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Cascade Pure Alpaca
Bias Lace Vest



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BIAS LACE VEST

Many of you will recognize the bias lace pattern on this vest from my Faux Circle Jacket (available from Cascade Yarns under Lana Bambu) and my Ruffled Bias Lace Scarf (available in *Luxury One-Skein Wonders*). I don't seem to be able to stop making items with this bias pattern. It's easy but doesn't look it. This time I came up with a simple little lace vest that is basically four short panels of the scarf sewed together down the back and on the sides. Add a notched bottom border and a couple of buttons . . . vi-ola it's a vest.

Materials: 4(4,5) skeins of Cascade Pure Alpaca. Pictured vest is color #3042. Size 7 US needles, or size needed to obtain gauge. Two 3/4 or 1-inch buttons.

Gauge: 7 sts to 2 inches in pattern stitch.

Sizes: Small, Medium and Large. Directions are for small with changes in parentheses. If only one number is given it applies to all sizes. Bust is about 37(40,43) inches. Pictured vest is a medium.

Directions:

Back Left

Part 1 – bottom triangle.

Cast on 2 sts.

Set up row: Knit into front and back (KFB) of 1st st, K1. (3 sts)

Rows 1-5: KFB 1st stitch. Knit to end of row (8 stitches on needle after 6th row).

Row 6: K1 *YO, K2tog, rep. from * to end of row, ending YO, K1.

Repeat Rows 1-6 until there are 51(57,63) stitches on the needle.

Part 2 – body of scarf – 51(57,63) stitches on every row.

Rows 1, 3 and 5: Knit

Rows 2 and 4: KFB 1st stitch, Knit until 2 stitches remain, K2tog.

Row 6: K1 *YO, K2tog, rep. from * to end of row.

Repeat Rows 1-6 until panel measures 14" along **shorter** edge. This makes a vest that comes to about mid-thigh. Feel free to work to desired length for a shorter or longer garment.

Helpful Hint: Place a marker to indicate the wrong side of the scarf (even rows) to help keep track of when to make increases, decreases and YOs.

Part 3 – top triangle.

Rows 1, 3 and 5: Knit

Rows 2 and 4: K2tog, Knit until 2 stitches remain, K2tog.

Row 6: K3tog, *YO, K2tog, rep. from * to end of row.

Repeat Rows 1-6 until 3 stitches remain.

Slip 1, K2tog, pass slipped stitch over. Cut yarn.

Back Right:

Parts 1 and 3 are worked just like the back left.

Work Part 2 as follows:

Rows 1, 3 and 5: Knit

Rows 2 and 4: K2tog, Knit until 2 stitches remain, KFB, K1.

Row 6: *K2tog, YO, rep. from * to end of row ending YO, K1.

Repeat Rows 1-6 until panel measures 14" along shorter edge, or same length as back left.

Front Right:

Work just as back left **EXCEPT** when there are 37(37,39) sts left in Part 3, bind off the remaining sts on the right side. This will leave edges that will form both a shoulder seam and a V-neck when the 4 panels are sewed together.

Front Left:

Work just as back right **EXCEPT** when there are 37(37,39) sts left in Part 3, bind off the remaining sts on the right side.

Finishing:

Sew the 2 back panels together to form a seam up the middle of the back with the pattern forming a v-shape. Sew the shoulder seams from the outside edge to the end of the short top edge of the front panels. Sew the 2 underarm seams together leaving a 9(9-1/2,10) inch gap for armholes. Sew buttons on left front with the first just below the turn of the V and the second about 3 inches below the first being careful that buttons are opposite a hole. The holes in the pattern are the buttonholes. To tighten up back neck edge, pick up and K about 36 sts evenly between the shoulder seams. Immediately bind off a little tightly.

Bottom Edge: With right side facing, pick up and K 36(40,44) stitches in **each** of the four panels of the vest. Turn and cable cast on 5 stitches. Knit 1 set up row of the 5 sts of the cable cast on. Work saw tooth border as follows:

Row 1: (Right Side) K3, YO, YO, K2 (7 sts)

Row 2: K3, K1tbl (knit into the back loop of the 2nd YO) K2, SSK

Note: the SSK is worked with the last st of the 7 from row 1 and the next st on the needle of the picked up sts. In working the SSK, 1 st is "bound off." With each repeat of the edging, 4 sts are bound off.

Row 3: K

Row 4: K6, SSK

Row 5: K3, YO, YO, K2tog, YO, YO, K2 (10 sts)

Row 6: K3, K1tbl, K2, K1tbl, K2, SSK

Row 7: K

Row 8: Bind off 5, K3, SSK (5 sts)

Rep. rows 1-8 until all sts have been used up. On last repeat of row 8, bind off all stitches working an SSK with last 2 sts before binding that off too.

Weave in ends.