

Hug-me-Tight Bolero Vest



This vest is a great quick project. Knit entirely in rib stitch, using worsted weight yarn it is a surprisingly fast knit! Using just a few seams and unique shaping, this vest is true to its' word, it's like wearing a warm hug!

SIZES:

X-SM. (bust 28-30"), SM.(bust 32-34"), Med.(bust 36-38"), Large (bust 40-42")

Directions are given for smallest size with larger sizes in parentheses. Be sure to read through the entire pattern and highlight your particular size numbers to avoid mistakes as you go along.

Directions are also given for making the vest in one piece on a knitting board that has a sufficient number of pegs to work. The pattern requires a minimum of 50 sets of pegs for the smallest size, and 60 sets of pegs for the largest size. To make the vest in one piece the pattern requires a knitting board with 100 sets of pegs for the smallest size up to 120 sets of pegs for the largest size.

MATERIALS:

- Lion Brand Wool Ease Worsted or worsted weight yarn of your choice
- Small gauge knitting board with $\frac{1}{4}$ inch space between boards.
- Knitting hook
 - Crochet hook
 - Yarn needle

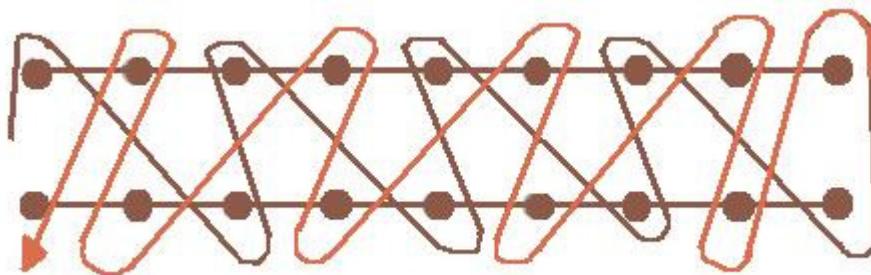
PATTERN NOTES:

The lower part of the board refers to the row of pegs that are closest to you as you hold the board.

The upper part of the board refers to the row of pegs furthest away from you as you hold the board.

RIB STITCH:

Start with yarn at upper first peg on the board, then wrap down around the lower third peg. Wrap from the lower third peg go straight up to the upper third peg. Continue wrapping every other needle in this manner till desired number of stitches wrapped. Turn, and continue to wrap back the other direction, covering all the empty pegs. Your board will look like this:



PATTERN:

Fronts (make two)

Cast on 50(54, 58, 60) sets of pegs on the loom.

For larger knitting boards: When working on a loom that has sufficient sets of pegs cast on 100(108, 116, 120) sets of pegs.

Knit the rib stitch for 33(33, 36, 38) rows.

Cast off 32(36, 40, 42) set of pegs.

You should then have 18(18,20,22) sets of stitches remaining.

Remove the remaining stitches from the board carefully placing them on a contrasting color waste yarn. Set aside.

Make second front piece.

For larger knitting boards: When working this in one piece simply cast off 32(36, 40, 42) sets of stitches noted above on the outside edges leaving the remaining 36(36,40,44) stitches in the center of the piece.

Place the two front pieces back on the board starting at the center and carefully remove the waste yarn that held the stitches. You should have a total of 32(36, 40, 42) active sets of stitches on the board.

Tip: slide the pieces back through the loom from the top so that the working yarn will be coming from above the pegs.

Work in rib stitch for 64(66, 68, 70) more rows.

Cast off.

Weave in ends.

FINISHING:

Using a mattress stitch, seam at C. (see diagram below)

For Both versions: Being careful not to twist the front piece; line up edge A on piece 1 with edge A on piece 3. Seam using a whip stitch.

Again being careful not to twist the front piece; line up edge B on piece 2 with edge B on piece 3 and join using a whip stitch.

