

SLEEVELESS PULLOVER

IMPORTANT NOTE: Unless yarn specified is used, African Expressions cannot accept the responsibility for the finished work.

Owing to printing restrictions the colour reproduction is matched as closely to the yarn as possible.

Original garment worked in size 87cm and shown on a size 87cm model.

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MATERIALS: LOVE (50g balls) 3(3;4;5;6;7) balls, Col. 3211
One pair each 5.5mm and 6mm knitting needles.
One stitch holder.

MEASUREMENTS:

To fit Bust: 82(87;92;97;102;107)cm
Actual all round measurement of garment:
Bust: 93(100;105;110;115;120)cm
Length to back neck: 55(60;63;64;66;68)cm
THE INSTRUCTIONS ARE GIVEN FOR THE SMALLEST SIZE, WITH THE LARGER SIZES IN BRACKETS; WHERE ONLY ONE FIGURE IS GIVEN, IT APPLIES TO ALL SIZES.

TENSION: SAVE TIME, TAKE TIME, CHECK TENSION.
15sts and 21 rows = 10cm over Leaf pattern using 6mm needles.

FOR BEST RESULTS IT IS ESSENTIAL TO OBTAIN THE CORRECT TENSION. IF THERE ARE TOO FEW STS ON TEST SWATCH, USE THINNER NEEDLES; IF THERE ARE TOO MANY STS, USE THICKER NEEDLES.

ABBREVIATIONS:

alt = alternate; **beg** = begin(ning); **cont** = continue; **dec** = decrease; **fol** = follow(ing); **inc(s)** = increase; **k** = knit; **patt(s)** = pattern(s); **p** = purl; **rem** = remain(ing); **rep** =

repeat; **rev** = reverse; **R(W)S** = right(wrong) side; **R(W)SF** = right(wrong) side facing; **R(W)SR** = right(wrong) side row; **RW** = ribwise; **st(s)** = stitch(es); **st st** = stocking stitch; **SKPO** = slip one, knit one, pass slipped stitch over; **tog** = together; **yon** = yarn over needle; **yfrn** = yarn forward, then round needle.

STITCHES USED:

DOUBLE RIB PATTERN

1st row: *K2, P2, rep from * to end
2nd row: *P2, K2, rep from * to end.
Rep these 2 rows.

STOCKING STITCH

1st row: RSF, one row K.
2nd row: WSF, one row P.
Rep these 2 rows.

LEAF PATTERN (Worked over 16sts on a background of rev st st)

1st row: RSF, p1, k3, k2tog, k1, yfrn, p2, yon, k1, SKPO, k3, p1.
2nd and every alt row: K1, p6, k2, p6, k1.
3rd row: P1, k2, k2tog, k1, yfd, k1, p2, k1, yfd, k1, SKPO, k2, p1.
5th row: P1, k1, k2tog, k1, yfd, k2, p2, k2, yfd, k1, SKPO, k1, p1.
7th row: P1, k2tog, k1, yfd, k3, p2, k3, yfd, k1, SKPO, p1.
8th row: K1, p6, k2, p6, k1. Rep these 8 rows.

BACK:

Using 5.5mm needles cast on 70(74;78;82;86;90)sts and work in Double Rib patt (SEE STS USED) for 6(6;7;7;7;7)cm ending with a WSR. Change to 6mm needles and cont straight in st st until work measures 9(13;15;15;16;17)cm from beg ending with a WSR, **SHAPE SIDES:** Dec 1 st (= work 2tog) at each end of every foll 4th row 3 times, then every foll alt row once = 62(66;70;74;78;82)sts. Now inc 1 st at each end of every foll alt row once, then every foll 4th row 3 times = 70(74;78;82;86;90)sts. Cont straight and when work measures 36(40;42;42;43;44)cm from beg ending with a WSR, **SHAPE ARMHOLES:** Cast off 3sts at beg of next 2 rows, 2sts at beg of foll 2 rows, then dec 1 st (= work 2tog) at beg of next 4(2;2;2;2;2) rows = 56(62;66;70;74;80)sts. Cont straight and when work measures 55(60;63;64;66;68)cm from beg ending with a WSR, **SHAPE SHOULDERS:** Cast off 5(6;7;7;8;9)sts at beg of next 4 rows, then 6(7;6;8;7;8)sts at beg of foll 2 rows = 24(24;26;26;28;28)sts. Cast off rem sts for neck opening.

FRONT:

Work as for back until work measures 34(38;40;40;41;42)cm from beg ending with a WSR. Now work in st st and Leaf patt as folls: K7(9;11;13;15;17)sts, p2, *work 1st row of Leaf patt (SEE STS USED), p2*, rep from * to * twice more, k7(9;11;13;15;17)sts. **Next row:** P7(9;11;13;15;17)sts, k2, *work 2nd row of Leaf patt, k2*, rep from * to * twice more, p7(9;11;13;15;17)sts. Cont straight in patt as now set until 16 rows have been worked. Then cont in st st only **AT THE SAME TIME** when work measures 36(40;42;42;43;44)cm from beg ending with a WSR, **SHAPE ARMHOLES** as for back = 56(62;66;70;74;80)sts. Cont straight and when work measures 44(48;50;50;51;52)cm from beg ending with a WSR, **SHAPE NECK:** Work 22(25;26;28;29;32)sts and leave these sts on a holder, cast off centre 12(12;14;14;16;16)sts for neck opening and

cont on rem sts for left side of work. **LEFT SIDE:** Work one row. Cast off 2sts at beg (neck edge) of next and at same edge of foll alt row, then dec 1 st (= work 2tog) at beg of every foll alt row twice = 16(19;20;22;23;26)sts. Cont straight and when work measures 55(60;63;64;66;68)cm from beg ending with a RSR, **SHAPE SHOULDER:** Cast off 5(6;7;7;8;9)sts at beg of next and at same edge of foll alt row = 6(7;6;8;7;8)sts. Work one row, then cast off rem sts to complete shoulder slope. **RIGHT SIDE:** WSF, rejoin yarn at neck edge, pick up sts from holder and work as for left side, rev shaping.

TO MAKE UP:

Sew right shoulder seam. **NECKBAND:** RSF, using 5,5mm needles, pick up and k56(60;66;70;72;76)sts evenly around neck opening of front and 26(26;28;28;30;30)sts across back neck = 82(86;94;98;102;106)sts. Work in Double Rib patt, beg with p2, for 3cm ending with a WSR, cast off all sts RW. Sew left shoulder seam and neckband ends. **ARMHOLE BANDS:** RSF, using 5,5mm needles, pick up and k29(31;31;33;35;37)sts evenly along front and back armhole opening = 58(62;62;66;70;74)sts. Work in Double Rib patt, beg with p2, for 3cm ending with a WSR, cast off all sts RW. Make another armhole band for the other side. Sew up side seams and armband ends. Block garment to measurement, cover with a damp cloth and allow to dry.



Tension

The most important factor in determining the finished size of a knitted item is the tension. Patterns will produce different finished sizes by using a different needle size. It is important to be able to determine how much difference a needle change will make, especially in clothing items.

Each one of us knits differently and there is no standard for knowing exactly how much a needle size will change the tension or finished size of a garment. The tension you hold in the yarn will create loose or tight stitches. For smooth, even stitches, it is important to maintain the same tension. Tension is the responsibility of the knitter and must be consistent throughout the entire item to assure an accurate finished size. It is always best to make a small tension swatch, using the yarn, stitch pattern and needles recommended. Check your tension frequently - if you are not getting the proper tension, you will need to rework that portion adjusting your tension accordingly.

Garment Care

This is important for ensuring that your labour of love remains in pristine condition. Always hand wash garments in a mild soapy solution. Allow to dry flat (on a bath towel on the floor). Never hang your garment on the washing line to dry and always fold and store in a drawer or flat on a shelf.

KNITTING NEEDLE SIZES AND CONVERSIONS

Metric sizes(mm)	US	UK / Canada
2.0	0	14
2.25	1	13
2.75	2	12
3.0	-	11
3.25	3	10
3.5	4	-
3.75	5	9
4.0	6	8
4.5	7	7
5.0	8	6
5.5	9	5
6.0	10	4
6.5	10 1/2	3
7.0	-	2
7.5	-	1
8	11	0
9	13	00
10	15	000
12	17	-
16	19	-
19	35	-
25	50	-

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