

Gustav - a light, woolen vest



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Gustav is a simple and light vest for children. Wool next to the skin keeps the body warm and dry. The design can also be worn as a vest over other clothes, if wool next to the skin seems a bit much. Gustav is simple to knit, so it's just a matter of casting on and begin to knit.

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Materials

45 (65) 75 g of Saga by Filcolana in colour 228 (Smoke Blue)
3 mm circular needle, 60 cm long

Sizes

80-92 cl (98-110 cl) 116-128 cl

Measurements

Body, chest: 50-54 (56-60) 62-66 cm
Vest, chest: 43 (49) 54 cm (rib is very stretchy, so the vest will not be too tight)
total length: 34 (44) 52 cm

Gauge

28 sts pr. 10 cm in stockinette stitch
Note that the gauge is given in stockinette stitch even though the vest is worked in ribbing

Special techniques

Cast-on and bind-off: All cast-ons and bind-offs are worked with 2 strand of yarn held together (to improve the durability of the edges), the rest of the vest is worked with one strand of yarn.

Cable cast-on (at the armholes): Turn the work.

*Insert the right needle between the 2 first sts on the left needle and catch the working yarn. Pull a new



stitch through the stitches and place it on the left needle. Repeat from * until you have the required number of stitches. Turn the work and continue around. (Google "cable cast on" to find instructional videos of the technique)

Pattern

Cast on 120 (136) 152 sts with 2 strands of yarn. Join in the round and place a marker for the beginning of the round.

Work in k2, p2 ribbing until the body measures 24 (30) 36 cm.

Bind off for the armholes starting at the beginning of the round, so the first 2 sts are knit sts. Use 2 strands of yarn: K1, bind off the next 12 (12) 16 sts in ribbing, k1 (the last knit stitch have already been worked as part of the bind off). Work 46 (54) 58 sts in ribbing with 1 strand of yarn. Use 2 strands of yarn again and bind off for the second armhole: K1, bind off the next 12 (12) 16 sts in ribbing, k1 (the last knit stitch have already been worked as part of the bind off). Work 46 (54) 58 sts in ribbing with 1 strand of yarn.

Cast on new stitches for the armholes and place raglan markers. Use 2 strands of yarn for the cast on: K1, place marker, cast on 36 (40) 44 new stitches using the cable cast-on (see above), place marker, k1. Work 46 (54) 58 sts in ribbing with 1 strand of yarn. Use 2 strands of yarn: K1, place marker, cast on 36 (40) 44 new stitches with using the cable cast-on (see above), place marker, k1. Work 46 (54) 58 sts in ribbing with 1 strand of yarn. There are now 168 (192) 208 sts on the needle. work 2 (4) 4 rounds in ribbing across all stitches - without decreases.

Raglan decreases: *Work in ribbing to 3 sts before marker, p2tog, k1, slip marker, k1, p2tog*. Repeat from * to * at all 4 markers.

Work decreases at the raglan markers every other row a total of 10 (12) 13 times.

There are now 88 (96) 104 sts on the needle. Bind off in ribbing using 2 strands of yarn.

Finishing

Weave in the ends and gently wash the vest. The vest can be washed either by hand or in the washed in the washing machine on a wool program. Remember that it is not necessary to wash wool very often. Usually a simple airing will be sufficient.

