

Eva's shopping companion



Size: S-M (easy to modify larger or smaller)

Measurements: length (from collar to hem) 60 cm, width 45 cm

Yarn: Novita 7 Veljestä (75% wool, 25% nylon, 150 g = 300 m), 3 balls

Needles: 2.5 mm (note that I knit loosely so you might achieve the gauge with 4 mm needles)

Gauge: (back cables, chart C-D) 21 sts and 23 rows = 10 cm

Other accessories: 4 stitch markers, two buttons, needle for sewing the ends (and a stitch counter)

I had the inspiration for this shirt from a one I saw Eva Longoria wear. Or in other words, I wanted to have exactly that shirt. I couldn't find a pattern I liked although there are many variations of the shirt. If I had looked a little harder I would have found Katya Blanchard's pattern (<http://www.keepandshare.com/doc/view.php?id=825515&da=y>). However, Katya gave me her permission to publish this one as well. At least our collars are different and the way to knit the shirt as well. Also the vcables in the front aren't identical.

The shirt is raglan and therefore there are no seams to sew (got to love that!). The size is easy to vary by adding increases to the sleeves.

The cable chart is on the page 4.

Body

Cast on 116 sts. These form the right front (29 sts), right sleeve (10 sts), back (38 sts), left sleeve (10 sts) and left front (29 sts).

Start knitting according to the chart (on the page 4).

The chart is knit first from A to B, then C to D and finally E to F. The chart has only the RS rows. On the WS knit the knit stitches and purl the purled stitches. The edge stitch is always on garter. Note that in charts A to B and E to F lines 1 through 32 are repeated but in C to D only 1 through 40!

Row 1 (RS): Knit chart AB and 9 sts from CD. **Place a marker (PM).** Continue CD for 10 sts. **PM.** Continue knitting CD for 38 sts. **PM.** Continue CD for 10 sts. **PM.** Knit CD for 9 more sts. Knit the rest (9 sts) in EF.

Now you have placed all the markers. Increases will be done on both sides of these markers.

Row 2 (WS): Knit the knit stits, purl the purled ones (do this on every even row)

Row 3: Knit as the 1. row but increase on both sides of the stitch markers by knitting the stitch on front and back loop. Do this on every RS. Continue knitting the pattern by adding it to the stitch pattern on every other row and by letting it stay lonely every other row. In other words, sometimes you cannot add it to the pattern but this single stitch gets a pair on the next RS round.

Repeat this increases 20 times or until you can wrap the sleeve comfortably around your upper arm when trying the garment on. It is recommended that you move the sleeves to scrap yarn or extra needle and try it on after the 20th round to see if it fits. If it doesn't, continue increases but be sure there is even number of them (ie. No lonely stitches after you have completed increasing).

When the sleeve is wide enough (= you can fit it around your upper arm) move the sleeve sts (50 sts if you made 20 increases) to scrap yarn.

Now knit the rest of the body according to the chart (when you have move the sleeve sts to scrap yarn knit right front, back, left).

When you have repeated rows 1-42 2 times (from the collar) knit the lines 1-41 one more time.

Row 42: Knit 20 sts, * k2, k2tog *, repeat * - * to the last 20 sts, knit the last 20 sts.

Knit 2 rows in garter stitch. BO all sts on the 3rd row.

That's it, you're done with the body. Now there's collar and sleeves left.

Collar

Collar is knit on double yarn so before you start take about 20-25 g of your yarn to a separate ball.

Pick 116 sts from the edge of the collar.

Row 1: * k2tog *, repeat * - * the whole round (58 sts)

Row 2-4: Garter stitch

Row 5: k3, BO, knit the rest

Row 6: k54, cast on the cast off stitch, k3



Row 7-12: Garter stitch

Row 13: k3, BO 1, knit the rest

Row 14: k54, cast on the cast off stitch, k3

Row 15-17: Garter stitch

Row 18: BO all sts

Sleeves

Pick the sts from the scrap yarn to the needle. Pick 4 sts from the armpit. Knit k1p1 with all sts for 4 rounds. BO all sts. Repeat with the other sleeve.

Finishing

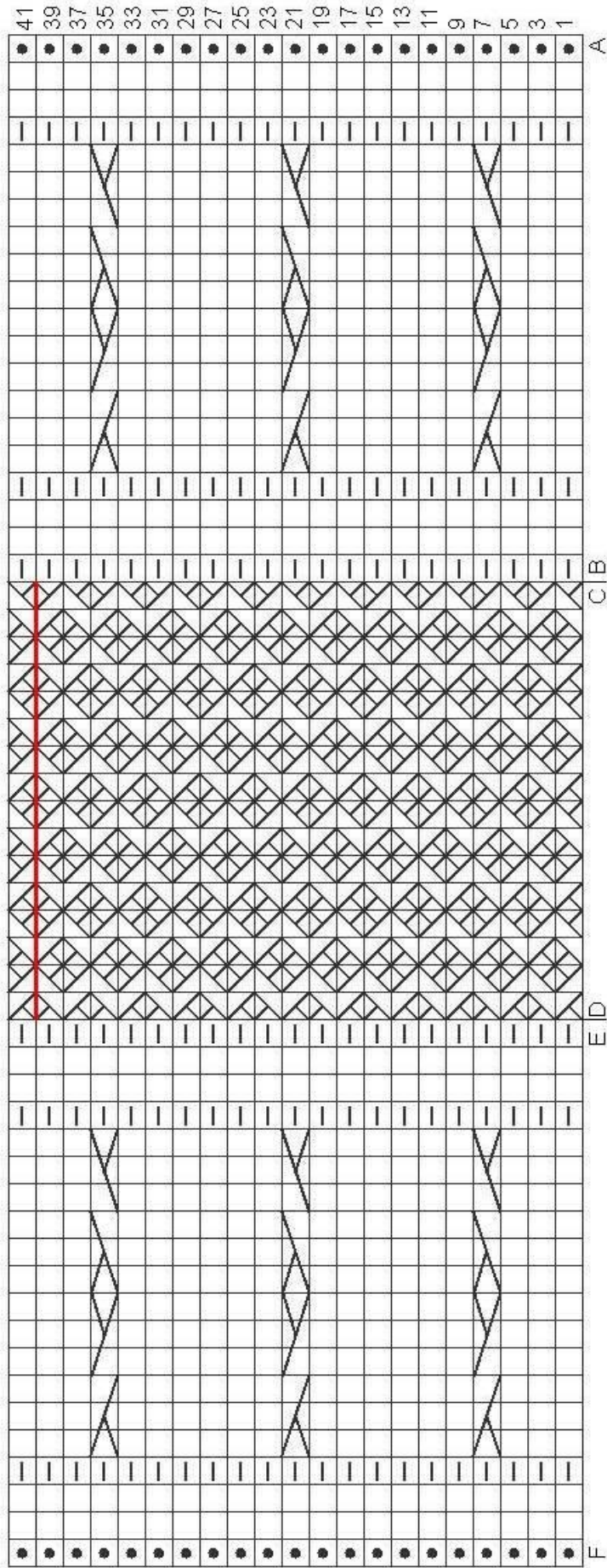
Grab a needle and sew in yarn ends. Sew in buttons as well. Find a white long sleeved shirt from your wardrobe. Put the vest over the white shirt, take your purse and go shopping. Beware of the paparazzi!

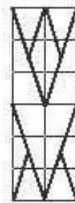
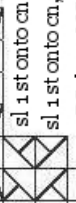
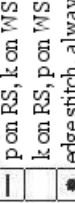




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Body pattern



-  sl 3 sts onto cn, hold in back, k3, k3 from cn
-  sl 3 sts onto cn, hold in front, k3, k3 from cn
-  sl 1 st onto cn, hold in back, k1, k1 from cn
-  sl 1 st onto cn, hold in front, k1, k1 from cn
-  p on RS, k on WS
-  k on RS, p on WS
-  edge stitch, always in garter stitch