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Short Wool Vest

designed by Barbara Lundy Stone

MATERIALS:

- 2 skeins Beaded Wool (I used 2 skeins of the main color and 2 other colors to make a landscape vest)

EQUIPMENT:

- Size 8 knitting needles
- large tapestry needle

GAUGE: 4 1/2st/in -length 25" -chest 40"

DIRECTIONS:

Back: Cast on 85 stitches and knit in garter stitch for 10 rows. Knit in stockinette stitch leaving a 6 stitch garter stitch band on either side. Mark the change points.

Continue until the piece measures 5" and place on hold.

Side Fronts: Make 2: Cast on 50 st and knit the same as the back with a band at both sides. If you are making color changes make sure they match, back and both sides.

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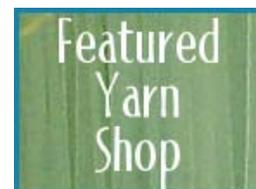
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Body: Put all three pieces on a circular needle with the right side facing you and the back in the middle. Keep all the markers. Knit to join all three . Continue with all the garter stitch bands for 10 rows. Now keep the side markers but knit in stockinette stitch for 7". Maintain the bands at the fronts.

Side Bands: End the side bands. Knit in stockinette stitch maintaining the front bands and begin the garter stitch bands again between the side markers. Knit 10 rows. Put the sides on hold including 6 garter stitches on the armhole sides.

Back: Knit in stockinette stitch continuing with the armhole bands for 10".

Back Neck: Mark 27 stitches in the center back and knit that in garter stitch for 10 rows continuing with the side bands and the rest in stockinette stitch. On the next knit row cast off 15 stitches in the center of the neck band and place the shoulders on hold.

Fronts: Knit in stockinette stitch continuing with the side bands. Decrease 1 stitch next to the front bands on each side every 6 rows beginning with the first row. Continue until there are the same number of stitches on the fronts as on the shoulders. Graft the shoulders together.

Finishing: Choose contrasting yarn if you are using more than one color so that your edge works like a binding. I use the main body color for the single crochet row so the two rows of slip stitch really stand out. Using the H crochet hook single crochet into every space between the ribs around the armholes edges. Slip stitch into the sc loops around and then into the base of the sc stitches. Change to the I hook and continue in the same way around the outside of the vest. If your edging draws in change to a larger hook. The armholes can draw in slightly but the outer edges must lay flat. Make 3 sc's in the bottom front corners and 2 sc's where the front begins to decrease. Measure 24 -1 yard strands. Make braided ties with 6 strands each beginning with the 2 sc stitches on one side of the front at the edge. On the other side of the front make the tie at the inside of the band so that the bands overlap at the front. Make 2 sets of ties 4" apart along the front edge. Weave in any ends.

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