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Color Block Top & Vest

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SKILL LEVEL:

SIZE and MATERIALS:

Featured Yarn: HiKoo® *Kenzington*, 60% New Zealand Merino, 25% Nylon, 10% Alpaca, 5% Silk Noils; 208 yards / 100g hank

addi® Needles & Notions:

6 mm (approx US 10) 32” circular needle
or size needed to obtain gauge
Stitch markers, stitch holder or waste yarn, tapestry needle

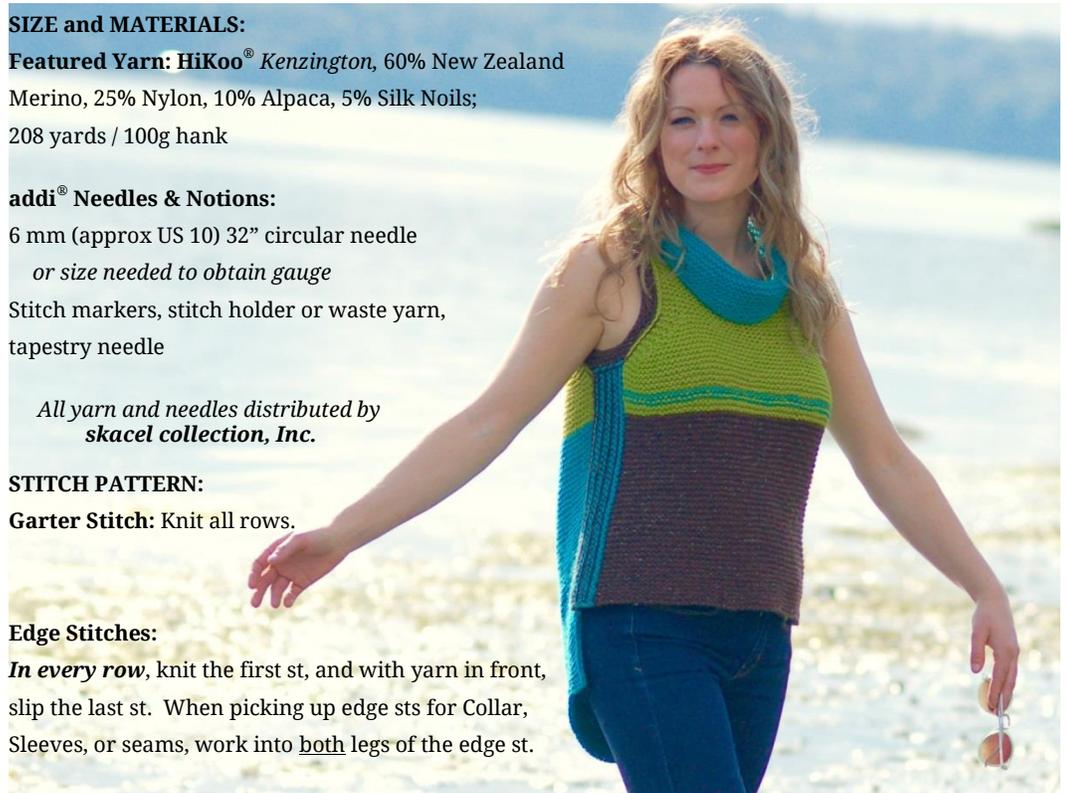
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STITCH PATTERN:

Garter Stitch: Knit all rows.

Edge Stitches:

In every row, knit the first st, and with yarn in front, slip the last st. When picking up edge sts for Collar, Sleeves, or seams, work into both legs of the edge st.



Shown in Color A (#1024 - Hokitika), Color B (#1025 - Elegan), and Color C (#1003 - Lamington).

GAUGE:

15 sts and 30 rows = 4” x 4” in Garter St

To save time, check your gauge and read all instructions thoroughly before beginning.

Size	Small	Medium	Large
Finished Bust	38 ½”	41”	44”
Finished Length (Front)	19 ½”	22”	24 ½”
Finished Length (Back w/curved hem)	24”	26 ½”	28 ½”
Color A	2 hanks (teal)	3 hanks (teal)	3 hanks (teal)
Color B	1 hank (lime)	2 hankS (lime)	2 hankS (lime)
Color C	1 hank (brown)	2 hankS (brown)	2 hankS (brown)

Note: When knitting the Medium size, you will have enough yarn left over to knit a few striped hats.

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Back:

Using Color A, loosely CO 63 (67, 71) sts.

Note: All stitch counts include two edge sts. Always work them as noted above. They will not be mentioned again.

Knit 16 (20, 24) rows.

Note: To create a bottom curve to the hem using German Short Rows, work Row 17 (21, 25) following the instructions. Since the short rows are worked on the interior of the fabric and not the edges, these short rows are written as ONE row in the instructions. If a straight hem (with no curve) is preferred, do not work Row 17 (21, 25) as instructed below, but rather cont knitting even for a total of 100 rows for all sizes.

Row 17 (Small): K58, turn work, SP, k4, PM, knit until 5 sts rem on left hand needle, turn work, *SP, k4, PM, knit to next marker, turn work; rep from * a total of 10x, when 3 sts rem, work to end of Row 17, knitting each SP st as one.

Row 21 (Medium): K62, turn work, SP, k4, PM, knit until 5 sts rem on left hand needle, turn work, *SP, k4, PM, knit to next marker, turn work; rep from * a total of 10x, when 7 sts rem, work to end of Row 21, knitting each SP st as one.

Row 25 (Large): K66, turn work, SP, k4, PM, knit until 5 sts rem on left hand needle, turn work, *SP, k4, PM, knit to next marker, turn work; rep from * a total of 11x, when 6 sts rem, work to end of Row 25, knitting each SP st as one.

Row 18 (22, 26): Knit across row, knitting each SP st as one.

Rows 19 (23, 27) - 100 (104, 108): Work even in est pattern. Switch to Color B.

Rows 101 (105, 109) - 118 (130, 142): Work even in Garter St.

Note: Work all edge sts while shaping armholes, in order to create the decorative trim on armholes when finishing.

Armhole Shaping (Small):

Rows 119 & 121: K4, k2tog, work to last 6 sts, k2tog, k4.

Rows 120 & 122: Knit.

Rows 123 - 133: Work as Row 119 = 37 sts (after all decs).

Rows 134 - 174: Work even in Garter St.

Slip all 37 sts to a st holder.

Armhole Shaping (Medium):

Rows 131 & 133: K4, k2tog, work to last 6 sts, k2tog, k4.

Rows 132 & 134: Knit.

Rows 135 - 145: Work as Row 131 = 41 sts (after all decs).

Rows 146 - 193: Work even in Garter St.

Slip all 41 sts to a st holder.

Armhole Shaping (Large):

Rows 143 & 145: K4, k2tog, work to last 6 sts, k2tog, k4.

Rows 144 & 146: Knit.

Rows 147 - 157: Work as Row 143 = 45 sts (after all decs).

Rows 158 - 213: Work even in Garter St.

Slip all 45 sts to a st holder.

**FRONT:**

Using Color C, CO 63 (67, 71) sts.

Work even in Garter St as follows:

- 72 (76, 80) rows in Color C.

- 5 (9, 13) rows in Color B.

- 2 rows in Color A.

- 11 (15, 19) rows in Color B.

Total rows worked thus far are 90 (102, 114).

Note: Work all edge sts while shaping armholes and neck, in order to create the decorative trim on armholes when finishing.

Armhole Shaping (Small):

Rows 91 & 93: K4, k2tog, work to last 6 sts, k2tog, k4.

Rows 92 & 94: Knit.

Rows 95 - 107: Work as Row 91 = 33 sts (after all decs).

Rows 108 - 126: Knit even.

Armhole Shaping (Medium):

Rows 103 & 105: K4, k2tog, work to last 6 sts, k2tog, k4.

Rows 104 & 106: Knit.

Rows 107 - 119: Work as Row 103 = 37 sts (after all decs).

Rows 120 - 146: Knit even.

Armhole Shaping (Large):

Rows 115 & 117: K4, k2tog, work to last 6 sts, k2tog, k4.

Rows 116 & 118: Knit.

Rows 119 - 133: Work as Row 115 = 41 sts (after all decs).

Rows 132- 166: Knit even.

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Neckline Shaping:

Row 127 (147, 167): K15 (17, 19), turn work, SP, knit to edge.

Row 128 (148, 168): K13 (15, 17), turn work, SP, knit to edge.

Row 129 (149, 169): K11 (13, 15), turn work, SP, knit to edge.

Row 130 (150, 170): K9 (11, 13), turn work, SP, knit to edge.

Row 131 (151, 171): K7 (9, 11), turn work, SP, knit to edge.

Row 132 (152, 172): K5 (7, 9), turn work, SP, knit to edge.

Row 133 (153, 173): K3 (5, 7), turn work, SP, knit to edge.

Row 134 (154, 174): Knit across entire row (all 33, 37, 41 sts), knitting each SP st as one st.

Row 135 (155, 175): K15 (17, 19), turn work, SP, knit to edge.

Row 136 (156, 176): K13 (15, 17), turn work, SP, knit to edge.

Row 137 (157, 177): K11 (13, 15), turn work, SP, knit to edge.

Row 138 (158, 178): K9 (11, 13), turn work, SP, knit to edge.

Row 139 (159, 179): K7 (9, 11), turn work, SP, knit to edge.

Row 140 (160, 180): K5 (7, 9), turn work, SP, knit to edge.

Row 141 (161, 181): K3 (5, 7), turn work, SP, knit to edge.

Row 142 (162, 182): Knit across entire row (all 33, 37, 41 sts), knitting each SP st as one st.

Rows 143 & 144 (163 & 164, 183 & 184): Knit even. Move all sts to a st holder.

Side Panels:Right Panel:

With the RS of the Front facing, and beg at the right armhole, use Color A to pick up 1 stitch in each edge st (use both legs of the edge st) all the way down to the bottom hem = 45 (51, 57) sts.

Knit even in Garter St as follows:

Knit (2 rows in Color A, then 2 rows in Color C) 4 (5, 6)x, still using Color C, knit 1 more row then bind off all sts.

Closing Right Side:

Close the open right side by sewing the bind off sts of the Side Panel to the edge sts of the right side of the Back.

Left Panel:

With the RS of the Back facing, and beg at the left armhole, use Color C to pick up 45 (51, 57) sts (1 in each edge st), ending 28 rows (14 garter ridges) from the bottom hem.

Knit even in Garter St as follows:

Knit (2 rows in Color C, then 2 rows in Color A) 4 (5, 6)x, still using Color A, knit 1 more row then bind off all sts.

Closing Left Side:

Close the open left side by sewing the bind off sts of the Side Panel to the edge sts of the left side of the Front.

Collar:

Note: The Collar is knit flat, rather than in the round, to allow a seam at the back of the neck. It is VERY IMPORTANT to work all edge sts on all rows, as this gives a good foundation for the tight, stiff seam that will help the Collar stand up and not fall over. Edge sts will NOT be mentioned again.

Transfer the 37 (41, 45) sts on hold for the back neck and the 33 (37, 41) sts on hold for the Front neck to the circular needle, arranging the sts so that the tips of the needle meet in the center of the Back and the sts are distributed

as follows:

- 19 (21, 23) sts from right needle tip to right shoulder seam.
- 33 (37, 41) sts at the the middle of the needle.
- 18 (20, 22) sts from left needle tip to left shoulder seam.

Beg at the center Back and with RS of Back facing, use Color A to begin Row 1.

Row 1: K18 (20, 22) sts (to left Back shoulder seam), work across all 33 (37, 41) sts of the Front, then k2tog, k18 (20, 22) sts = 69 (77, 85) sts.

Row 2: Knit.

Row 3: K18 (20, 22) sts, kfb in each of the next 33 (37, 41) sts, k18 (20, 22) sts = 102 (114, 126) sts.

Knit 17 rows even in Garter St, **and on the last row**, place a removable st marker 20 (24, 28) sts from each edge.

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Collar Shaping:

Row 21: Knit to 2nd marker, *RM, turn work, SP, k4, PM, knit to next marker; rep from * until only 2 sts rem between markers, then cont knitting all the way to the end of the row, working SP sts as one and removing markers as they are encountered.

Row 22: Knit across to the other edge, working SP sts as one and removing markers as they are encountered.

Bind off all sts very loosely.



Closeup of seam at back of neck.

Collar Seam:

Note: While sewing the seam, pull the sts firmly to help stiffen the seam, so the Collar will stand up more easily.

With the RS of the Back facing, sew the Collar seam using a Mattress Stitch so that the seam will show on the outside of the Collar when worn.

Armhole Trim:

Important: To create the decorative stitching on the RS of the garment, be sure to pick up the sts for the armhole trim using the edge sts with the WS of the work facing. The armholes are knit flat, just as the Collar was and for the same reasons.

Right Armhole:

Starting at the shoulder seam, pick up 27 (30, 34) sts down the Back, 9 (11, 13) sts across the Side Panel, and 27 (30, 34) sts up the Front, then turn work = 63 (71, 81) sts.

Row 1: Knit all sts, working-down the Front and up the Back.

Row 2: K18 (21, 25), k2tog, k4, k2tog, k11 (13, 15), k2tog, k4, k2tog, k18 (21, 25) = 59 (67, 77) sts. **Row 3:** Knit even, down the Front and up the Back.

Row 4: K18 (21, 25), k2tog, k4, k2tog, k33 (38, 44) = 57 (65, 75) sts.

Row 5 & 6: Knit even.

Loosely bind off all sts.

Left Armhole:

Starting at the shoulder seam, pick up 27 (30, 34) sts down the Front, 9 (11, 13) sts across the Side Panel, and 27 (30, 34) sts up the Back, then turn work = 63 (71, 81) sts.

Row 1: Knit, working down the Back and up the Front.

Row 2: K18 (21, 25), k2tog, k4, k2tog, k11 (13, 15), k2tog, k4, k2tog, k18 (21, 25) = 59 (67, 77) sts.

Row 3: Knit even, down the Back and up the Front.

Row 4: K33 (38, 44) sts, k2tog, k4, k2tog, k18 (21, 25) sts.

Rows 5 & 6: Knit even.

Loosely bind off all sts.

Shoulder Seams:

As was done for the Collar, sew the shoulder seams closed working from the RS of the work, so that the seam creates a decorative element the outside.

Finishing:

Wet the garment in tepid water, but do not soak. Remove the excess water by squeezing the garment, not wringing it, then roll it tightly in a dry towel to remove as much water as possible.

Lay flat to dry, blocking to measurements, if desired.

ABBREVIATIONS:

approx	approximate(ly)
beg	begin(ning)
CO	Cast On
cont	continue(s) / continuing
dec	decrease(s) / decreased / decreasing
est	established
k	knit
k2tog	knit 2 stitches together (decreases 1 stitch)
kfb	knit into the front and back loop of stitch (inc 1 stitch)
PM	Place Marker
rem	remain(ing)
rep	repeat
RS	Right Side
st(s)	stitch(es)
WS	Wrong Side
x	time(s)

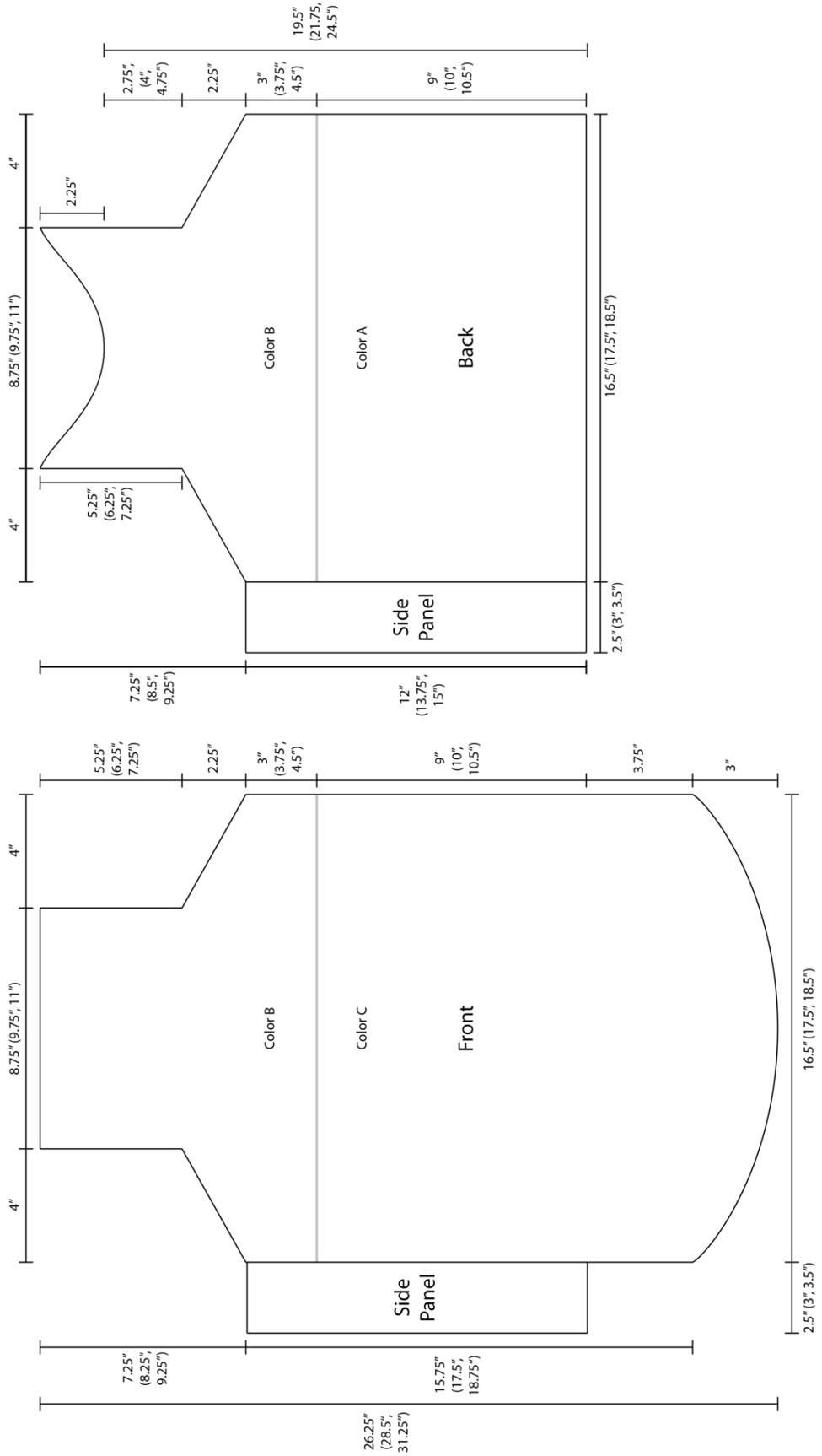
TECHNIQUES:German Short Rows using a Slip & Pull (SP) Stitch:

You should have turned your work in the middle of a row, and the yarn should be positioned at the front of the work. Slip the next st on the left hand needle to the right hand needle. Pull the yarn over the right needle to the back of the work, pulling the st below up until both legs are clearly seen on the needle. The working yarn is now at the back, and you are ready to knit the next st. When working back across the SP st, it will present itself as two sts. Knit these two 'sts' together as one.

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