front. Continue to decrease at arm edge as for back, then continue in pattern to 17", 18", 19", 20" total and shape neck edge only as follows: bind off 1 st. 3 times. At 20", 21", 22" 23" total bind off all stitches.
Right front: rejoin yarn and work remaining sts. in pattern to 17", 18", 19", 20" total. At neck edge bind off 10 sts., then 1 st. 3 times. At 20", 21", 22", 23" bind off all sts.

Armbands:
With #17 needle, pick up 52 sts. and work 1/1 rib for 2 rounds. Bind off.

Collar:
With #17 needles, pick up 49 sts., and work in 1/1 rib for 2 rows. Change to #19 needle and continue in rib to shoulder seam. Inc. 2 sts. Inc. 2 sts. on other shoulder seam, also inc. 1 st. at Right front edge. Repeat this inc. row 1 time more (59 sts.). At 4 1/2" total and bind off loosely.

Button bands:
Left front band, work single crochet for 1 row. Right front, work 1 row of single crochet, on next row, place 2 button holes if desired.