



**Checkerboard Vest (W148)
Using Cascade Sierra Pattern**



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Materials: Sierra by Cascade Yarns

Main color=mc=2/ 2/ 3 sks

Contrast colors=#1/ #2/ #3/ #4/ #5=1 sk. each

Finished length: 20 ½"

Finished bust: 36"/ 39"/ 42"

Needles- circular #8

Tension= 4 ½ sts=1" in gtr.st.

Garter Stitch= gtr.st.= knit all rows & stitches

NOTE: Vest is knit in one piece in garter stitch

Using mc, cast on 165/ 176/ 187 sts.

Step 1:

(Using #1, k15/ k16/ k17 sts, #2, k15/ k16/ k17. #3, k15/ k16/ k17. #4, k15/ k16/ k17. #5, k15/ k16/ k17 sts.) 2 times. End with #2, k15/ k16/ k17. Knit with #2, (then #5, #4, #3, #2 & #1) 2 times.

Step 2:

With mc, knit 2 rows.

Repeat step 1 & step 2, 6 more times.

For second block sequence in step 1 (use #3/ #4/ #5/ #1/ #2) repeat 2 times. End with #4. Work this color sequence until block is finished. Make 2 more block sections making sure to stagger the colors so the same color won't be next to, or on top of itself.

Shape armholes:

On a right side row using mc knit. Next row knit 35/ k38/ k41 sts, bind off 20 sts. Knit 55/ k60/ k65 sts. Bind off 20 sts. End with knit 35/ k38/ k41 sts.

Working on right front only, and starting another color sequence, knit 2 sts. together at arm edge only on every other row 10 times. (decreasing 5 sts. total at arm edge) Complete this color block. Using mc, bind off 15/ 16/ 17 sts. then begin another color block. At neck edge only, decrease 1 st. every other row 5/ 6/ 7 times. Continue on remaining 10 sts for shoulder until block is done. Bind off.

Back:

Join new block color and decrease 1 st. at each arm edge, every other row 5/ 6/ 7 times. Continue on remaining 45/ 48/ 51 sts. When you have completed 4 color stripes (not mc), bind off center 15/ 16/ 17 sts. and work on each shoulder separately, decrease 1 st. at neck edge every row 5/ 6/ 7 times. Continue on remaining 10 sts. until color block is done and bind off.

Left front:

Work as given for right front.

Finishing:

Sew shoulder seams together.

Make ties:

With right front facing you, on the top, bind off mc corner on the edge, using contrast colors, cast on 50 sts. Bind off 49 sts. knit 3 sts into the last st, turn and increase 1 st. in each stitch. (6 sts) Knit 2 together 3 times. Knit 3 together and fasten off leaving enough to sew to vest. Make 2 ties each in all 5 colors, or make 10 ties total in just 1 color.

With right side facing, Weave end through the last bind off st. on tie to form bobble and sew to vest starting at the top 5 sts, in from the edge on both the right and left fronts. Place the remaining ties on a mc row between each color block