

# Seafarer's Vest

Skill Level 3: 



**About this pattern:** A vest adds warmth without bulk--perfect for working at sea.

**Note:** This V-neck vest is knitted flat in pieces from the bottom up.

**Front:** Using smaller needles, cast on 88 sts.  
Work in k2, p2 ribbing for 3".  
Switch to larger needles.  
Work in stockinette stitch until piece measures 18" from beginning, end with having worked a RS row.

**Armhole Set Up:** Row 1 (WS): K10, purl to last 10 sts, k10.  
Row 2 (RS): Knit across.  
Repeat Rows 1 & 2 three more times.

**Armhole Decreases:** Row 1 (WS): Bind off 4 sts, (there is one stitch now already on the right-hand needle), k5, purl to last 10 sts, k10. (84 sts)  
Row 2 (RS): Bind off 4 sts, knit across. (80 sts)  
Row 3: K6, p28, k12, p28, k6.  
Row 4: Knit across.  
Repeat Rows 3 & 4 three more times.

**First Shoulder/V-Neck:** Row 1 (WS): K6, p28, k6, turn. Slide remaining 40 sts onto a holder.  
Row 2 (RS): K6, k2tog, knit to last 8 sts, k2tog, k6. (2 sts decreased)  
Row 3: K6, purl to last 6 sts, k6.  
Row 4: Knit across.  
Row 5: K6, purl to last 6 sts, k6.  
Row 6: K6, k2tog, knit to last 8 sts, k2tog, k6. (2 sts decreased)  
Row 7: K6, purl to last 6 sts, k6.  
Row 8: Knit across.

Repeat Rows 5-8 until 24 stitches remain on needle.

Row 9: K6, purl to last 6 sts, k6.  
Row 10: K6, k2tog, knit to end. (22 sts)

Row 11: K6, purl to last 6 sts, k6.  
Row 12: Knit across.  
Row 13 (WS): K6, p10, k6.  
With 22 stitches on needle, work even until armhole measures 10" from bound off stitches to shoulder.  
Bind off.

**Second Shoulder:** Starting at base of the V-neck, knit corresponding shoulder.

**Back:** Using smaller needles, cast on 88 sts.  
Work in k2, p2 ribbing for 3".  
Switch to larger needles.  
Work in stockinette stitch until piece measures 18" from beginning, end with having worked a RS row.

**Armhole Set Up:** Row 1 (WS): K10, purl to last 10 sts, k10.  
Row 2: Knit across.  
Repeat Rows 1 & 2 three more times.

**Armhole Decreases:** Row 1 (WS): Bind off 4 sts, (there is one stitch now already on the right-hand needle), k5, purl to last 10 sts, k10. (84 sts)  
Row 2: Bind off 4 sts, knit across. (80 sts)  
Row 3: K6, purl to last 6 sts, k6.  
Row 4: Knit across.  
Repeat Rows 3 & 4 three more times.

**Shoulder:** Row 1 (WS): K6, purl to last 6 sts, k6.  
Row 2: K6, k2tog, knit to last 8 sts, k2tog, k6. (2 sts decreased)  
Row 3: K6, purl to last 6 sts, k6.  
Row 4: Knit across.  
Repeat rows 1-4 until 64 sts remain on needle.  
Row 5: K6, p52, k6.  
Row 6: Knit across.  
Repeat Rows 5 & 6 four more times. (10 rows worked)

**Back Neck Border:** Row 1 (WS): K6, p10, k32, p10, k6.  
Row 2: Knit across.  
Repeat Rows 1 & 2 three more times.  
The armhole from bound off stitches to shoulder should measure 10".

Bind off all stitches.

**FINISHING:** Join shoulder seams.  
Sew side seams. Weave in ends.

**Finished Measurements:**  
Chest: 35"  
Length: 28"

**Materials:** Approximately 800 yards worsted weight yarn

US size 8 needles, or size needed to get gauge

US size 6 needles

Tapestry needle

Gauge: 20 stitches & 28 rows = 4" square in stockinette stitch on larger needles