



KNIT
SKILL LEVEL
EASY



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What you will need:

RED HEART® Soft Essentials™:
5 (5, 6, 6, 7, 8) balls 7851 Navy

Susan Bates® Knitting
Needles: 6mm [US 10], 6.5mm [US 10½], and 8mm [US 11]

Removable stitch markers,
stitch holders, yarn needle

GAUGE: 14½ sts = 4" [10 cm];
19½ rows = 4" [10 cm] in
Waffle Stitch using smallest
needles. **CHECK YOUR
GAUGE.** Use any size needles
to obtain the gauge.



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5 oz (141 g), 131 yd
(120 m) balls

Waffle Stitch Vest

Choose this pullover vest design for a piece that you can layer as you please. The cowl neck and high-low hemline are nice fashion details that look great in this soft bulky yarn.

Directions are for size Small. Changes for sizes Medium, Large, X-Large, 2X-Large, and 3X-Large are in parentheses.

Finished Chest: 39 (41, 45, 50, 54, 58)" [99 (104, 114, 126, 137, 147.5) cm]

Finished Front Length: 25 (25½, 26, 26½, 27, 27½)" [63.5 (65, 66, 67.5, 68.5, 70) cm]

Finished Back Length: 27 (27½, 28, 28½, 29, 29½)" [68.5 (70, 71, 72.5, 73.5, 75) cm]

Notes

1. Vest is made from two pieces: Back and front.
2. Each piece is worked from the lower edge upwards in Waffle Stitch.
3. Front is shorter than the back.
4. Turtleneck is worked starting with Row 1 on the wrong side of the garment so that when folded over, the right side faces out.

Special Stitch

ssk (slip, slip, knit) = Slip next 2 stitches, one at a time, as if to knit to right needle, insert point of left needle through front of stitches, knit these sts together through back loop—1 st decreased.

Waffle Stitch (multiple of 4 sts + 2 additional sts)

Row 1 (right side): K2, *p2, k2; repeat from * to end.

Row 2: P2, *k2, p2; repeat from * to end.

Row 3: Knit.

Row 4: Purl.

Repeat Rows 1-4 for Waffle Stitch.

BACK

With smallest needles, cast on 70 (74, 82, 90, 98, 106) sts.

Work in Waffle Stitch until piece measures about 17½ (18, 18, 18½, 18½)" [44.5 (45.5, 45.5, 45.5, 47, 47) cm] from beginning, ending with a wrong side row.

Shape Armholes

Note: When instructed to work in pattern "as established" work the next row of the pattern and line up the stitches as in previous rows.

Next 2 (2, 4, 4, 4, 4) Rows: Bind off 4 (4, 4, 4, 6, 6) sts, continue in Waffle Stitch as established to end of row—62 (66, 66, 74, 74, 82) sts.

Next 4 (6, 4, 6, 6, 4) Rows: Bind off 2 (2, 2, 2, 4) sts, continue in Waffle Stitch as established to end of row—54 (54, 58, 62, 62, 66) sts.

Work even in Waffle Stitch as established until armholes measure about 8¼ (8¼, 8¾, 9¼, 9¼, 9¾)" [21 (21, 22, 23.5, 23.5, 25) cm], ending with a wrong side row.

Shape Back Neck and Shoulders

Row 1 (right side): Work in Waffle Stitch as established over first 14 (14, 16, 16, 16, 18) sts for right side, place center 26 (26, 26, 30, 30, 30) sts on holder for back neck, join a 2nd ball of yarn and work in Waffle Stitch as established to end of row for left side—14 (14, 16, 16, 16, 18) sts for each side of neck.

Row 2: Work even in Waffle Stitch as established across all left side sts; with other ball of yarn, work even in Waffle Stitch as established across all right side sts.

Row 3: Bind off 6 (6, 7, 7, 7, 8) sts then work in Waffle Stitch as established to

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last 3 sts of right side, k2tog, k1; with other ball of yarn, k1, ssk, work in Waffle Stitch as established to end of left side—13 (13, 15, 15, 15, 17) sts for left side and 7 (7, 8, 8, 8, 9) sts for right side.

Row 4: Bind off 6 (6, 7, 7, 7, 8) sts then work in Waffle Stitch as established to end of left side; with other ball of yarn, work in Waffle Stitch as established to end of right side—7 (7, 8, 8, 8, 9) sts for each side of neck.

Row 5: Bind off all remaining sts of right side; work in Waffle Stitch as established to end of left side.

Row 6: Bind of all remaining sts of left side.

FRONT

With smallest needles, cast on 70 (74, 82, 90, 98, 106) sts.

Work in Waffle Stitch until piece measures about 3½" [7.5 cm] from beginning, place a marker at each end of last row.

Continue in Waffle Stitch until piece measures about about 15½ (16, 16, 16, 16½, 16½)" [39.5 (40.5, 40.5, 40.5, 42, 42) cm] from beginning, ending with a wrong side row.

Shape Armholes

Note: When instructed to work in pattern "as established" work the next row of the pattern and line up the stitches as in previous rows.

Next 2 (2, 4, 4, 4, 4) Rows: Bind off 4 (4, 4, 4, 6, 6) sts, continue in Waffle Stitch as established to end of row—62 (66, 66, 74, 74, 82) sts.

Next 4 (6, 4, 6, 6, 4) Rows: Bind off 2 (2, 2, 2, 2, 4) sts, continue in Waffle Stitch as established to end of row—54 (54, 58, 62, 62, 66) sts.

Work even in Waffle Stitch as established until armholes measure about 4¾ (4¾, 5¼, 5¾, 5¾, 6¼)" [12 (12, 13.5, 14.5, 14.5, 16) cm], ending with a wrong side row.

Shape Front Neck

Row 1 (right side): Work in Waffle Stitch as established over first 20 (20, 22, 22, 22, 24) sts for left side, place center 14 (14, 14, 18, 18, 18) sts on holder for front neck, join a 2nd ball of yarn and work in Waffle Stitch as established to end of row for right side—20 (20, 22, 22, 22, 24) sts for each side of neck.

Row 2: Work even in Waffle Stitch as established across all right side sts; with other ball of yarn, work even in Waffle Stitch as established across all left side sts.

Row 3 (neck decrease row): Work in Waffle Stitch as established to last 3 sts of left side, k2tog, k1; with other ball of yarn, k1, ssk, work in Waffle Stitch as established to end of right side—19 (19, 21, 21, 21, 23) sts for each side of neck.

Rows 4–15: Repeat Rows 2 and 3 for 6 more times—13 (13, 15, 15, 15, 17) sts remain for each side of neck.

Work even in Waffle Stitch as established, on both sides of neck using separate balls of yarn, until armholes measure about 8¾ (8¾, 9¼, 9¾, 9¾, 10¼)" [22 (22, 23.5, 25, 25, 26) cm], ending with a wrong side row.

Shape Shoulders

Row 1 (right side): Bind off 6 (6, 7, 7, 7, 8) sts then work in Waffle Stitch as established to end of left side; with other ball of yarn, work in Waffle Stitch as established to end of right side—13 (13, 15, 15, 15, 17) sts for right side and 7 (7, 8, 8, 8, 9) sts for left side.

Row 2: Bind off 6 (6, 7, 7, 7, 8) sts then work in Waffle Stitch as established to end of right side; with other ball of yarn, work in Waffle Stitch as established to end of left side—7 (7, 8, 8, 8, 9) sts for each side of neck.

Row 3: Bind off all remaining sts of left side; work in Waffle Stitch as established to end of right side.

Row 4: Bind of all remaining sts of right side.

FINISHING

Sew right shoulder seam.

Turtleneck

With right side facing and smallest needles, beginning at left shoulder, pick up and k17 sts along left front neck, k14 (14, 14, 18, 18, 18) front neck sts from holder, pick up and k17 sts along right front neck, 4 sts along right back neck, k26 (26, 26, 30, 30, 30) back neck sts from holder, pick up and k4 sts along left back neck—82 (82, 82, 90, 90, 90) sts.

Beginning with Row 1 (see Note #4 above) of pattern, work in Waffle Stitch for 8 rows.

Change to medium needles and work in Waffle Stitch for 12 rows.

Change to largest needles and work in Waffle Stitch for 23 (23, 23, 23, 27, 27) rows, ending with a Row 3 of pattern.

Bind off loosely.

Sew left shoulder seam and turtleneck seam.

Sew side seam from armhole to markers, leaving lower portion unsewn for side slit.

Weave in ends.

See next page for schematics and alternate photo



ABBREVIATIONS

k = knit; **k2tog** = knit 2 stitches together; **p** = purl; **st(s)** = stitch(es);
* = repeat whatever follows the * as indicated.

