

Loganbearie Vest

Mini Reindeer Vest



Materials: 4.0mm US # 6 circs or straights and dpn's; Approx 200 yds of 5 colours of sport or light dk yarn; sample was knit with Buffalo Wool Co Track Sport; 5, ½ inch buttons; markers and the usual notions.

Colours: all yardages are approximate; Main – 90 yds; Secondary – 65 yds; and about 30 yds each of 3 other colours.

Gauge: 22 sts to 4 in in stockinette

Size: fits a 14 inch tall bear or doll

Dimensions: 15 inch chest and 7 inches long at shoulder

Abbreviations: **K2tog** – knit 2 stitches together. **SSK** – slip the next 2 sts knitwise (one at a time), then insert the left needle across the front of your 2 slipped sts and knit them together. **YO** – bring the yarn forward between your needles and then knit your next stitch as normal, allowing the yarn to loop over your RH needle to form a new stitch.

Pattern

The Mini Reindeer Vest is knit in 3 pieces and then the shoulders were connected either by sewing or with the 3-needle bind-off. The armband sts were then picked up along the open arms and the armbands were knit. Sideseams were sewn together next. Then the long front band was picked up and knit, button holes were made on the left side of the band.

Back

Working with secondary colour cast-on 50 sts. Working with secondary alone (for plain rib) or secondary and another contrasting colour (for corrugated rib) knit 6 rows of 2 x 2 plain or corrugated ribbing, starting with K2.

Corrugated ribbing – Corrugated ribbing is created when the knit rib is worked in one colour and the purl rib is worked in a second colour. "Rainbow" corrugated rib is when the purl rib is worked in multiple colours as in the Sandstone Mittens. When working Rainbow ribbing work 2 rounds in each secondary colour.

Corrugated ribbing is a much firmer ribbing than usual because of the carried yarns. There will be little give to the rib, make sure that the ribbing is stretched open horizontally as the knitting progresses. When working corrugated rib carry the colours not in use across the back of the knitting.

Switch to main colour and start working from Vest Back Chart.

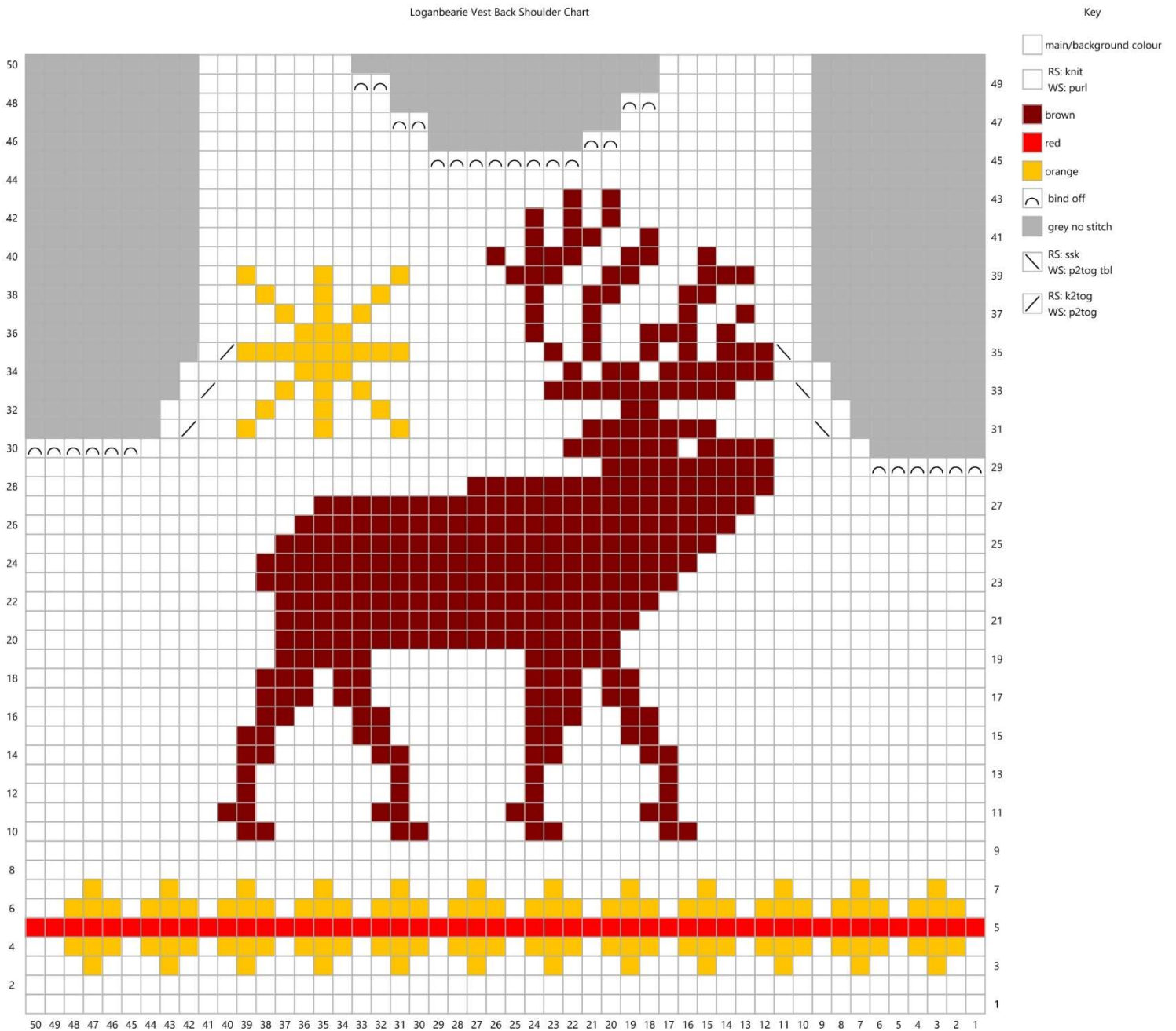
Note that once the first row of the neck bind-off is complete work the left and right shoulders separately, one after the other.



Note on working the sun and the antlers at the same time – work both as separate pieces of fair-isle within the body of the back – see picture.



Loganbearie Vest Back Shoulder Chart



3 needle bind-off

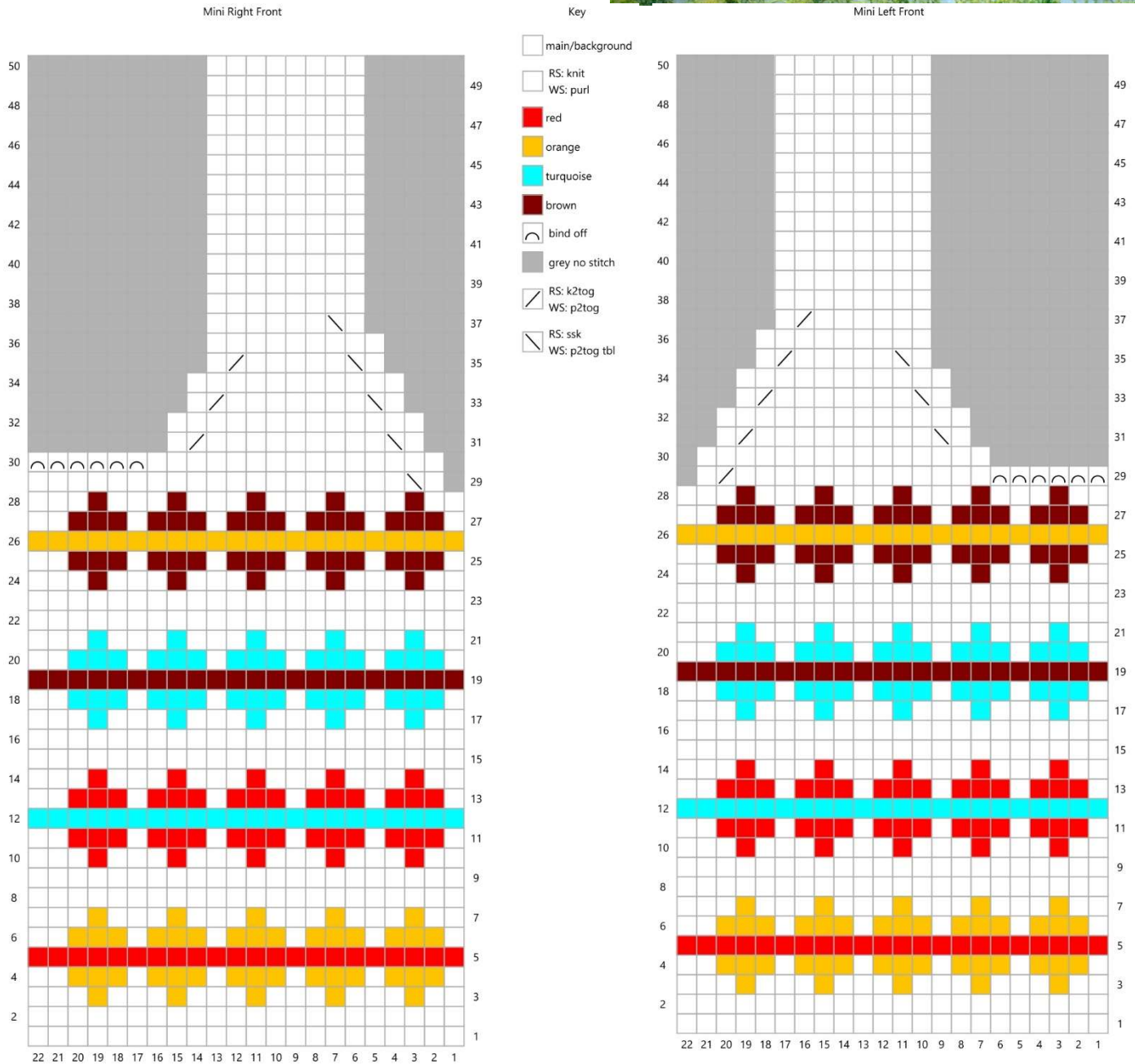
Slip the shoulder sts from the back onto a spare needle;

Lay the two needles holding sts side by side, with 3rd needle go through the first st on needle 1 as if to knit and then through the 2nd needle as if to knit, wrap the right needle tip and bring the stitch through the 2 sts, *knit another 2 sts together – there are now 2 sts on the right needle, lift the back st over the front sts repeat from * until the sides have been bound off together.

Once the back chart is complete bind off the shoulders or hold the live sts on stitch holders or waste yarn.

Next work the two front pieces. Bind off the shoulders or work a three-needle bind-off with the shoulder sts from the back piece.

If the shoulders have been bound off sew the right and left front pieces to the matching back shoulders. If the shoulder sts are live use the 3-needle bind off to attach the shoulders.



Once the shoulders are attached, either by sewing them together or by the three-needle bind-off pick-up and knit the stitches from the armholes to create the armhole finish.

Working ribbing to match start of vest, pick-up and knit 46 sts from the armhole opening starting with K2, work a 2x2 rib for 4 rows.

Next row – Bind-off in knit.

Repeat for second armhole.

Sew the side seams together.



Create a button band as follows;

With RS of RF facing and working with secondary colour pick-up and knit 34 st to beginning of neck shaping, 20 sts to shoulder seam, 20 sts to next shoulder seam, 20 sts down neck shaping, and 34 sts to bottom of vest – 128 sts. Working only with secondary colour and starting with K2, work a 2x2 rib for 2 rows.

Next row – **buttonhole row** – work 92 sts in rib pattern – start buttonholes – *YO, K2tog, work rib pattern for next 6 sts; repeat from * to last 4 sts, YO, K2tog, P2.

Work 2 more rows maintaining rib pattern. Bind-off in rib.

Finishing

Weave in all ends. Sew buttons to other side of band matching up the buttons to the buttonholes.

If desired block to smooth out the knitting.

