29-210-4 Kid's Aran Vest

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Finished measurements:

chest: 74cm/29in
back length: 38cm/15in
cross back: 29cm/11.5in

This corresponds roughly to US youth size 12.

Materials

- Pierrot Yarns Soft Merino [100% merino wool; 104 yds/95m per 1.4 oz / 40g skein]; color #7 brown; 4 skeins [125g]
- US 6 (4.0mm) straight and circular knitting needles (or DPNs)
- US 7 (4.5mm) straight knitting needles
- 3.0mm crochet hook (This is halfway between US C and D. Use whatever size is necessary to achieve gauge.)
- 2 stitch markers
- 3-4 stitch holders
- cable needle
- darning needle

Gauge

20 sts/29 rows = 4" (10cm) in stockinette stitch
24 sts/29 rows = 4" (10cm) in pattern stitch

Abbreviations

Note: instructions use US/Japanese conventions.

bobble	Insert crochet hook into loop on L needle and slide off needle. ch 2 more (ch3 completed). 2dc into first ch: 3-dc shell completed. Slide loop back to L needle and continue to knit.
beg	beginning
decr	decrease
C4F	Cable 4 Front: sl 2 st onto cable needle, hold in front of work. k2 from L needle, k2 from cable needle.
pm	place marker
sm	slip marker
2RC	2-st right cross: Put L needle behind first stitch. Insert it into second st knitwise. k first st and pull L needle out of st. [If you find this difficult, work C1F with a cable needle instead—the results are the same.]

Directions

Back

With smaller needles, cast on 82 st using crochet chain cast on method. Work in k2p2 ribbing for 12 rows or 4cm/1.6in.

Row 13 (RS): Change to larger needles. k16, pm, k50, pm, k16.

Row 14 (WS): p to marker, sm, p1, k4, (p2, k4) twice, (p6, k4) twice, (p2, k4) twice, p1, sm, p to end.

Pattern repeat (multiple of 12 rows):

Row 15: k to marker, sm, p1, 2RC, 2RC, p2, C4F, p2, 2RC, 2RC, p6, C4F, p6, 2RC, 2RC, p2, C4F, p2, 2RC, 2RC, p1, sm, k to end.

Row 16: p to marker, sm, p1, k4, (p2, k4) twice, (p6, k4) twice, (p2, k4) twice, p1, sm, p to end.

Row 17: k to marker, sm, p1, 2RC, 2RC, p2, k4, p2, 2RC, 2RC, p2, bobble, p3, k1, p2, k1, p3, bobble, p2, 2RC, 2RC, p2, k4, p2, 2RC, 2RC, p1, sm, k to end.

Row 18: p to marker, sm, p1, k4, (p2, k4) twice, p5, k2, p2, k2, p5, k4, (p2, k4) twice, p1, sm, p to end.

Row 19: k to marker, sm, p1, 2RC, 2RC, p2, k4, p2, 2RC, 2RC, p5, k1, p4, k1, p5, 2RC, 2RC, p2, k4, p2, 2RC, 2RC, p1, sm, k to end.

Row 20: p to marker, sm, p1, k4, (p2, k4) twice, p4, k2, p4, k2, p4, k4, (p2, k4) twice, p1, sm, p to end.

Row 21: k to marker, sm, p1, 2RC, 2RC, p2, C4F, p2, 2RC, 2RC, p4, k1, p6, k1, p4, 2RC, 2RC, p2, C4F, p2, 2RC, 2RC, p1, sm, k to end.

Row 22: p to marker, sm, p1, k4, (p2, k4) twice, p3, k2, p6, k2, p3, k4, (p2, k4) twice, p1, sm, p to end.

Row 23: k to marker, sm, p1, 2RC, 2RC, p2, k4, p2, 2RC, 2RC, p3, k1, p2, k4, p2, k1, p3, 2RC, 2RC, p2, k4, p2, 2RC, 2RC, p1, sm, k to end.

Row 24: p to marker, sm, p1, k4, (p2, k4) twice, p2, k2, p2, k4, p2, k2, (p2, k4) three times, p1, sm, p to end.

Row 25: k to marker, sm, p1, 2RC, 2RC, p2, k4, p2, 2RC, 2RC, p3, k1, p2, k4, p2, k1, p3, 2RC, 2RC, p2, k4, p2, 2RC, 2RC, p1, sm, k to end.

Row 26: p to marker, sm, p1, k4, (p2, k4) twice, p3, k2, p1, k4, p1, k2, p3, k4, (p2, k4) twice, p1, sm, p to end.

Repeat rows 15-26 three more times, until piece measures 62 rows or 21cm/8.25in (incl. ribbing).

Maintaining stitch pattern of center panel between markers, begin shaping armholes as follows:

Rows 63-64: BO 6 st at beg of row. Knit even to end of row. (70 rem after row 64)

Maintaining stitch pattern, decr 1 st at each end of every row 6 times. (58 st rem)

Decr 1 st at each end of every other row 2 times. (54 st rem)

Maintaining stitch pattern, knit even until pattern measures 109 rows (37cm/14.5in). Begin shaping neck as follows:

Row 110: knit even for 13 st, sl next 28 st to stitch holder. Join second ball of yarn and knit next 13 st even.

Decr 1 st on each side of neck opening on every row 2 times. (11 st rem on each side of neck)

Knit one row even. Place remaining st on stitch holders.

Front

Work same as for back until (and including) row 74. Armhole shaping is now finished. Work neck shaping as follows:

Row 75 (RS): Knit 23 st even, sl 8 center st onto stitch holder, join a second ball of yarn and knit remaining 23 st even.

Maintaining stitch pattern and continuing to knit each side of the neck with its own ball of yarn, knit even until pattern measures 109 rows (37cm/14.5in).

Row 110: knit even for 13 st, sl next 20 st to stitch holder (10 st from each side of neck). Knit next 13 st even.

Decr 1 st on each side of neck opening on every row 2 times. (11 st rem on each side of neck)

Knit one row even. Place remaining st on stitch holders.

Finishing

Weave in all ends. Block front and back pieces. Use three-needle bind-off to seam back and front shoulders. Sew side seams using mattress stitch.

Armholes

Using double-pointed needles in smaller size, pick up 88 st around armhole opening. Work in k2p2 ribbing for 7 rows. For eighth row, knit in k1p1 ribbing across. Collar measures 3cm (1.2"). Bind off all st loosely. Repeat for second armhole.

Collar

With right side facing, pick up 64 st along collar with smaller needles (15 st from right front, 34 st from back, 15 st from left front). Note: do not pick up stitches from the front part that will become the V-neck. Pick up only stitches in the area marked 1 on the diagram below. k3 *p2, k2*, rep from * across to last 5 st, p2, k3. Repeat for 22 more rows. For 24th row, knit in k1p1 ribbing across. Collar measures 9cm (3.5"). Bind off all st loosely.

Front of V-neck: Pick up 52 st along right front–area #2 in the diagram below. (29 st from right front V neck area, 23 st from collar ribbing edge). k3 *p2, k2*, rep from * across to last 5 st, p2, k3. Repeat this pattern 8 more times. For 10th row, change to k1p1 ribbing. Bind off loosely. Repeat for left front, picking up st from area #3 in the diagram. Using kitchener stitch, seam 8 st on front V-neck stitch holder to the end of the left front V-neck ribbing. Sew end of right front V-neck ribbing to the back of the right front V-neck ribbing (on the wrong side).