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Alpaca Lace Whisper Vest

Designed by Cheryl Beckerich

Skill Level:

INTERMEDIATE

Size:
S (M, L, XL, 2XL, 3XL)

Finished Measurements:
37 (41, 45, 49, 53, 57) inches at bust
19 (19, 19.5, 19.5, 20, 20) inches in length

Materials:

- Cascade Yarns® Alpaca Lace; 100% Baby Alpaca; 100 g (3.5 oz) / 437 yds (400 m);
- 2 (2, 3, 3, 3, 3) skeins color #1402 (Camel)
- US 4 (3.5 mm) 36” knitting needles or size to obtain gauge.
- US 4 (3.5 mm) spare knitting needle
- Stitch markers
- Waste yarn
- Yarn needle

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Gauge:
22 sts x 32 rows = 4 inches or 10 cm in stockinette stitch
20 sts x 32 rows = 4 inches or 10 cm in lace pattern

Abbreviations:

BO	= Bind off
CO	= Cast on
K	= Knit
K2tog	= Knit 2 sts together.
M	= Marker
P	= Purl
Pm	= Place marker.
Rev st st	= Reverse stockinette stitch. Purl on the RS, knit on the WS.
RS	= Right side.
St(s)	= Stitch(es)
St st	= Stockinette Stitch. Knit on the RS, purl on the WS.
Ssk	=Slip one st as if to knit, slip a second st as if to knit, insert left needle into the front of the 2 slipped sts and knit the 2 sts together.
WS	= Wrong side.
Yo	= Yarn over.

Pattern Stitches:

Seed Stitch
Worked over 2 sts and 2 rows
Row 1: K1, p1.
Row 2: P1, k1. (Knit the purls, and purl the knits)

Lace Pattern
Worked over 10 sts and 12 rows
Row 1: Yo, ssk, k8.
Rows 2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12: Purl.
Row 3: K1, yo, ssk, k5, k2tog, yo.
Row 5: K2, yo, ssk, k3, k2tog, yo, k1.
Row 7: K5, yo, ssk, k3.
Row 9: K3, k2tog, yo, k1, yo, ssk, k2.
Row 11: K2, k2tog, yo, k3, yo, ssk, k1.

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Begin Pattern:
CO 51 (56, 62, 68, 73, 79) sts for the right front, pm, CO 102 (112, 124, 136, 146, 158) for the back, pm, CO 51 (56, 62, 68, 73, 79) for the left front. Begin with a WS row, work 6 rows in seed st. Next row, Work the first 4 sts in seed st, k1, [p6, p2tog] 4 (4, 4, 5, 5, 5) times, purl to m, purl across back to 2nd m, [p6, p2tog] 4 (4, 4, 5, 5, 5) times, purl until 5 sts remain, k1, work 4 sts in seed st. 47 (52, 58, 63, 68, 74) sts each front, 102 (112, 124, 136, 146, 158) sts back.

Work in seed stitch on the first 4 sts, work 1 st in rev st st, and 1 st in st st, pm, work row 1 of lace pattern 3 (3, 3, 4, 4, 4) times, pm after each repeat of the lace pattern. Work 11 (16, 22, 17, 22, 28) sts in st st to back marker, then work in st st across the back. Work 11 (16, 22, 17, 22, 28) sts in st st, pm, work row 1 of lace pattern 3 (3, 3, 4, 4, 4) times, pm after each repeat of lace pattern, pm, work 1 st in st st, work 1 st in rev st st, work 4 sts in seed stitch. Continue in pattern until vest measures 11 (10.5, 10.5, 10, 10.25, 10) inches ending in a RS row

Shape Left Armhole and Neck
Place the right front and back on waste yarn to work later. Work the next row of the left front (WS) in pattern to the end of row, CO 6. Work in seed stitch on the first 4 sts, work 1 st in rev st and 1 st in t st, pm, work to the end of the row in pattern. At the same time, begin decreases using a k2tog on the RS adjacent to the lace pattern every 6 rows 10 (11, 10, 11, 7, 7) times, then every 4 rows 0 (0, 3, 2, 8, 9) times. 43 (47, 51, 56, 59, 64) sts. Work in pattern until armhole measures 8 (8.5, 9, 9.5, 9.75, 10) inches. Place the live sts on waste yarn to join with back later.

Shape Right Armhole and Neck
Transfer the right front sts from waste yarn to the needle. Join the yarn at the armhole and work the first WS row in pattern. Work the RS row in pattern to the armhole, then CO 6. For the remainder of the right front those newly CO sts will be worked as 4 sts in seed st, 1 st in rev st st, and 1 st in st st. At the same time, begin decreases using a ssk on the RS adjacent to the lace pattern every 6 rows 10 (11, 10, 11, 7, 7) times then every 4 rows 0 (0, 3, 2, 8, 9) times. 43 (47, 51, 56, 59, 64) sts. Work in pattern until armhole measures 8 (8.5, 9. 9.5, 9.75, 10) inches. Place live sts on waste yarn to join with back later.

Back
Transfer the back sts from waste yarn to the needle. CO 6 sts at the end of the next 2 rows. The newly cast on sts will be worked as the other borders; 4 sts in seed stitch, 1 st in rev st st and 1 st in st st. The remainder of the back will continue in st st. Work as directed until armhole measures 7.5 (8, 8.5, 9, 9.25, 9.5) inches.

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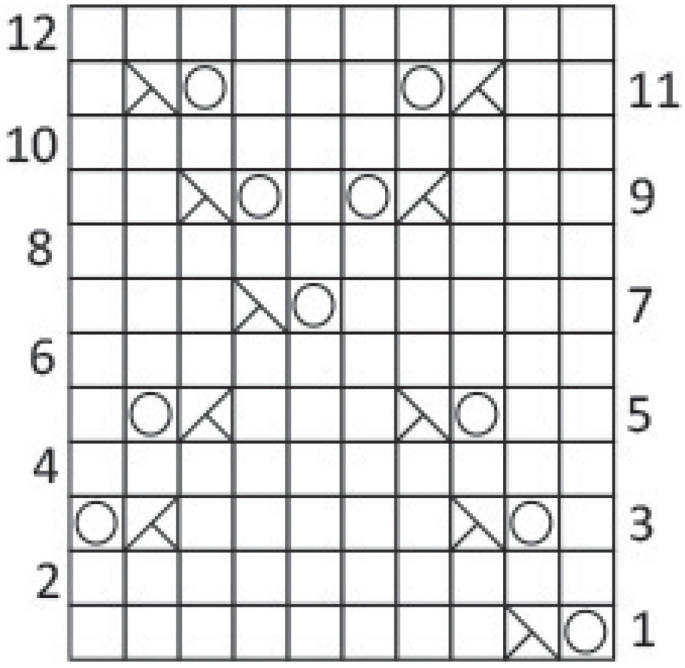
Shape Neck
Work in pattern for 39 (43, 47, 52, 55, 60) sts, work the next 36 (38, 42, 44, 48, 52) sts in seed stitch, then work 39 (43, 47, 52, 55, 60) sts in pattern. Work 5 additional rows in this manner. On the next row, work 43 (47, 51, 56, 59, 64) sts in pattern, BO 28 (30, 34, 36, 40, 42) sts, work to the end of the row in pattern

Finishing
Join the back shoulders to the front shoulders using a 3 needle BO. Sew the armhole borders together at the underarms. Work in all loose ends. Block by soaking with cool water and laying flat to dry.

Lace Chart Pattern

Knit on the RS, Purl on the WS
YO
Ssk
K2tog



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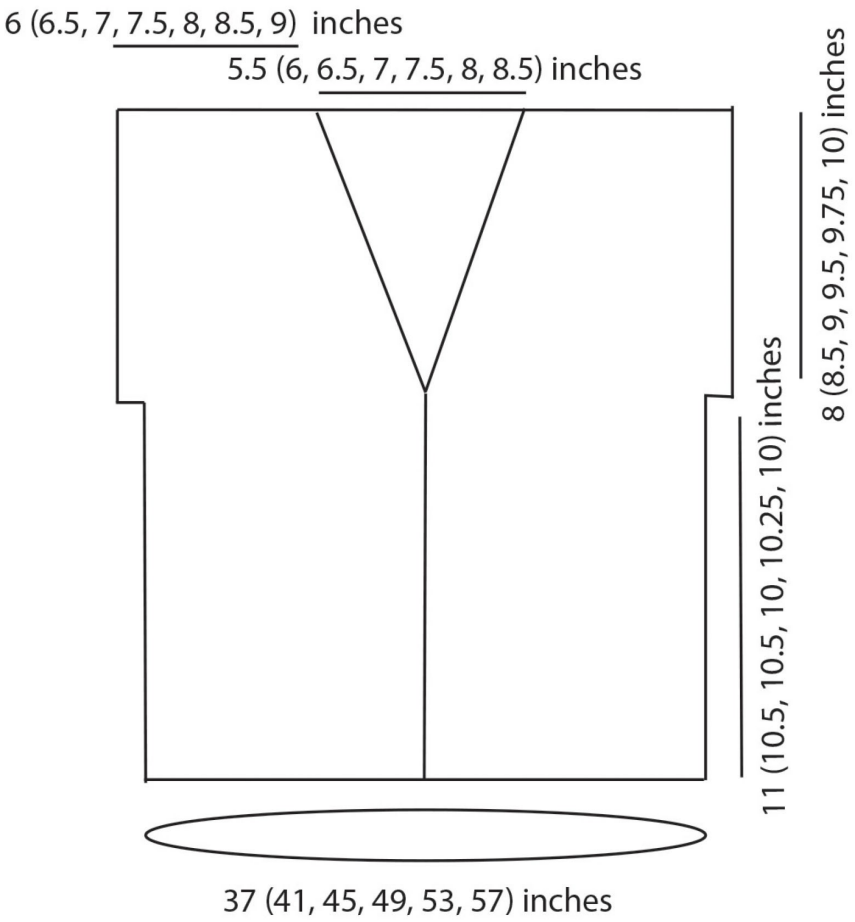
Whisper Vest Schematic



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