



KNITTING PATTERN

Quite Contrary

Colourwork Vest

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pompom x hobbii

MATERIALS

Pom Pom x Hobbii Garland

Shades:

Yarn A: Zinnia (07); 3 (3, 4, 4, 5, 5, 6, 6, 7) balls

Yarn B: Whim (01); 3 (3, 3, 4, 4, 5, 5, 5, 6) balls

Yarn C: Red Onion (05); 2 (2, 3, 3, 3, 3, 4, 4, 4) balls

3.5mm / US 4 knitting needles

3.5mm / US 4 needles suitable for working

small circumferences in the round (for ribbed armbands and neckband)

4mm / US 6 knitting needles

Always use a needle size that will result in the correct gauge after blocking.

2 stitch markers, stitch holder or scrap yarn, tapestry needle

YARN QUALITY

 **Garland**, Hobbii x Pom Pom

Worsted weight

70% Cotton, 30% Alpaca

105m / 114yd per 50 g

GAUGE

21 sts & 30 rows = 10cm / 4" over St st on 4mm needles after blocking.

QUESTIONS

If you have any questions regarding this pattern, please feel free to email us at support@hobbii.com. Please make sure to include the pattern's name and number.

Happy Crafting!

SIZES

1 (2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9)

MEASUREMENTS

Finished chest circumference: 87.5 (95, 106.5, 118, 125.5, 137, 148.5, 156, 167.5)cm / 34½ (37½, 42, 46½, 49½, 54, 58½, 61½, 66)" – to be worn with 8.5-11.5 cm / 3½-4½" positive ease

Model has a 86cm / 34" chest circumference and is wearing a size 2.

PATTERN INFORMATION

The front and back of the garment are knit flat in pieces from the 2x2 rib bottom up. The colourwork pattern on the pieces is worked using the intarsia colourwork technique in Stocking stitch throughout. The 2x2 ribbed neckband and armbands are worked in the round from stitches picked up after seaming the pieces.

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Pattern



ABBREVIATIONS

Beg: beginning

Dec: decrease

Est: established

Foll: follow(s)/following

K: knit

k2tog: knit 2 stitches together

LH: left hand

Patt: pattern (i.e. work in pattern)

PM: place marker

P: purl

P2tog: purl 2 stitches together

Rem: remain(s)/remaining

Rep: repeat

RH: right hand

RS: right side

Sl: slip

Ssk: slip 2 stitches knitwise one at a time, knit together through the back loops

Ssp: slip 2 stitches knitwise one at a time, purl together through the back loops

SM: slip marker

st(s): stitch(es)

St st: stocking stitch (stockinette): knit on RS rows, purl on WS rows

Tog: together

WS: wrong side

STITCH GLOSSARY

2x2 Rib (flat):

Row 1 (RS): Sl1, [k2, p2] to last st, k1.

Row 2 (WS): Sl1, [k2, p2] to last st, k1.

Rep rows 1-2 for pattern.

2x2 Rib (in the round):

Round 1: [K2, p2] to end.

Rep round 1 for pattern.

NOTES

For a neat seaming selvedge line at the edges, the first st of each row is always slipped purlwise with yarn in front, and the last st is always knitted.

Read the chart from right to left on RS rows and from left to right on WS rows.

Non-chart sts are worked in yarn A throughout, unless otherwise indicated.

Make up your balls or bobbins/butterflies before you start to knit. To work out how many changes of colour there are, look at the chart and mark each colour change with a pen. These balls or bobbins/butterflies should be kept close to the knitting – unwind yarn a little as you need it to avoid getting into a tangle.

Count how many stitches there are for each colour block in the chart.

When working Intarsia, knit up to the first st of the colour change, insert RH needle into the new st. Ensuring the yarns are on the WS, pick up the new colour from underneath the old one, so that the old colour always goes over the new colour. Twist yarns together on WS to prevent holes.

Weave loose ends into stitches in a matching colour on the WS. While weaving in the ends you can also tighten up any loose stitches and improve the look of the RS of your knitting.

PATTERN BEGINS

BACK

**Using smaller needles, yarn C and cable cast-on method or preferred method, cast on 94 (102, 114, 126, 134, 146, 158, 166, 178) sts.

Row 1 (RS): S11, [k2, p2] to last st, k1.

Row 2 (WS): S11, [k2, p2] to last st, k1.

Rep last 2 rows for 2x2 rib until back measures 4.5cm / 1¾" from cast-on edge, ending with a WS row.

Change to larger needles. Break yarn C.

Establish Pattern

Row 1 (RS): S11, k6 (10, 16, 2, 6, 12, 18, 2, 8) sts, PM, work row 1 of Chart over next 80 (80, 80, 120, 120, 120, 120, 160, 160) sts working the chart 2 (2, 2, 3, 3, 3, 3, 4, 4) times, PM, k7 (11, 17, 3, 7, 13, 19, 3, 9) sts.

Row 2 (WS): S11, p to marker, SM, work next row of chart to marker, SM, p to last st, k1.

Cont in patt as est, changing yarn as indicated in chart and working non-chart sts in yarn A throughout until Back measures 24.5 (25.5, 26.5, 26.5, 27.5, 27.5, 27.5, 27.5)cm / 9¾ (10, 10½, 10½, 10¾, 10¾, 10¾, 10¾)" from cast-on edge, ending with a WS row.

Shape Armhole

Maintaining patt as est and removing markers when necessary, cast off 5 (5, 5, 6, 6, 7, 7, 7, 7) sts at beg of next 2 rows. 84 (92, 104, 114, 122, 132, 144, 152, 164) sts

Sizes 5, 6, 7, 8 & 9 ONLY

Cast off 2 sts at beg of next 2 rows. - (-, -, -, 118, 128, 140, 148, 160) sts

ALL sizes again

Next row (RS)(dec): S11, k1, ssk, patt to last 4 sts, k2tog, k2. 2 sts dec

Next row (WS)(dec): S11, p1, p2tog, patt to last 4 sts, ssp, p1, k1. 2 sts dec

Rep last 2 rows a further 1 (2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9) times. 76 (80, 88, 94, 94, 100, 108, 112, 120) sts

Next row (RS)(dec): S11, k1, ssk, patt to last 4 sts, k2tog, k2. 2 sts dec

Next row (WS): S11, patt to last st, k1.

Rep last 2 rows a further 2 (4, 5, 7, 7, 9, 9, 10, 13) times. 70 (70, 76, 78, 78, 80, 88, 90, 92) sts**

Work straight in patt as set until Back measures 48 (50, 52, 53, 54, 56, 57, 58, 59)cm / 19 (19¾, 20½, 20¾, 21¼, 22, 22½, 22¾, 23¼)" from cast-on edge, ending with a WS row.

Shape Right Shoulder

Row 1 (RS): Cast off 6 (6, 6, 7, 7, 7, 5, 5, 5) sts, work in patt until there are 10 (10, 12, 12, 12, 12, 17, 17, 18) sts on RH needle and turn, leaving rem 54 (54, 58, 59, 59, 61, 66, 68, 69) sts on a holder or scrap yarn. 10 (10, 12, 12, 12, 12, 17, 17, 18) sts

Maintaining patt as est, cast off as foll:

Row 2 & all foll WS rows: Work in patt as est.

Row 3 (RS): Cast off 5 (5, 6, 6, 6, 6, 5, 5, 5) sts, patt to end. 5 (5, 6, 6, 6, 6, 12, 12, 13) sts

Sizes 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 & 6 ONLY

Row 5 (RS): Cast off rem 5 (5, 6, 6, 6, 6, -, -, -) sts.

Sizes 7, 8 & 9 ONLY

Row 5 (RS): Cast off - (-, -, -, -, 4, 4, 5) sts, patt to end. 8 sts

Row 7 (RS): Cast off 4 sts, patt to end. 4 sts

Row 9 (RS): Cast off rem 4 sts.

ALL sizes again

With RS facing, place held Back sts onto larger needles.

Next row (RS): Rejoin yarns, cast off 38 (38, 40, 40, 40, 42, 44, 46, 46) sts, patt to end. 16 (16, 18, 19, 19, 19, 22, 22, 23) sts

Shape Left Shoulder

Maintaining pattern as est, cast off as foll:

Row 1 (WS): Cast off 6 (6, 6, 7, 7, 7, 5, 5, 5) sts, patt to end. 10 (10, 12, 12, 12, 12, 17, 17, 18) sts

Row 2 & all foll RS rows: Work in patt as est.

Row 3 (WS): Cast off 5 (5, 6, 6, 6, 6, 5, 5, 5) sts, patt to end. 5 (5, 6, 6, 6, 6, 12, 12, 13) sts

Sizes 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 & 6 ONLY

Row 5 (WS): Cast off rem 5 (5, 6, 6, 6, 6, -, -, -) sts.

Sizes 7, 8 & 9 ONLY

Row 5 (WS): Cast off - (-, -, -, -, -, 4, 4, 5) sts, patt to end. 8 sts

Row 7 (WS): Cast off 4 sts, patt to end. 4 sts

Row 9 (WS): Cast off rem 4 sts.

FRONT

Work as for Back from ** to **.

Work straight in patt as set until Front measures 41 (43, 45, 45, 46, 48, 49, 50, 51) cm / 16¼ (17, 17¾, 17¾, 18, 19, 19¼, 19¾, 20)" from cast-on edge, ending with a WS row.

Shape Left Neck

Next row (RS): Work in patt until there are 25 (25, 28, 29, 29, 29, 33, 33, 34) sts on RH needle and turn to work Left Neck decreases, leaving rem 45 (45, 48, 49, 49, 51, 55, 57, 58) sts on holder or scrap yarn. 25 (25, 28, 29, 29, 29, 33, 33, 34) sts

Maintaining patt as est, dec at neck edge as foll:

Next row (WS)(dec): S11, p1, p2tog, patt to last st, k1. 1 st dec

Next row (RS)(dec): S11, patt to last 4 sts, k2tog, k1. 1 st dec

Rep last 2 rows twice more. 19 (19, 22, 23, 23, 23, 27, 27, 28) sts

Next row (WS): S11, patt to last st, k1

Next row (RS)(dec): S11, patt to last 4 sts, k2tog, k2. 1 st dec

Next row (WS): S11, patt to last st, k1.

Rep last 2 rows a further 2 (2, 3, 3, 3, 3, 4, 4, 4) times. 16 (16, 18, 19, 19, 19, 22, 22, 23) sts

Work straight in patt as set until piece measures 48 (50, 52, 53, 54, 56, 57, 58, 59)cm / 19 (19¾, 20½, 20¾, 21¼, 22, 22½, 22¾, 23¼)" from cast-on edge to match Back, ending with a WS row.

Shape Left Shoulder

Maintaining patt as est, cast off as foll:

Row 1 (RS): Cast off 6 (6, 6, 7, 7, 7, 5, 5, 5) sts, patt to end. 10 (10, 12, 12, 12, 12, 17, 17, 18) sts

Row 2 & all foll WS rows: Work in patt as est.

Row 3 (RS): Cast off 5 (5, 6, 6, 6, 6, 5, 5, 5) sts, patt to end. 5 (5, 6, 6, 6, 6, 12, 12, 13) sts

Sizes 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 & 6 ONLY

Row 5 (RS): Cast off rem 5 (5, 6, 6, 6, 6, -, -, -) sts.

Sizes 7, 8 & 9 ONLY

Row 5 (RS): Cast off - (-, -, -, -, -, 4, 4, 5) sts, patt to end. 8 sts

Row 7 (RS): Cast off 4 sts, patt to end. 4 sts

Row 9 (RS): Cast off rem 4 sts.

Shape Right Neck

With RS facing, place held Front sts onto larger needles.

Next row (RS): Rejoin yarns, cast off 20 (20, 20, 20, 20, 22, 22, 24, 24) sts, patt to end. 25 (25, 28, 29, 29, 29, 33, 33, 34) sts

Maintaining patt as est, dec at neck edge as foll:

Next row (WS)(dec): S11, patt to last 4 sts, ssp, p1, k1. 1 st dec

Next row (RS)(dec): S11, k1, ssk, patt to last st, k1. 1 st dec

Rep last 2 rows twice more. 19 (19, 22, 23, 23, 23, 27, 27, 28) sts

Next row (WS): S11, patt to last st, k1.

Next row (RS)(dec): S11, k1, ssk, patt to last st, k1. 1 st dec

Next row (WS): S11, patt to last st, k1.

Rep last 2 rows a further 2 (2, 3, 3, 3, 3, 4, 4, 4) times. 16 (16, 18, 19, 19, 19, 22, 22, 23) sts

Work straight in patt as set until piece measures 48 (50, 52, 53, 54, 56, 57, 58, 59)cm / 19 (19¾, 20½, 20¾, 21¼, 22, 22½, 22¾, 23¼)" from cast-on edge to match Back, ending with a RS row.

Shape Right Shoulder

Maintaining patt as est, cast off as foll:

Row 1 (WS): Cast off 6 (6, 6, 7, 7, 7, 5, 5, 5) sts, patt to end. 10 (10, 12, 12, 12, 12, 17, 17, 18) sts

Row 2 & all foll RS rows: Work in patt as est.

Row 3 (WS): Cast off 5 (5, 6, 6, 6, 6, 5, 5, 5) sts, patt to end. 5 (5, 6, 6, 6, 6, 12, 12, 13) sts

Sizes 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 & 6 ONLY

Row 5 (WS): Cast off rem 5 (5, 6, 6, 6, 6, -, -, -) sts.

Sizes 7, 8 & 9 ONLY

Row 5 (WS): Cast off - (-, -, -, -, -, 4, 4, 5) sts, patt to end. 8 sts

Row 7 (WS): Cast off 4 sts, patt to end. 4 sts

Row 9 (WS): Cast off rem 4 sts.

FINISHING

Weave ends into sts of a matching colour on the WS, tightening up any loose sts to improve the look of the RS. Soak pieces in lukewarm water containing wool wash or detergent for 20 minutes to allow the stitches to relax. Gently squeeze pieces and then roll in a towel to remove most of the water. Pin out to measurements and leave to dry.

Neckband

Match up Front and Back pieces and sew cast-off shoulder seams using mattress stitch or preferred method.

Using yarn C and smaller needles suitable for working small circumferences in the round, with RS facing, and beg at left of front neck, pick up and knit 17 (17, 18, 18, 18, 18, 18, 18, 18) sts down left front neck, 20 (20, 20, 20, 20, 22, 22, 24, 24) sts across front neck cast-off sts, 17 (17, 18, 18, 18, 18, 18, 18, 18) sts up the right side front neck, 4 (4, 4, 4, 4, 4, 7, 7, 7) sts down right back neck, 38 (38, 40, 40, 40, 42, 44, 46, 46) sts across back neck cast-off sts, and 4 (4, 4, 4, 4, 4, 7, 7, 7) sts up left back neck, PM to indicate beg of round, join to work in the round. *100 (100, 104, 104, 104, 108, 116, 120, 120) sts*

Round 1: [K2, p2] to end.

Rep round 1 until neckband measures 2.5 cm / 1".

Cast off loosely in patt.

Armhole Bands

Match up Front and Back side seams and sew the side seams using mattress stitch or preferred method.

Using yarn C and smaller circular needles, with RS facing and beg at underarm cast-off edge, pick up and knit 116 (120, 124, 132, 140, 144, 148, 152, 156) sts evenly around armhole edge, PM and join in the round. *116 (120, 124, 132, 140, 144, 148, 152, 156) sts*

Round 1: [K2, p2] to end.

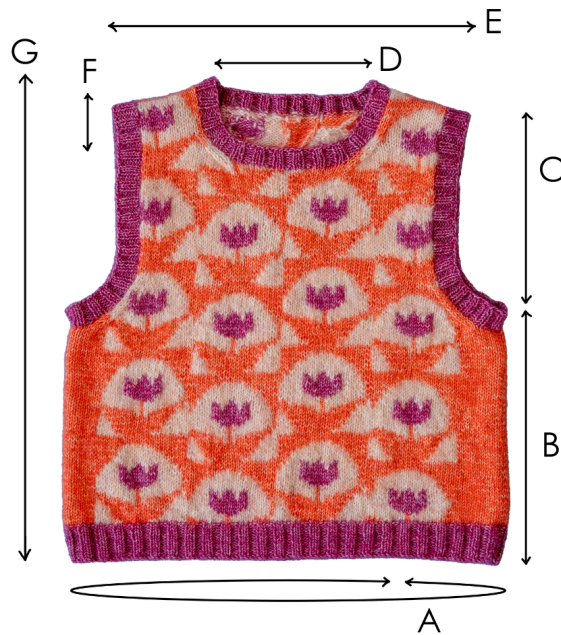
Rep round 1 until band measures 2.5cm / 1".

Cast off loosely in patt.

Weave in remaining ends. Block or steam seams, neckband and armbands.

Enjoy!

SCHEMATIC



a. Chest circumference: 87.5 (95, 106.5, 118, 125.5, 137, 148.5, 156, 167.5)cm / 34½ (37½, 42, 46½, 49½, 54, 58½, 61½, 66)"

b. Length (hem to underarm): 27 (28, 29, 29, 29, 30, 30, 30, 30)cm / 10¾ (11, 11½, 11½, 11½, 11¾, 11¾, 11¾, 11¾)"

c. Armhole depth: 21 (22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29)cm / 8¼ (8¾, 9, 9½, 9¾, 10¼, 10¾, 11, 11½)"

d. Neck width: 18 (18, 19, 19, 19, 20, 21, 22, 22)cm / 7 (7, 7½, 7½, 7½, 7¾, 8¼, 8¾, 8¾)"

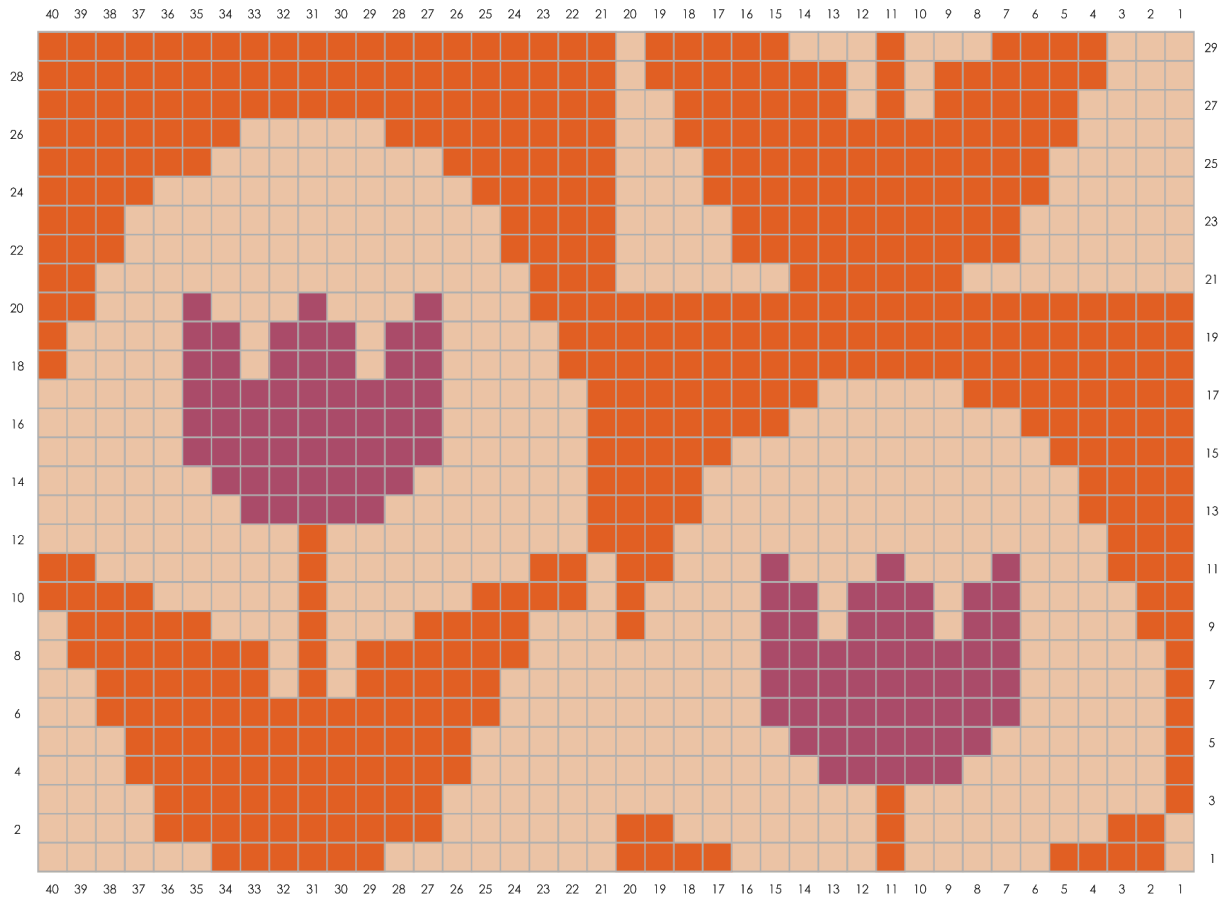
e. Cross back: 37 (37, 40, 41, 41, 42, 46, 47, 48)cm / 14½ (14½, 15¾, 16¼, 16¼, 16½, 18¼, 18½, 19)"

f. Front neck drop: 9 (9, 9, 10, 10, 10, 11, 11, 11)cm / 3½ (3½, 3½, 4, 4, 4¼, 4¼, 4¼)"




g. Total length (from shoulder neck edge): 50 (52, 54, 55, 56, 58, 60, 61, 62)cm / 19¾ (20½, 21¼, 21¾, 22, 22¾, 23½, 24, 24½)"

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Chart



Key

-  RS: Knit with yarn A
WS: Purl with yarn A
-  RS: Knit with yarn B
WS: Purl with yarn B
-  RS: Knit with yarn C
WS: Purl with yarn C