

Motley Vest for Bear or Doll



A little pattern to learn and practise intarsia – a method of knitting with blocks of colour. Knit in a worsted weight yarn the vest would probably even fit a baby!

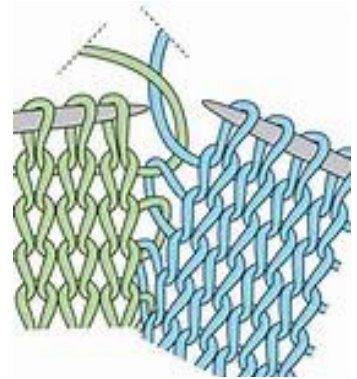


Figure 1 Intarsia - colours wrap around each other as they meet. Method: cross the colour just worked over the colour that is



Materials: Sport or light KD weight yarn, approx. 100 gr of mixed colours, Vest was knit with Patagonia Organic Merino, 3.75mm US #5 needles, 1 – ½ inch button, markers and the regular notions.

Gauge: 23 sts in 4 inches in stockinette

Size: Bear size – 17-inch chest and 6.6 inches from shoulder to hem

Abbreviations: **K2tog** – knit 2 sts 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 right hand needle to form a new stitch.

Pattern

Working with a 3.75mm needle and main colour, cast-on 50 sts.



Commence working from chart. Check the written instructions for special notes and stitch counts.

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Rows 1 - 6: Knit. (50 sts)

Row 7: Knit. Start working from Chart for colour placements.

Row 8: Purl.

Rows 9 - 1430:

Repeat rows 7 - 8.

Row 15 – Knit in pattern and introduce next colour.

Rows 16 – 30:

Repeat rows 7 - 8.

Row 31: Bind off × 6, k44. (44 sts)

Row 32: Bind off × 6, p38. (38 sts)

Row 33: Ssk, k34, k2tog. (36 sts)

Row 34: Purl. (35 sts)

Row 35: Ssk, k32, k2tog. (34 sts)

Row 36: Purl. (33 sts)

Row 37: Ssk, k30, k2tog. (32 sts)

Row 38: Purl.

Row 39: Ssk, k28, k2tog. (30 sts)

Row 40: Purl.

Row 41: Knit.

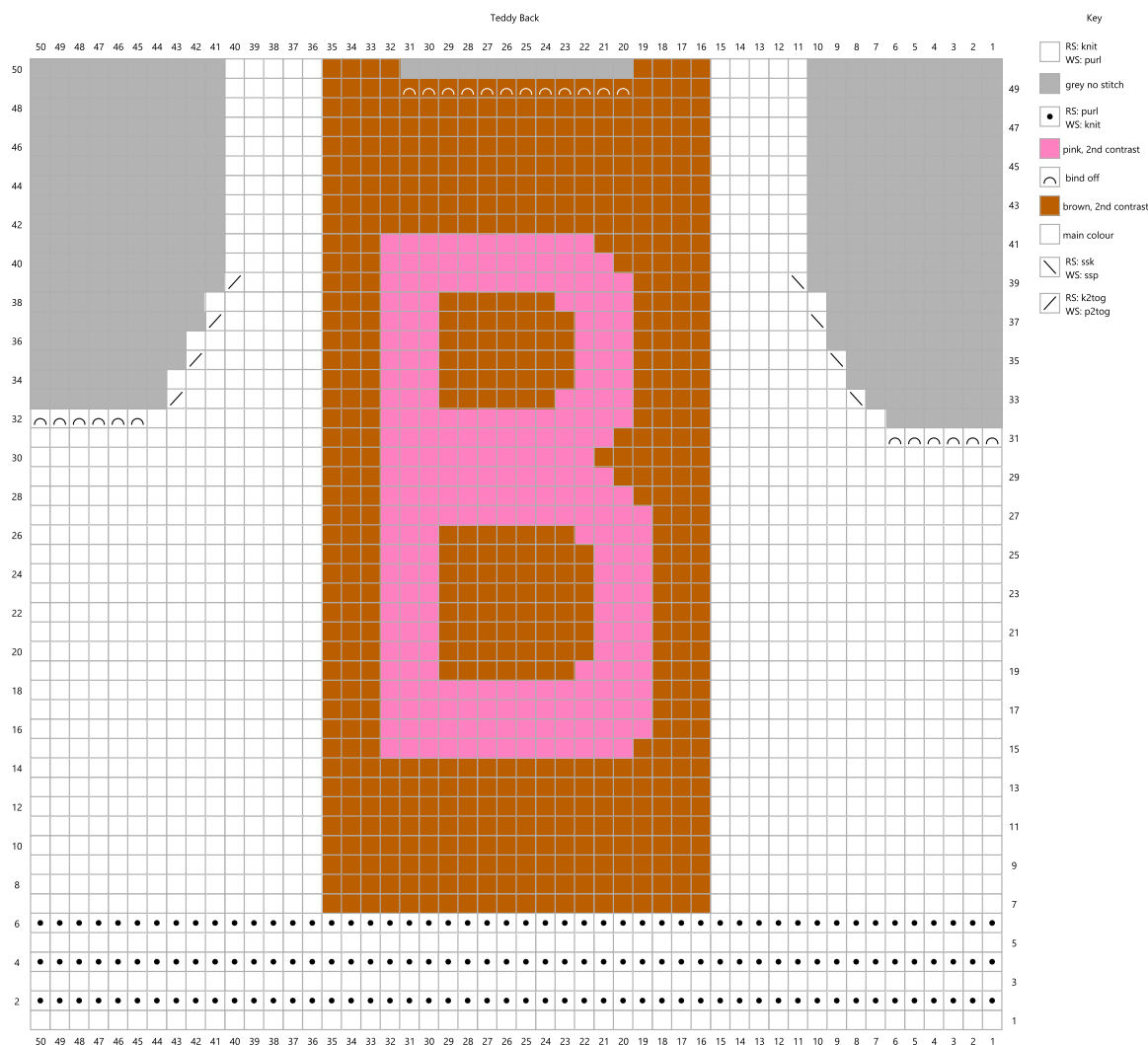
Rows 42 - 47: Repeat rows 40 - 41.

Row 48: Purl.

Row 49: K9, bind off × 13, k9. (17 sts)

Note: when binding off mid row – work in pattern to bind-off point, work the first two sts of the bind-off before starting to pull the stitches over. **Note** – the first st of the last K9 is the stitch remaining after the last bind-off.

Row 50: Purl.



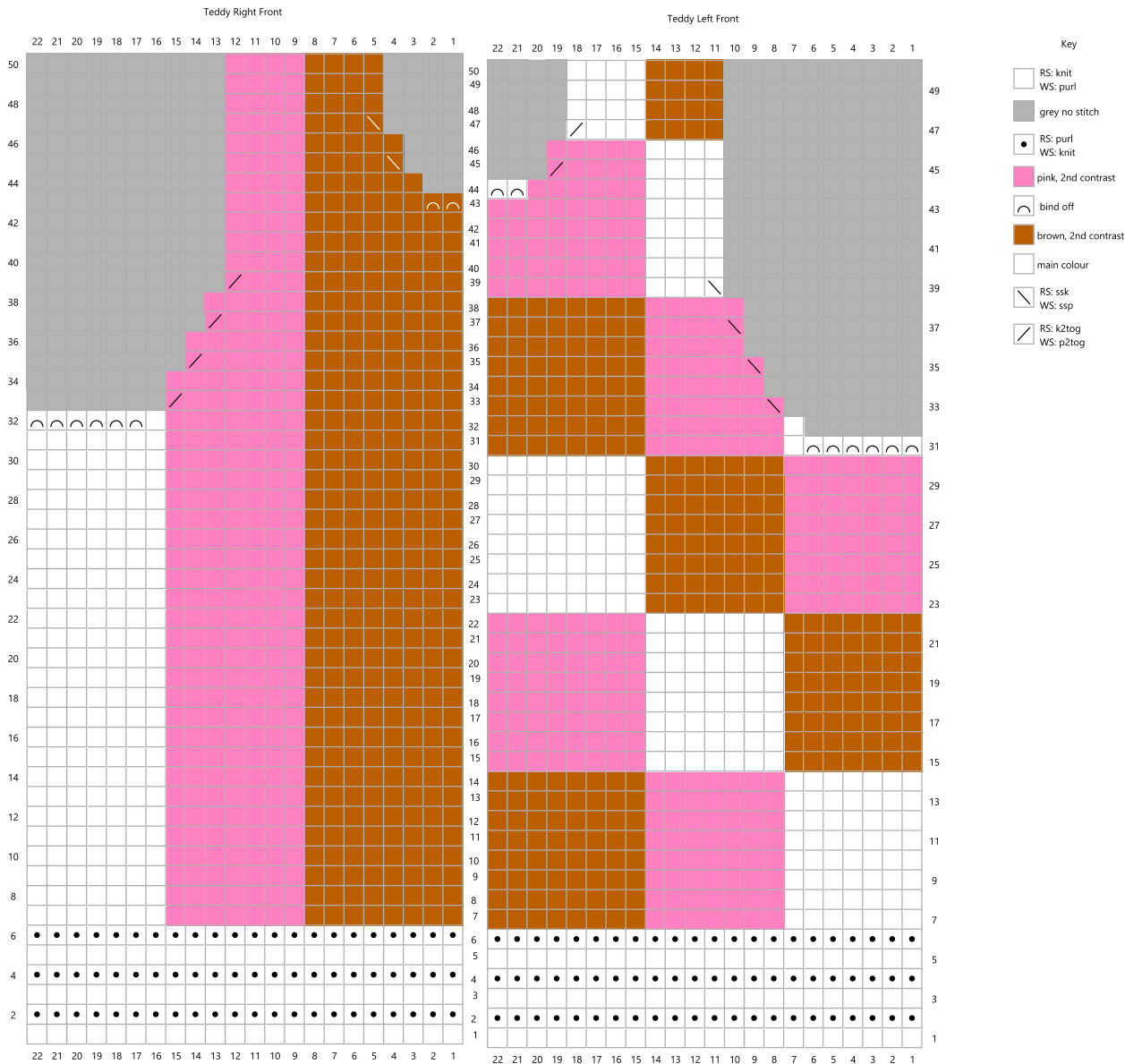
Teddy Vest Fronts

Worked in Different intarsia patterns.

Working with 3.75mm needles cast-on 22 sts. Same for both.

Rows 1 to 6 – Knit.

Row 7: Knit. Start working from Chart for colour placements.



Finishing

3 needle bind-off – lay the two needles holding the shoulder 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.

Note – working with WS together will create a raised “strap” finish on the RS – working with RS together will create a smooth finish on the RS.



and then skip 1).
Work in Garter St for 5 rows. Bind-off.

Shoulders – knit shoulders together using the 3 needle bind-off. **Note** – at the back neck edge on each side there is an extra st. Treat that st plus the st beside it as 1 st.



Armholes – both the same – starting at the underarm pick-up and knit 20 sts to the shoulder and then 20 sts down the the underarm again. (approx. ratio is pick-up from 3 edge sts and then skip 1).

Connect and work in the round as follows;

Purl 1 row.

Knit 1 row.

Purl 1 row.

Knit 1 row.

Next row – bind-off in purl.

Right Front Band – pick-up and knit 32 sts from the right front edge. With RS facing, starting at the bottom band and working with main colour pick-up 4 from the bottom band and 28 up the front. (approx. ratio is pick-up from 3 edge sts

Left Front Band – Ruched Band – pick-up and knit 32 st from the left front edge. With RS facing, starting at the top neck corner, and working with first colour, pick-up and knit 4, drop first and continue with main, pick-up and knit 6 from side of next square, drop main and continue with second, pick-up and knit 6 sts from next square, drop second and continue with first, pick-up and knit 6 sts from next square, drop first and continue with main, pick-up and knit 6 sts from next square, continuing with main pick-up and knit 4 sts from the front band.

Next row – WS – Working with each colour as set, knit into the front and back of each stitch – 64 sts.

Knit 1 row.

Purl 1 row.

Next row – button hole row – K8, YO, K2tog, K to end of row.

Work 4 rows in stockinette.

Cut yarns and switch to main colour.

Next row – WS – p2tog all across the row – 32 sts.

Next row – RS – bind-off in purl.



Alternatively work the Left Front Band as the Right Front band.

Neck edge – pick-up and knit 36 sts from the neckline. With RS facing and starting at the right front corner of band pick-up and knit 13 sts to the shoulder, 10 sts across the back, and 13 stitches down the front, picking up the last 2 sts from the top of the ruched band.

Work in garter st for 5 rows. Bind-off.

Weave in all ends. Sew button onto Right Front Bank, opposite the button hole on the Left Front Band. Block lightly.