

# Casco Bay Worsted Cotton - Vaill Island Vest

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May we suggest:

This vest is Easy and Stunning in a simple garter slip stitch pattern. Use our Signature Casco Bay Worsted Cotton and change the way you feel about knitting cotton forever! Casco Bay Worsted has a wonderful pebbly texture which looks fantastic in any stitch. This texture also keeps the cotton from losing its shape and looking 'limp' over time. If your number one pet peeve about cotton is its tendency to split, start the celebration!! This cotton does NOT split. Its construction completely keeps it from happening. Try our Casco Bay Worsted for truly wonderful results!!

## Skill level:

Advanced Beginner

## Finished Measurements:

Chest: 36", 40", 44"

Length: 22", 23.5", 25"

## Materials:

700, 800, 900 yds Casco Bay Worsted  
size 8 29" circular knitting needle  
stitch holders

1 button  
button thread  
tapestry needle

## Gauge:

18 st and 32 rows = 4" in pattern stitch

## Stitch Pattern:

Row 1 (WS): K4, sl1 wyif; repeat to end.

Row 2 (RS): Knit to end.

## Abbreviations:

CO - cast on

*Have a Casco Bay Summer*



wyif - with yarn in front  
tbl through back loop

sl 1 - slip one stitch

RS - right side

WS - wrong side

BO - bind off

EOR - every other row

## Note:

During decrease rows - When working a pattern row in between decrease rows if a slip stitch occurs as first or last stitch, knit instead of slip.

## Back:

Using size 8 circular needle, CO 81, (91, 101) sts.

Row 1 (WS): Knit 5, sl1 wyif, \*k4, sl1 wyif, repeat from \* to last 6 st, sl1 wyif, k5.

Row 2 (RS): Knit.

Repeat these two rows for a total of 15 rows, ending with a WS row. (approx. 2") Break

yarn. Place stitches on stitch holder.

## Left Front:

Using size 8 circular needle, CO 40, (45, 50) sts.

Row 1 (WS): \*K4, sl1 wyif, repeat from \* to last 5, k5.

Row 2 (RS): Knit.

Repeat these two rows for a total of 15 rows, ending with a WS row. (approx. 2") Break yarn. Place stitches on stitch holder.

## Right Front:

Using size 8 circular needle, CO 40, (45, 50) sts.

Row 1 (WS): Knit 5, sl1 wyif, \*k4, sl1 wyif, repeat from \* to last 4st, k4.

Row 2 (RS): Knit.

Repeat these two rows for a total of 15 rows, ending with a WS row. (approx. 2"). Do not break yarn.

## Joining:

You are now going to join all 3 pieces into one onto the same circular needle.

1. (RS) Work across Right Front to the last stitch. Slip the last stitch purlwise onto the right hand needle.

2. Slip the last stitch on the righthand needle over to the lefthand needle and k2tog. (This joins the two pieces and reinforces the join at the same time.)

Work across Back to the last stitch. Slip the last stitch purlwise onto the right hand needle.

3. Slip the last stitch on the righthand needle over to the lefthand needle and k2tog. Knit across Left Front stitches to the end. 159 (179, 199) sts

### **Body:**

#### **Stitch Pattern:**

Row 1 (WS): K4, sl1 wyif; repeat to end.

Row 2 (RS): Knit to end.

Incorporating stitches on either side of join into the pattern, start with Row 1 and work the 2 row stitch pattern until the body measures 12.5" (14", 15.5") ending with a WS row.

Divide for Armhole and Neck Shaping:

With RS facing, knit across first 40 (45, 50) sts and then place these stitches on a stitch holder or piece of waste yarn.

BO next 8 stitches, knit across next 70 (80, 90) sts and place last 40, (45, 50) sts on stitch holder or piece of waste yarn.

You will now be working on Back stitches only.

With WS facing, BO 8 stitches. Continuing in pattern as established, work to end. 63 (73, 83) sts.

Decrease Row

1 (RS): K1, k2togtbl, k to last 3 st, k2tog, k1.

2 (WS): Knit across in pattern

Repeat decrease row on RS 5 more times. 51 (61, 71) st

Work in pattern until armhole measures 9", ending with a WS row.

Next row (RS): Knit 15, BO 21(31, 41) st, knit remaining 15 st.

#### **Back Left Shoulder:**

Next row (WS): Knit across in pattern as established. (15 st)

Next row (RS): K2tog, k13. (14 st)

Work 1 more WS row in pattern, place stitches on holder.

#### **Back Right Shoulder:**

Join yarn at armhole edge (WS facing).

Knit across in pattern as established. (15 st)

Next row (RS): k13, K2tog tbl. (14 st)

Work 1 more WS row in pattern, place stitches on holder.

#### **Right Front:**

Slip stitches from holder onto needle.

Join yarn at armhole edge (WS facing).

BO 8 st, knit across in pattern as established. 32 (37, 42) st

Starting next row (RS), dec 1 stitch at Armhole edge EOR 6times as follows:

Knit to last 3 st, k2tog, K1. 26 (31, 36) st

Knit in pattern for a further 2.5", ending with a WS row.

#### **Neck Decreases - Right Front:**

1. (RS): K2tog tbl, knit to end.

2. (WS): Knit across in pattern to last 2 st, k2tog.

Repeat rows 1 & 2 for a total of 5 st decreased. 21 (26, 31) st

Work 1 WS row in pattern.

3. (RS): K2tog tbl, knit to end.

4. (WS): Knit across in pattern.

Repeat rows 3 & 4 for a total of 4 st decreased. 17 (22, 27) st

Next row (WS): Resume decrease rows 1 & 2 for a total of 1 (6, 11) st decreased. (16 st)

Continue even in pattern as established until armhole measures 9", ending with a WS row.

(RS) K2tog twice, knit to end. Place stitches on holder. (14 st)

#### **Left Front**

Slip stitches from holder onto needle.

Join yarn at armhole edge (RS facing, 45 st)

BO 8 st, knit across to end. (37 st)

Next row (WS): Work even in pattern as established.

Starting next row, (RS) decrease 1 stitch at Armhole edge EOR 6times as follows:

K1, k2tog tbl, knit to end. (31 st)

Knit in pattern for a further 2.5", ending with a RS row.

#### **Neck Decreases - Left Front:**

1. (WS): K2tog, work in pattern to end.

2. (RS): Knit to last 2 stitches, K2tog tbl.

Repeat rows 1 & 2 for a total of 5 st decreased. 21 (26, 31) st

Work 1 RS row even.

3. (WS): K2tog, knit in pattern to end.

4. (RS): Knit.

Repeat decrease rows 3 & 4 for a total of 4 st decreased. 17 (22, 27) st

Next row (RS): Resume decrease rows 1 & 2 for a total of 1 (6, 11) st decreased. (16 st)

Continue even in pattern as established until armhole measures 9", ending with a RS row.

(WS) K2tog twice, knit to end. Place stitches on holder. (14 st)

#### **Finishing**

1. Attach shoulder seams using 3 Needle Bind-off.

(Kitchener stitch also works and leaves a less bulky seam.)

2. Weave in loose ends.

3. Sew button to left front. Using extra yarn, make a loop and sew to wrong side of right front.

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