



all in the details! alpaca vest



Level of Experience: Intermediate • **Sizes:** S (M, L) • **Finished Measurements:** Chest at underarm: 44 (48, 52)", Finished Length: 24 (24, 24)" • **Materials:** The Fuchsia Fleece, LLC, ALPACA HOMESPUN SPORT WEIGHT (2oz/57g,100yd/90m,100% Huacaya Alpaca 2ply): 11 (13, 15) skeins Kavalier Grey. One pair size 6 (4.25mm) needles or size needed to obtain correct gauge, One 29" size 4 (3.5mm) circular needle, One set size 4 (3.5mm) double-pointed needles (dpn), Optional: One pair size 2 (2.75mm) needles for Kitchener cast on and bind off, if using this method; Row counter; Markers or waste yarn; Cable needle; Stitch holders • **Gauge:** In Moss st using larger needles, 5 sts and 8 rows = 4"/10 cm; In Double Knot pattern using larger needles, 5 sts and 7 rows = 4"/10 cm. To save time, take time to check gauge.

*Look for the Matching Sweater in the Winter 04/05 Issue.



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Special Abbreviations

P1tbl – Purl in the back loop.

SI1tb – SI knitwise in the back loop.

6CF – SI 3 sts to cn, hold to front, k3, k3 from cn.

6CB – SI 3 st to cn, hold to back, k3, k3 from cn.

5CF – SI 3 sts to cn, hold to front, p2, k3 from cn.

5CB – SI 2 st to cn, hold to back, k3, p2 from cn.

4CF – SI 3 sts to cn, hold to front, k1, k3 from cn.

4CB – SI 1 st to cn, hold to back, k3, k1 from cn.

Pattern Stitches

Moss Stitch

Rows 1 and 2: *K1, p1; rep from *.

Rows 3 and 4: *P1, k1; rep from *.

Double Knot Cable – See Chart 1

Back

Using smaller needles, CO 128 (138, 148) sts. Work k1, p1 ribbing for four rows, ending on WS. Increase Row (RS): Work 25 (30, 35) sts in ribbing, inc 1, work 2 sts in ribbing, inc 1, work 6 sts in ribbing, inc 1, work 2 sts in ribbing, inc 1, work 46 sts in ribbing, inc 1, work 2 sts in ribbing, inc 1, work 6 sts in ribbing, inc 1, work 2 sts in ribbing, inc 1, work in ribbing to end of row–136 (146, 156) sts.

Using larger needles, (WS row) work 19 (24, 29) sts in k1 p1 rib, place marker, work row 1 of Double Knot Cable pattern, Chart 1, place marker, k1, p1 rib for 38 sts, place marker, work row 1 of Double Knot Cable pattern, Chart 1, continue k1, p1 rib for rem of row.

Next row (RS row): *Work in Moss stitch to marker, working all k sts as p, and all p sts as k, work Double Knot Cable pattern row 2 between markers; rep from *, work Double Moss stitch as previously indicated to end of row. Cont in est pats until piece meas 15" from beg (row 101).

Armhole Shaping

BO 7 sts at beg of next two rows. BO 5 (6, 7) sts at beg next two rows, then dec 1 st each side every other row 5 times. Dec 1 st each side every 6th row 3 times. Work in est pat until piece meas approx 22 1/2" (row 155) from beg.

Neck Shaping

Work 43 (44, 50) sts in pat as est. Join in 2nd ball of yarn and BO 12 sts for back neck, work in pat as est to end. Next 2 rows: BO 4 sts at neck edges. Next 4 rows: BO 2 sts at neck edges. Dec 1 st at neck edge every row 4 times. Work 4 rows even. BO rem sts for shoulder.

Left Front

Using smaller needles, CO 66 (71, 76) sts. Work k1, p1 ribbing for four rows, ending on WS. Increase Row (RS): Work 28 (33, 38) sts in ribbing, inc 1, work 2 sts in ribbing, inc 1, work 6 sts in ribbing, inc 1, work 2 sts in ribbing, inc 1, work in ribbing to end of row–70 (75, 80) sts.

Using larger needles, (WS row) work 20 (25, 30) sts in k1 p1 rib, place marker, work row 1 of Double Knot Cable pattern, Chart 1, place marker, k1, p1 rib for rem of row.

Next row (RS row): Work in Moss stitch to marker, work Double Knot Cable pattern row 2 between markers, work Double Moss stitch to end of row. Cont in est pats until piece meas 13 1/4" from beg (row 93).

Armhole and Neck Shaping

Dec 1 st at neck edge every 4th row 18 times WHILE AT THE SAME TIME, when piece meas 15" (row 101), at the armhole edge, BO 7 sts, then 5 (6, 7) sts. Dec 1 st at armhole edge 5 times. Dec 1 st each side every 6th row 3 times. Work in est pat until piece meas approx 24" (row 167) from beg. BO shoulder sts.

Right Front

Work as for Left Front, rev all shapings.

Finishing

Block pieces to finished measurements. Join shoulder seams.

Armhole Bands

Using smaller needles, pick up 162 (164, 166) sts; work in k1 p1 rib for 1". BO in pat.

Front Band

Using smaller needles, pick up 426 sts on right front, back, and left front, work in k1 p1 rib for 1". BO in pat. Sew side seams. Make and attach I-Cord Frog closures.

I-Cord Frogs

Make 20" of I-Cord for Loop side and 24" of I-Cord for ball side.

I-Cord

Using dpn, CO 3sts; knit across, do not turn work. *Slide sts to opposite end of needle, pull working yarn snugly across the back of work, knit across; rep from* for desired length. Do not BO. Place the sts on a st holder with a 12 in tail until knot is tied, this enables the cord to be easily lengthened or shortened.

Frogs

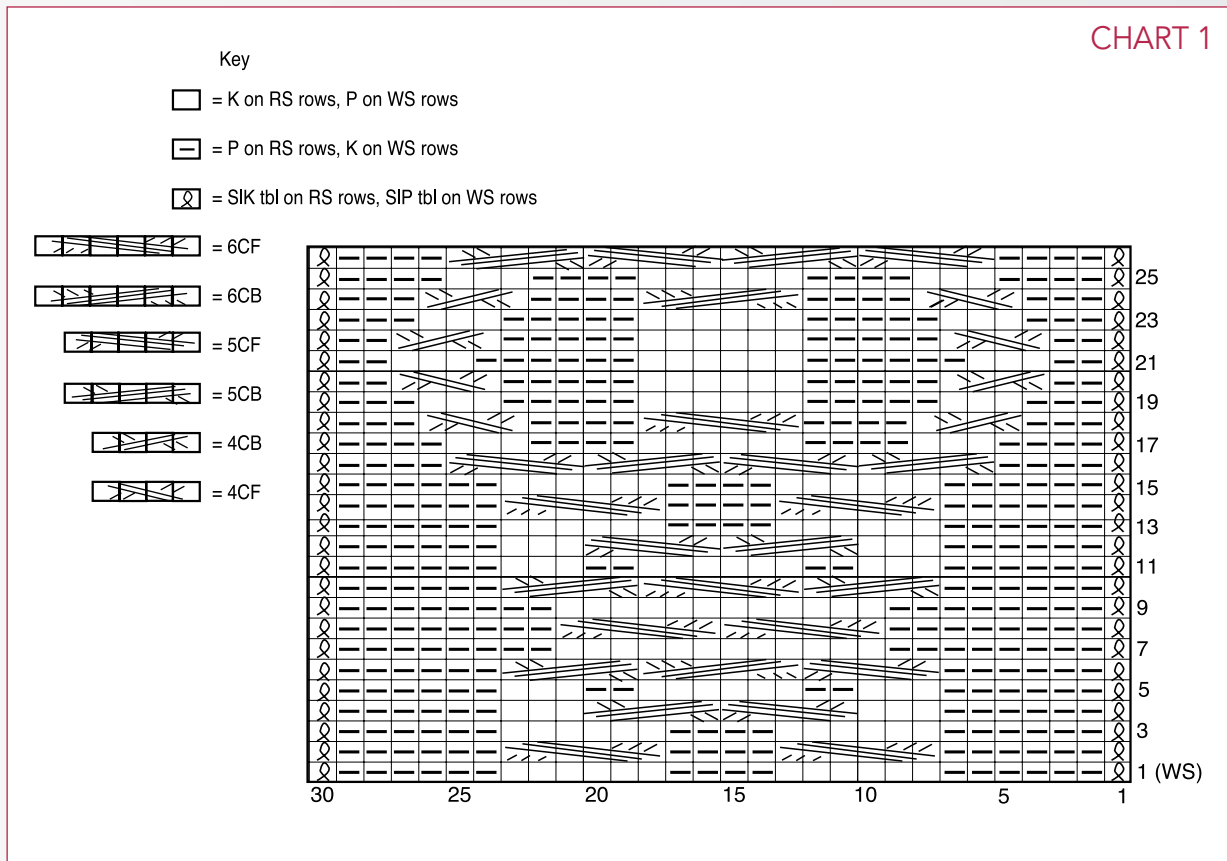
Using the illustration in Chart 2 that follows, place a copy of the frog on a foam board and pin the cord in place following the diagram. Start at the cast on edge. Tack the cord at crossings. Sew in place on front of vest. Use the illustration in Chart 3 to make the Chinese Ball Knot. When making the ball knot, manipulate the ball to within 2" of the CO end of the cord.

Charts/Schematics cont'd. on page 16.



Editor Note

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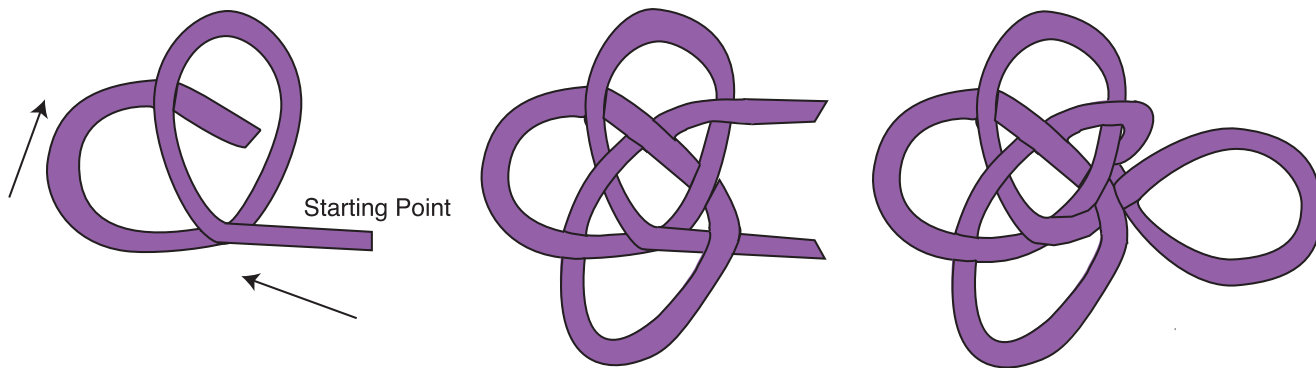
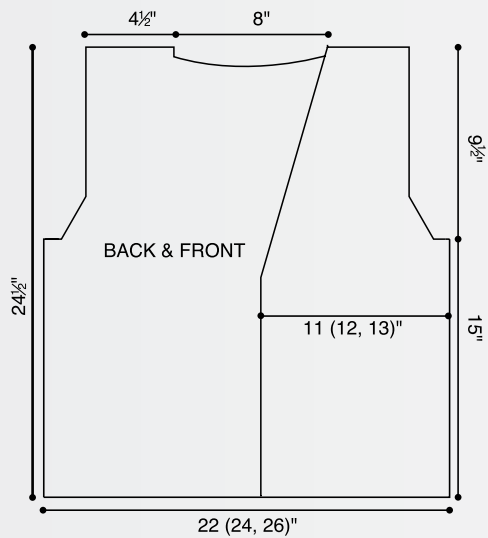


CHART 2

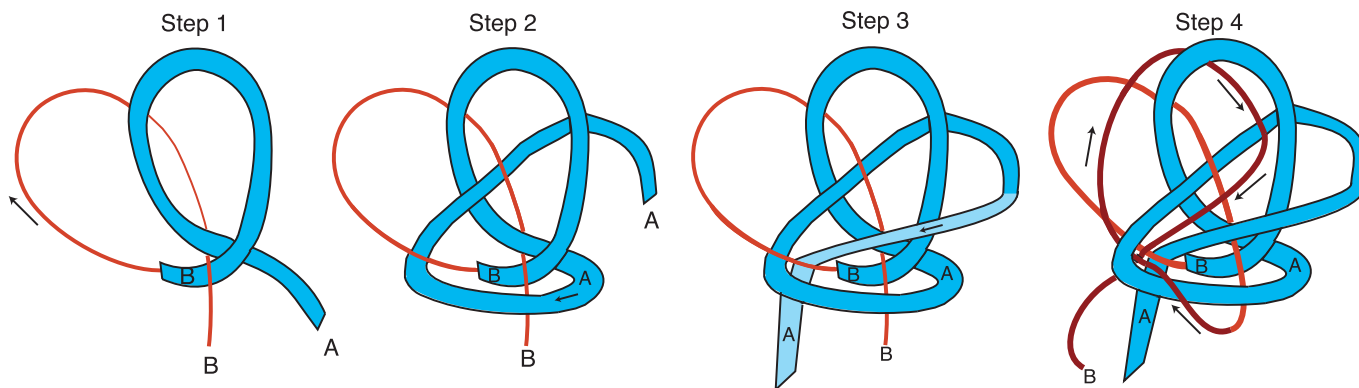


CHART 3