

FRAN'S FABULOUS ALPACA VEST



Another fantastic design from our Yarnistas in Boca Raton! This adorable vest worked up in Robin Turner Gourmet Fibers Bolivian Alpaca was an easy and cozy project. You'll love the soft hand of the alpaca both as you knit it and when you wear it! Perfect for a chill in the air! Color: Valencia Orange

MATERIALS

Gauge: 4.5 stitches to an inch on larger needle in st. st.

Sizes: Bust 32, 34, 36, 38, 40, 42

Material: RT Bolivian Alpaca 4, 5, 5, 5, 5, 6,

Needles: Size 6 and 8

Abbreviations:

S1P – slip one stitch purlwise

S1 – slip one stitch knitwise

PSSO – pass slipped stitch over

Using your smaller needle cast on 215(219,223,229,233,237) sts.

1st Row (right side of work): (K1,P1) 5 times, K0(2,1,1,0,2), P0(3,3,3,0,3), *K3,P3, repeat from * to last 13(12,11,11,13,12) sts, K3(2,1,1,3,2), (P1,K1) 5 times.

2nd Row: S1p, K1, (P1,K1) 4 times, P3(2,1,1,3,2), *K3, P3, repeat from * to last 10 (15,14,14,10,15) sts, K0(3,3,3,0,3), P0(2,1,1,0,2), (K1,P1) 4 times, K1, S1p.

These two rows form rib. Work 6 rows more in rib.

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Change to larger needle and proceed as follows:

Next Row: (decrease row) Rib 22(27,26,26,22,27), *K2 S1, K1, PSSO, K2 repeat from * to last 25(24,23,23,25,24) sts, rib 25(24,23,23,25,24). You will now have 187(191,194,199,202,206) sts on the needle.

1st Row: (ws) S1p, K1, (P1,K1) 4 times, purl to last 10 sts, (K1,P1) 5 times.

2nd Row: (K1, P1) 5 times, knit to last 10 sts, (P1, K1) 5 times.

These two rows form pattern. Continue in pattern until work measures 7 ½,(7 ½, 7, 7, 6 ½)inches, finishing after a ws row. With rs facing, begin to divide for armholes. Work should measure 39 ½ (40,41,41 ¾, 42 ½ , 43 ¼)inches across.

DIVIDE FOR ARMHOLES:

Next Row: Pattern 61(61,61,62,61,61), turn, slip remaining 126(130,133,137,141,145)sts onto a stitch holder. (These stitches will be part of your back and left front sections)

RIGHT FRONT SECTION:

Continue working in pattern on these 61(61,61,62,61,61)sts until armhole measures 6 ½ (6 ½, 7 ,7 ½, 8, 8 ¼,)inches, finishing after a ws row. DO NOT BREAK YARN. Place these stitches on a holder

BACK SECTION:

Slip the center 65(69,72,75,80,84) sts left on the first holder back onto the needle. Leave remaining 61(61,61,62,61,61)sts on holder. These stitches will be your LEFT FRONT SECTION.

With the rs facing you, join a second ball of yarn and continue in stocking stitch on these 65(69,72,75,80,84)sts only until back section measures same a RIGHT FRONT SECTION, finishing after a ws row. Break yarn and leave these sts on a stitch holder.

LEFT FRONT SECTION:

Slip the remaining 61(61,61,62,61,61)sts left on the first stitch holder back onto the needle and with rs of the work facing you rejoin yarn and continue in pattern on these sts until LEFT FRONT SECTION measures same as RIGHT FRONT SECTION, finishing after a ws row. Break off yarn and leave these sts on stitch holder.

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JOIN ALL SECTIONS:

Next Row: With the rs of work facing you, pattern across 61(61,61,62,61,61) sts from RIGHT FRONT SECTION, then knit across 65(69,72,75,80,84) sts left on stitch holder for BACK SECTION, then pattern across 61(61,61,62,61,61)sts from stitch holder with the LEFT FRONT SECTION. You will now have 187(191,194,199,202,206) sts on the needle. Continue in pattern until work measures 19 ¼ (19 ¾ , 19 ¾ , 20 ½ , 20 ½ , 21)inches, finishing after a ws row.

Next Row: (increase row) Pattern 58(60,62,62,63,65), (increase in next st, K2, increase in next st, K1) 14(14,14,15,15,15)times, (increase in next st) 0(0,1,0,1,1)times, pattern to end. Your stitch count is 215(219,223,229,233,237). Change to SMALLER needle and proceed as follows:

1st Row: (ws of garment rs of turnback) S1p, K1, (P1, K1) 4 times, K0 (2,1,1,0,2), P0 (3,3,3,0,3), *K3, P3, repeat from * to last 13 (12,11,11,13,12) sts, K3 (2,1,1,3,2), (K1, P1) 4 times, K1, S1p.

2nd Row: (K1, P1) 5 times, P3 (2,1,1,3,2), *K3, P3, repeat from * to last 10 (15,14,14,10,15) sts, K0 (3,3,3,0,3), P0 (2,1,1,0,2), (P1,K1) 5 times.

These two rows form rib. Work in rib till work measures 23 ¼,(23 ¾, 24 ½, 24 ½, 24 ¾” from cast on edge, finish after a rs row.

Next Row: (increase row) Rib 70(63,62,62,58,63), *K1 increase in next st, K1, P3, repeat from * to last 67(66,59,65,61,60) sts, rib 67(66,59,65,61,60). You will now have 228(234,240,246,252,256) sts on the needle. Cast off in Rib.

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