



**“MILANO” VEST**

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**SIZES**

Small (**Medium**, Large, **X-Large**, 2X)

**FINISHED MEASUREMENTS**

**Bust** 30 (**34**, 38, **42**, 46)"/76 (**86.5**, 96.5, **106.5**, 117) cm

**Length** 21 (**21½**, 22, **22½**, 23)"/53.5 (**54.5**, 56, **57**, 58.5) cm

**MATERIALS**

- 5 (**6**, 7, **8**, 9) skeins Tahki Yarns **COTTON CLASSIC LITE** 100% mercerized cotton; (1.75 oz/50g/146 yd/135m) in **color #4932 amethyst**
  - E-4 (3.75mm) crochet hook
- OR SIZE TO OBTAIN GAUGE**

- Two shank buttons, ½" (13 mm)
- Yarn needle

**GAUGE**

20 sts and 16 rows in hdc = 4" (10 cm)

**TAKE TIME TO CHECK GAUGE**

**SPECIAL STITCHES USED**

**FPDC (front post double crochet)** Yo, insert hook from front to back then to front, going around the dc post, draw up a loop, (yo and draw through 2 loops on hook) twice. Skip st behind FPDC.

**BPDC (back post double crochet)** Yo, insert hook from back to front then to back, going around the dc post, draw up a loop, (yo and draw through 2 loops on hook) twice. Skip st behind BPDC.

**BACK**

Ch 76 (**86**, 96, **106**, 116).

**Row 1** Hdc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across, turn – 75 (**85**, 95, **105**, 115) hdc.

**Row 2** Ch 2 (counts as hdc), hdc in each st across, turn.

**Row 3** Ch 2 (counts as hdc), hdc in next st, hdc2tog in next 2 sts, hdc in each st across to last 4 sts, hdc2tog in next 2 sts, hdc in each of last 2 sts, turn.

**Rows 4-11** Rep Rows 2-3 for 4 times – 65 (**65**, 85, **95**, 105) hdc.

Work even for 3". Inc 1 st at each end of next row and every 4th row 4 times – 75 (**85**, 95, **105**, 115) hdc. Work even for 2 rows.

**Armhole Shaping**

**Next Row** Sl st over first 6 sts, ch 2 (counts as hdc), hdc in each st across to last 5 sts, turn, leaving rem 5 sts unworked.

Work 1 row even. Dec 1 st at each end of next row and every other row 2 times more – 59 (**69**, 79, **89**, 99) sts at end of last row. Work even until Armholes measure approx. 7 (**7½**, 8, **8½**, 9)" from beg, ending with a WS row.

**Shape Shoulder**

**Next Row:** Sl st over first 6 sts, ch 1, sc in same st, sc in next st, hdc in each st across to last 7 sts, sc in next 2 sts, turn, leaving rem 5 sts unworked.

Rep last row 2 (2, 3, 4, 4) times – 29 (39, 39, 39, 49) sts. Fasten off.

## RIGHT FRONT

Ch 39 (44, 49, 54, 59).

**Row 1** Hdc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across, turn – 38 (43, 48, 53, 58) hdc. Hdc in second ch from hook and each ch across – ch 2, turn.

**Row 2** Ch 2 (counts as hdc), hdc in each st across, turn.

Dec 1 st at beg of next row and every other row 5 times, **AT SAME TIME**, starting with Row 5, dec 1 st at Neck edge every 4th row (17 [22, 22, 22, 27] times).

Work Armhole Shaping same as BACK. Work even until Armhole measures 7 (7½, 8, 8½, 9)" from beg, ending with a WS row.

### Shape Shoulder

**Row 1** Ch 2 (counts as hdc), hdc in each st across to last 7 sts, sc in next 2 sts, turn, leaving rem 5 sts unworked.

**Row 2** Sl st over first 6 sts, ch 1, sc in same st, sc in next st, hdc in each st across, turn.

## Sizes S and M Only

Rep Row 1. Fasten off Sizes S and M – 29 (39) sts.

## Size L, XL and 2XL Only

Rep Rows 1-2 – 39 (44, 54) sts. Fasten off Size L.

## Sizes XL and 2XL Only

Rep Row 1 – 39 (49) sts. Fasten off.

## LEFT FRONT

Work same as RIGHT FRONT, reversing all shaping.

## FINISHING

Sew FRONTS to BACK at Shoulders.

## WAISTBAND

Ch 19.

**Row 1** Dc in 4th ch from hook and in each ch across, turn – 17 dc.

**Row 2** Ch 2, \*FPDC around the post of next dc, BPDC around the post of next dc; rep from \* across, turn.

**Row 3** Ch 2, \*BPDC around the post of next st, FPDC around the post of next dc, rep from \* across, turn.

Rep Rows 2-3 until piece measures 33 (37, 41, 45, 49)". Fasten off. Sew to bottom edge of Vest, leaving 3" extra on the RIGHT FRONT side.

## Neck Trim

**Row 1** With RS facing, join yarn at bottom right edge above WAISTBAND, ch 2 (counts as dc), work 222 (228, 234, 240, 246) dc evenly spaced across RIGHT FRONT edge, across BACK Neck edge, down LEFT FRONT edge to top of WAISTBAND, turn.

**Row 2** Ch 2, FPDC around the post of each st across. Fasten off. Sew edge of Trim to top of WAISTBAND on both sides.

## Armhole Trim

**Rnd 1** With RS facing, join yarn at bottom right edge above WAISTBAND, ch 2 (counts as dc), work 94 (100, 106, 112, 118) dc evenly spaced around Armhole opening, sl st in 2nd ch of beg ch to join.

**Rnd 2** Ch 2, FPDC around the post of each st around, sl st in 2nd ch of beg ch to join. Fasten off.

Sew buttons 1½" apart, approx. 2" to the right of end of WAISTBAND on LEFT FRONT side. Use spaces between sts on opposite end of WAISTBAND for buttonholes.

## ABBREVIATIONS

ch	chain
dc	double crochet
dec	decrease(d)(ing)
hdc	half double crochet
inc	increase(d)(ing)
rem	remain(ing)
rep	repeat(ing)(s)
RS	right side
sc	single crochet
sl st	slip stitch
st(s)	stitch(es)
tog	together
WS	wrong side

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