

*The Waistcoat He Wants*  
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**Materials:** 6 ozs. of Sirdar "Majestic" Knitting Wool, 4-ply, 1 pair each of No. 10 and No. 12 knitting needles, 6 buttons  $\frac{3}{4}$  in. in diameter, and a small piece of material for the pockets.

**Measurements:** Length from shoulder at armhole edge, measured down the back, 19 $\frac{1}{2}$  ins.; width all round under the arms, when fastened, 40 ins.

**Tension:** 13 sts to 2 ins. in width and 18 rows to 2 ins. in depth.

**Abbreviations:** K., knit; p., purl; sts., stitches; st.-st., stocking stitch; dec., decrease or decreasing; inc., increase or increasing; beg., beginning; ins., inches.

Work into the back of all cast-on sts. to produce firm edges. **Back**

Begin at the lower edge. Cast on 104 sts. using No. 12 needles and work 2 ins. in k. 1, p. 1 rib. Change to No. 10 needles and st.-st. but inc. 1 st. at both ends of the 3rd row, then every 6th row following until there are 124 sts. Continue without inc. until the work measures 11 $\frac{1}{2}$  ins. from the beg. finishing after a p. row.

**Armhole Shaping:** Cast off 4 sts. at the beg. of the next 6 rows, then dec. 1 st. at both ends of the next 4 k. rows, leaving 92 sts. Continue without dec. until the armholes measure 7 $\frac{1}{2}$  ins. on the straight, finishing after a p. row.

**Shoulder Shaping:** Cast off 7 sts. at the beg. of the next 6 rows, then cast off 8 sts. at the beg. of the next 2 rows. Cast off the remaining sts. for the back neck.

#### **Left Front**

Begin at the lower edge above the ribbing. Cast on 55 sts. using No. 10 needles. **1st row:** P. 5, turn, k. back. **3rd row:** P. 10, turn, k. back. **5th row:** P. 15, turn, k. back. Continue to p. 5 sts. more on every p. row until all sts. have been worked over, finishing k. 55. Work 17 more rows in st.-st., finishing at the side edge. **Next row:** K. 51, cast off 2, k. 1. **Next row:** P. 2, cast on 2, p. to end. Buttonholes are made in this way on successive 17th and 18th rows until there are in all 6 up the front, but on the next k. row, after the first buttonhole has been worked, begin the pocket shaping as follows:

**Next row:** K. 16, k. twice into next st., turn. **Next row:** P. twice into first st., p. to end. Continue working only on these sts. still inc. 1 st. at same edge on every row for 26 more rows (28 incs.), but at the same time, inc. 1 st. at the side edge on the first row then on every 6th row following until 13 inc. have been

worked at the side edge. When the 28 sts. have been inc. at the inner edge for pocket work one row without inc.

Join wool to the other set of sts. and dec. 1 st. at inner edge on every row until 28 dec. have been worked. Work one row without dec., then work over all sts. still working the side inc. until these are completed. Continue without inc. until side edge is same depth to armhole as on back.

**Armhole Shaping:** Cast off 6 sts. at beg. of the next 3 k. rows, then dec. 1 st. at same edge on next 4 k. rows, leaving 46 sts. Continue without dec. until 6th buttonhole is worked, then work 2 more rows. Now dec. 1 st. at front edge on next row, then on every 4th row following until 29 sts. remain. Continue without dec. until armhole edge measures 8 $\frac{1}{2}$  ins. on the straight.

**Shoulder Shaping:** Cast off 7 sts. at the beg. of next 3 k. rows, then 8 sts. at beg. of next k. row.

#### **Right Front**

Work this to match the left front, but omit the buttonholes.

#### **Pocket Tops**

Hold right side of work towards you and using a No. 10 needle and a ball of wool, pick up 28 sts. on front of pocket. Work in k. 1, p. 1 rib inc. 1 st. in every 4th st. (35 sts.). Work 1 in. in k. 1, p. 1 rib, then cast off. Sew down side edges at each end to front.

#### **Armhole Edges**

Join shoulders and press seams. Hold right side of work towards you and using a No. 10 needle and a ball of wool, pick up every st. on the shaped part and miss every 4th st. on the straight part. Work  $\frac{3}{4}$  in. in k. 1, p. 1 rib, then cast off.

#### **Front Borders and Lower Edges**

Pick up the sts. along the front to centre back neck as for armholes, then work 6 rows of k. 1, p. 1 rib, inc. 1 st. at the lower edge of the front on every row. Cast off. Work the other front to match, then join at centre back.

For lower edges, pick up 55 sts., and work in k. 1, p. 1 rib inc. in every 3rd st. making 73 sts. Work 5 more rows, inc. 1 st. at the front edge on every row. Cast off.

#### **Making-up**

Press on both sides with a warm iron and damp cloth. Sew up side seams and press. Sew ribbing together at lower edges of front. With material make pockets to fit pocket slits and sew in position. Sew buttons on the right front.