

# Bitten - a sweet, cosy vest

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*A sweet and cosy vest that ensures that the little wearer is nice and warm, but still has his or her arms free. The vest has a sweet little lace pattern and small buttons – and is quite a simple knit.*

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## Materials

100 (100) 150 (200) g og Indiecita by Filcolana in color 810 (Chrysanthemum).  
3 and 3½ mm needles  
Stitch holders or an extra set of needles for the 3-needle bind-off  
2 small buttons

## Sizes

½-1 (1-1½) 2 (4) years

## Measurements

Body, chest: 47 (50) 54 (57) cm  
Vest, chest: 51 (55) 59 (63) cm  
Total length to shoulders: 28 (31) 34 (38) cm

## Gauge

24 sts and 36 rows in the lace pattern on 3½ mm needles = 10 x 10 cm.

## Special abbreviations

**skp:** slip 1 stitch, knit the next stitch, pass the slipped stitch over the knit one.

## Techniques

**Garter stitch:** Knit every row.

**Edge sts:** Knit the first and last of every row.

**Chained edge sts:** A 2 stitch edge worked as follows:

All RS rows: Knit the 2 first and 2 last stitches.

All WS rows: Slip the first 2 and last 2 stitches purl-wise with the yarn held in front.



**Note:** When turning to work the RS row, the working yarn will be attached to the 3rd stitch.

**4 stitch buttonhole:** K2tog, yarn over twice, skp.  
Knit both of the yarn overs through the back loop on the next row.

## Lace pattern

(divisible by 6 sts + 5 and 1 edge stitch in each side)

**Row 1-3:** Work in stockinette stitch (Row 1 is a WS row)

**Row 4:** 1 edge stitch, k1,\*k2tog, yarn over, k4\*. Repeat from \* and end with k2tog, yarn over, k2 and 1 edge stitch.

**Row 5-7:** Work in stockinette stitch.

**Row 8:** 1 edge stitch, k1, \*k4, yarn over, skp. Repeat from \* and end with k4 and 1 edge stitch. Repeat Row 1-8.

## Directions for knitting

The vest is worked back and forth in 2 pieces and the shoulder are knit together using a 3-needle bind-off.

## Back

Cast on 58 (64) 70 (76) sts on a 3 mm needle and knit back and forth for 6 (8) 8 (8) rows of garter stitch.

**Next row:** Knit while increasing 3 sts evenly across the row

There are now 61 (67) 73 (79) sts on the needle. Change to 3½ mm needle and work in the lace pattern until the vest measures 19 (21) 23 (26) cm.

Bind off 3 sts for the armholes at the beginning of the next 2 rows. Continue in the lace pattern, but with a 2 stitch chained edge at the beginning and end of the row.

**Decrease row (RS):** 2 stitch chained edge, k2tog, work in pattern to the last 4 sts, skp, 2 stitch chained edge.

Work a decrease row every RS row a total of 4 (5) 5 (6) times. There are now 47 (51) 57 (61) sts on the needle. Change to 3 mm needles and garter stitch. \*\* Work straight until the armholes measure 8 (9) 10 (11) cm.

**Next row:** Knit 16 (17) 18 (19) sts, bind off 15 (17) 19 (21) sts, knit 16 (17) 18 (19) sts.

Finish each side separately. Work a 2 stitch chained edge at the neck. Decrease 1 stitch at the neck edge just inside the chained edge sts every RS row a total of 4 (4) 5 (5) times. Work a k2tog when the decrease is worked at the beginning of the row and a skp when the decrease is worked at the end of the row. End on a WS row. Place the remaining 12 (13) 14 (15) sts on a stitch holder and work the second shoulder in the same way, only mirror reversed.

## Front

Work the front the same way as the back to \*\* then divide the work for the button band:

**Left side:** On a RS row, knit 21 (23) 26 (28) sts, cast on 6 new sts in extension of the sts on the needle for the button band. Turn and work back and forth across the 27 (29) 32 (34) sts of the left side. Let the right side rest. Work a 2 stitch chained edge at both the button band and the armhole.

Work straight until the armhole measures 6 (6,5) 7 (7,5) cm. End on a RS row.

Bind off 11 (12) 13 (14) sts at the neck edge on the next row. Continue across the remaining 16 (17) 19 (20) sts, working a chained edge at the beginning and end of the row.

Work a skp at the neck edge just inside the chained edge sts every RS row a total of 4 (4) 5 (5) times. There are now 12 (13) 14 (15) sts on the needle. Continue straight until the armhole measures the same as on the back. Bind off the shoulder sts together with the corresponding back shoulder using the 3-needle bind-off.

Place the remaining 12 (13) 14 (15) sts on a stitch holder and work the second shoulder in the same way, only mirror reversed.

**Right side:** Work back and forth with a 2 stitch chained edge at both the button band and the armhole.

Work a buttonhole after 2 (2,5) 3 (3) cm on a RS row: 2 stitch chained edge, k1, work a 4 stitch buttonhole (see Techniques at beginning of pattern).

Work a second buttonhole after another 6 (8) 10 (12) rows.

Bind off 10 (11) 12 (13) sts at the neck edge when the armhole measures 6 (6,5) 7 (7,5) cm.

Continue across the remaining sts, working a chained

edge at the beginning and end of the row.

Work a k2tog at the neck edge just inside the chained edge sts every RS row a total of 4 (4) 5 (5) times. Continue straight until the armhole measures the same as on the back. Bind off the shoulder sts together with the corresponding back shoulder using the 3-needle bind-off.

## Finishing

Weave in the ends, sew the end of the little button band to bottom of the WS of the buttonhole edge. Gently steam or wash the finished vest and let it dry lying on a flat surface.

