

Hugo's vest

The pattern description was made afterwards and is improved to make the vest better, for example I added some short rows below the neckband on the back.

I recommend trying the vest on the dog when knitting to find out if the neckband should be shorter or longer or the abdominal part should be longer.

SIZE One size
Width on spinal part: 34 cm
Width on abdominal part: 37 cm

YARN
Álafosslopi - 100 gr balls
9978 - 2 balls

Circular needles nr 7, 40 og 60 cm long
6 buttons

GAUGE
12 ½ sts = 10 cm measured over stockinette
stitch using 7 mm needles.



NOTE

Neckband is worked in the round. Then sts are dived in spine and belly piece. Spinal piece is worked in st st except 3 first and last sts which are worked in garter sts. The same goes for the lower piece until it reaches the belly and is worked in garter sts from there. The garter sts is rather loose to be able to fasten the buttons through it "everywhere" as there are no special buttonholes made.

Short rows (wrap & turn):

On the knit side: Knit to the turning point in the row. Keeping the yarn in back, slip the next stitch purlwise from the left needle to the right needle. Move the yarn to the front. Slip the stitch back from the right needle to the left needle. Move the yarn to the back. Turn and continue.

On the purl side: Purl to the turning point in the row. Keeping the yarn in front, slip the next stitch purlwise from the left needle to the right needle. Move the yarn to the back. Slip the stitch back from the right needle to the left needle. Move the yarn to the front. Turn and continue.

VEST

Cast on 56 sts using 7mm needles. Join in a circle and work rib *K2, P2* for 7 cm. *Next row:* Increase 1 sts in every knit part of the rib => 70 sts. Continue rib *K3, P2* for 3 cm.

Spinal part:

Work over 38 sts put the rest of the sts on waste yarn. Turn and K3, P until 3 sts left and K 3.

Short rows: K until 5 sts are left, wrap & turn (see in **Note**). P until 5 sts are left, wrap & turn. K until 10 sts are left, wrap & turn. P until 10 sts are left, wrap & turn. K until 15 sts are left, wrap & turn. P until 15 sts are left, wrap & turn. Work over all the sts and pick up the wraps along with the sts as you go. Work until 10 cm from ribbing. *Next row:* Increase 1 sts each side (after the first 3 sts and before the last 3 sts). Repeat the increase after 10 cm => 42 sts. Work until measures 45 cm from the ribbing.

Decreasing (RS): K3, K2 tog, K until 5 sts are left, skp, Repeat dec every second row, 7 times => 28 L. Work 6 rows garterstitch (3 garters) and cast off.

Abdominal part:

Pick up sts from waste yarn. Add 3 sts in beg and end by working in the back of the garter sts from spinal part => 38 L. Keep on knitting from RS and purling from WS except for the first and last 3 sts (gartersts like on spinal part).

1. row: Knit all K sts in rib and K2 tog over purl sts => 31 L.

2. row: Work without decreasing.

Decreasing: Start dec in 3rd row by dec same way on spinal part in every 2nd row, 8 times. Now it's good to check the fitting on the dog as you may need to decrease more => 15 sts. Continue to work 15 rows.

Increasing (RS): K3, inc 1, work until 3 sts are left, inc 1 and K3. Inc this way in every 2nd row, 15 times => 45 sts. Change to garterstitch over all the sts for 56 rows (28 garters). Cast off.



FINISHING

Weave in loose ends. Sew the buttons inside the edge on the spinal part, 3 each side. The size of the buttons must be moderately big for buttoning anywhere in the garterstitch section on the abdominal part.

Try the vest on the dog and button up the first buttons close to the edge of the lower part, and the other buttons more into the gartersts part to fit the right size for your dog.

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The description is improved a little bit by adding short rows below the neckband on the back.