

# HOODIE VEST

# Designed by Deborah Newton



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SIZES S (M, L, XL, XXL) Shown in size S

FINISHED MEASUREMENTS
Bust: 35½ (39, 44½, 48, 51½)"
[90 (99, 113, 122, 131) cm]
Length: 22½ (23, 23½, 24, 24½)"
[57 (58.5, 59.5, 61, 62) cm] from lower edge to back neck, including ½" [1.3 cm] lower edging
not shown on schematic, and excluding hood

#### YARN

Nashua Handknits
Natural Focus™ Ecologie Wool
(100% naturally dyed wool;
50 g = 87 yards [80 m])
NFW.0086 (logwood): 13 (14, 16, 17, 18) skeins

## NEEDLES AND OTHER MATERIALS

Knitting needles in size US 9 [5.5 mm] or size needed to obtain gauge Removable markers or safety pins Three 11/4" [3.2 cm] buttons

#### GAUGE

18 sts and 25½ rows to 4"[10 cm] in Texture Pattern from chart. Take time to save time, check your gauge.



#### NOTES

Because the textured pattern produces a reversible fabric, both the right and left fronts can be worked the same, without reversing the shaping, but omitting the buttonholes on one front. When sewing the vest together, use the front with the buttonholes as the Right Front; this piece will share the same fabric RS as the back, with the pattern slanting upward to the left. Flip the remaining front without buttonholes so its WS becomes the RS, and use it for the Left Front. The direction of the textured pattern will slant the opposite direction on the flipped Left Front, upward to the right, and the two fronts will be mirror-images of each other.

The two halves of the hood are worked in same manner as two identical pieces without reversing shaping. During finishing, flip one hood piece so it becomes a mirror-image of the other. Each hood piece is worked from the top down, with the bound-off edges of the hood sewn to the back neck during finishing.

#### BACK

Cast on 80 (88, 100, 108, 116) sts. Beg and ending where indicated for your size, work in patt from Texture Pattern chart until piece meas 12 (12, 12½, 12½, 13)" [30.5 (30.5, 31.5, 31.5, 33) cm], ending with a WS row.

**Shape cap sleeves:** Cast on 4 sts at beg of next 2 rows – 88 (96, 108, 116, 124) sts. Working new sts into est patt, work even until piece meas 22 (22½, 23, 23½, 24)" [56 (57, 58.5, 59.5, 61) cm], and armhole meas 10 (10½, 10½, 11, 11)" [25.5 (26.5, 26.5, 28, 28) cm], ending with a WS row.

**Shape back neck and shoulders:** Mark center 14 sts with removable markers or safety pins.

**Next row (RS):** Bind off 9 (11, 13, 14, 15) sts, work in patt to marked center sts, join second ball of yarn and bind off center 14 sts, work in patt to end.

Next row (WS): Working each side separately, bind off 9 (11, 13, 14, 15) sts at beg of first group of sts, work to end of first group, then work to end of second group of sts – 28 (30, 34, 37, 40) sts at each side.

Working each side separately, bind off at each neck edge 5 sts twice, AND ATTHE SAMETIME, bind off at each armhole edge 9 (10, 12, 14, 15) sts once, then 9 (10, 12, 13, 15) sts once – no sts rem.

#### **FRONTS**

Cast on 44 (48, 52, 56, 60) sts. Beg and ending where indicated for your size, work in patt from Texture Pattern chart until piece meas 12 (12,  $12\frac{1}{2}$ ,  $12\frac{1}{2}$ ,  $13\frac{1}{2}$  [30.5 (30.5, 31.5, 33) cm] from beg, ending with a RS row.

**Shape cap sleeve:** Cast on 4 sts at beg of next WS row – 48 (52, 56, 60, 64) sts. Working new sts into est patt, work even until piece meas 20 (20½, 21, 21½, 23)" [51 (52, 53.5, 54.5, 58.5) cm], and armhole meas 8 (8½, 8½, 9, 9)" [20.5 (21.5, 21.5, 23, 23) cm], ending with a WS row.

**Shape front neck:** Bind off at beg of RS rows 8 (8, 6, 6, 6) sts once, 4 sts once, then 3 sts 3 times – 27 (31, 37, 41, 45) sts.

Work even until piece meas 22 (22½, 23, 23½, 24)" [56 (57, 58.5, 59.5, 61) cm], and armhole meas 10 (10½, 10½, 11, 11)" [25.5 (26.5, 26.5, 28, 28) cm], ending with a RS row.

**Shape shoulder:** Bind off at beg of WS rows 9 (11, 13, 14, 15) sts once, 9 (10, 12, 14, 15) sts once, then 9 (10, 12, 13, 15) sts once – no sts rem.

With removable markers or safety pins, temporarily mark positions for 3 buttons on completed front, the lowest 5 (5½, 5½, 6, 6½)" [12.5 (14, 14, 15, 16.5) cm] above the cast-on edge, the highest 1" [2.5 cm] below start of neck shaping, and the rem button centered in between. Make a second front the same as the first (see Notes), working a buttonhole to correspond to each of the marked button positions on the first front:

Buttonhole Row 1 (RS): Work 2 sts in patt, ssp, yo twice, k2tog, work in patt to end. Buttonhole Row 2 (WS): Work in patt to double yo of previous row, work [k1, p1] in double yo to maintain original st count, work in patt to end.

#### HOOD

Cast on 40 sts for all sizes. Beg and ending where indicated for hood, work 16 rows even in patt from Texture Pattern chart, ending with a WS row.

**Dec row (RS):** Work in patt to last 3 sts, dec 1 st (either k2tog or p2tog as needed to maintain patt), work last st - 1 st dec.

Cont in patt and rep the Dec row every 8 rows 7 more times – 32 sts rem. Work even in patt until piece meas 12½" [31.5 cm], ending with a RS row. Bind off at beg of WS rows 2 sts once, then 3 sts 10 times – no sts rem and Hood meas 16" [40.5 cm] from beg to last bind-off row. Make a second hood piece the same as the first (see Notes).

### **FINISHING**

Using Front with buttonholes as the Right Front, sew Fronts to Back at shoulders (see Notes).

**Armhole edging:** With RS facing at beg at base of armhole, pick up and knit 40 (42, 42, 44, 44) sts to shoulder seam, then 40 (42, 42, 44, 44) sts from shoulder seam to base of armhole – 80 (84, 84, 88, 88) sts. Knit 1 row (WS), purl 1 row (RS), then bind off all sts as if to knit. Work second armhole edging in the same manner. Sew side and armhole edging seams.

Lower edge trim: With RS facing and beg at lower Left Front corner, pick up and knit 44 (48, 52, 56, 60) sts along cast-on edge of Left Front, 80 (88, 100, 108, 116) sts across Back, and 44 (48, 52, 56, 60) sts across Right Front, ending at lower Right Front corner – 168 (184, 204, 220, 236) sts. Knit 1 row (WS), purl 1 row (RS), then bind off all sts as if to knit.

**Front trim:** With RS facing and beg at bind-off of Right Front lower trim, pick up and knit 80 (82, 84, 86, 88) sts along Right Front to neck edge. Knit 1 row (WS), purl 1 row (RS), then bind off all sts as if to knit.

With RS facing and beg at neck edge of Left Front, pick up and knit 80 (82, 84, 86, 88) sts along Left Front to bind-off of Left Front lower trim. Work as for Right Front trim

With RS facing and beg at bind-off of Right Front trim, pick up and knit 7 sts along first 1½" [3.8 cm] of right neck edge. Knit 1 row (WS), purl 1 row (RS), then bind off all sts as if to knit.

With RS facing and beg  $1\frac{1}{2}$ " [3.8 cm] in from Left Front trim bind-off, pick up and knit 7 sts along left neck edge to end. Work as for 7 sts of right neck edging. **Hood:** Use hood piece with Texture Pattern slanting upward to the left with RS facing as the left hood. Flip other hood piece to create a mirror-image right hood. Sew pieces tog across top cast-on edge, then down back shaped edge. With RS facing and beg at bound-off edge at base of right hood, pick up and knit 83 sts along right front selvedge to top seam, 1 st in seam, and 83 sts along left front selvedge to bound-off edge at base of left hood - 167 sts.

Next row (WS): P2, k2, \*[p1, k1] twice, p1, k2; rep from \* to last 2 sts, end p2. Work sts as they appear (knit the knits and purl the purls) until rib meas  $1\frac{3}{4}$ " [4.5 cm] from pick-up row, ending with a WS row.

**Next row (RS):** K5, \*k2tog twice, k3; rep from \* to last 8 sts, k2tog twice, k4 – 121 sts. Knit 1 row (WS), purl 1 row (RS), then bind off all sts as if to knit.

Sew lower edge of hood to vest neck opening between trimmed front neck edges as shown.

Sew short selvedges of front neck trim to bound-off edge of hood trim at each side. Sew buttons to Left Front opposite buttonholes. Weave in ends.

