

AUNT LYDIA'S

"DENIM"
Quick Crochet

Leaflet LC1259

Casual Friday Vest

To Knit



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★★ *Suitable for Intermediate Knitters.*
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Directions are for Size Small. Changes for sizes Medium, Large and Extra-Large are in parentheses.

AUNT LYDIA'S® "Denim" thread, 75% cotton, 25% acrylic, Art. 152 (8 ounce/400 yard ball): 2 (2, 3, 3) balls No. 1233 Plum.

Circular Knitting Needles: U.S. Sizes 6 [4mm] and 7 [4.5mm] — 29".

3 Stitch holders; six 1/2" buttons; sewing needle and thread.

GAUGE: 20 sts = 4"; 26 rows = 4" in pat with larger needles. **CHECK YOUR GAUGE. Use any size needles to obtain the gauge given.**

To Fit Bust: 30-32 (34-36, 38-40, 42-44)"

Finished Bust Measurement: 37 (41, 45, 49)" — buttoned.

BODY (Worked in one piece to the underarms):

With smaller needles cast on 181 (201, 221, 241) sts. Work in ribbing as follows:

Row 1 (Right Side): K1, * P1, K1; rep from * across.

Row 2: P1, * K1, P1; rep from * across.

Rep Rows 1 and 2 for 1 1/2", end wrong side row. Change to larger needles and Basketweave pat as follows:

Rows 1 and 3: P4, * K3, P7; rep from * to last 7 sts, K3, P4.

Row 2: K4, * P3, K7; rep from * to last 7 sts; P3, K4.

Row 4: Purl.

Rows 5 and 7: K2, * P7, K3; rep from * to last 9 sts; P7, K2.

Row 6: P2, * K7, P3; rep from * to last 9 sts; K7, P2.

Row 8: Purl.

Rep Rows 1-8 for pat until 10 1/2 (10 1/2, 11, 11)" from beg, end wrong side row.

Divide for fronts and back: Keeping continuity of pat work across first 44 (49, 54, 59) sts for right front. Put center 93 (103, 113, 123) sts on a holder for the back and rem 44 (49, 54, 59) sts on a second holder for the left front.

Right Front-Shape Armhole: ** Bind off 5 (5, 6, 6) sts at beg of next row. Work 1 row. Bind off 3 (4, 4, 5) sts at beg of next row. Work one row. Bind off 2 (3, 3, 4) sts at beg of next row. Dec 1 st at arm edge on next 1 (3, 3, 3) rows — 33 (34, 38, 41) sts. Work 1 row even.

Shape Armhole and Front Slope: Dec 1 st each end of every right side row until 29 (30, 32, 33) sts rem. Work 1 row. Now dec 1 st at neck edge only every right side row until 25 (26, 28, 31) sts rem, then every 4th row until 17 (18, 20, 22) sts rem. Work even until 9 (9 1/2, 10, 10 1/2)" above division, end right side row.

Shape Shoulder: Bind off 8 (9, 10, 11) sts at beg of next row. Work 1 row. Bind off rem 9 (9, 10, 11) sts. **

Back-Shape Armhole: With right side facing, join yarn to sts on back holder. Bind off 5 (5, 6, 6) sts at beg of next 2 rows, 3 (4, 4, 5) sts at beg of next 2 rows, then 2 (3, 3, 4) sts at beg of next 2 rows. Dec 1 st each end of next 1 (3, 3, 3) rows, then every right side row until 67 (69, 75, 79) sts rem. Work even until 8 (8 1/2, 9, 9 1/2)" above division, end wrong side row.

Divide for Neck: Work across first 19 (20, 22, 24) sts, put center 29 (29, 31, 31) sts on a holder; with a 2nd ball of thread work across rem 19 (20, 22, 24) sts. Working on both sides at once with separate balls, work 1 row even. Dec 1 st at each neck edge on next 2 right side rows AND AT THE SAME TIME when back measures same as front to shoulder, bind off 8 (9, 10, 11) sts at beg (arm edge) of next 2 rows, then 9 (9, 10, 11) sts at same edge of next 2 rows.

Left Front: With right side facing, join yarn to rem 25 sts. Work same as right front from ** to ** EXCEPT end wrong side row before beg shoulder shaping.

FINISHING- Armbands: With right side facing and smaller needle, pick up and K95 (103, 111, 119) sts across armhole. Work in ribbing for 6 rows. Bind off evenly in rib. Sew shoulder and armband seams.

Front Bands: Mark positions for 6 buttonholes along right front, the first 1/2" above lower edge, the last 1/2" below beg of front slope shaping and 4 more evenly spaced between. With right side facing and smaller needle, pick up and K98 (101, 106, 109) sts up right front, 6 sts down right back, K across 29 (29, 31, 31) sts on back holder, pick up 6 sts up left back, and 98 (101, 106, 109) sts down left front — 237 (243, 255, 261) sts. Work in ribbing for 2 rows. **Buttonhole Row:** [Rib to marker, bind off 3 sts] 6 times, rib to end. **Next Row:** [Rib to bind-off, turn, cast on 3 sts, turn] 6 times, rib to end. Work 2 more rows in ribbing. Bind off evenly in ribbing. Sew on buttons.

ABBREVIATIONS: beg = begin(ning); dec = decrease; K = knit; mm = millimeter; P = purl; pat = pattern; rep = repeat; rem = remain(ing); rib = ribbing; st(s) = stitch(es); * or ** = repeat whatever follows the * or ** as indicated; [] = work directions given in brackets the number of times specified.