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## Cropped Hoodie Vest

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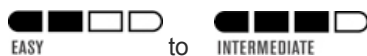
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**TECHNIQUE USED:** Knit



schematic

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#### SIZES

Small (Medium, Large, 1X, 2X)

#### FINISHED MEASUREMENTS:

Bust 36 (40 1/2, 45, 48, 52 1/4)"/91.5 (102.5, 114, 122, 132.5) cm

Length 20 (20 1/2, 21, 22, 23)"/51 (52, 53.5, 56, 58.5) cm

#### MATERIALS

Caron International's Simply Soft Shadows (100% acrylic; 3 oz/85g, 150 yds/137m ball): 18 (21, 24, 24, 27) oz

Shown in: #0004 Autumn

**Note:** Yarn is used double throughout.

One circular needle size 11 (8 mm), 24 - 36"/60 - 90 cm long, or size to obtain gauge

One each circular needle size US 10 (6 mm), 16 and 24 - 36"/40 and 60 - 90 cm long, or size to obtain gauge

**Note:** Circular needles are used to accommodate large number of sts; work back and forth in rows; optional instructions are given for working the armhole edging in-the-round on the shorter needle.

Stitch markers

Stitch holders or waste yarn

Yarn needle

Jacket zipper - approximately 16 (16, 17, 18, 19)"/40.5 (40.5, 43, 46, 48) cm long, in color to match yarn

Row counter (optional)

Additional needle, size 11 (8 mm), if working the optional 3-Needle Bind-Off on Hood (optional)

Decorative zipper pull (optional)

### SPECIAL TECHNIQUE

**3-Needle Bind Off** (Optional joining method for top of Hood)

Place the stitches of the pieces to be joined on separate needles, (or each end of circular needle), held one behind the other with right-sides facing each other, in left hand; with a third needle, (the same size or 1 size larger than used for knitting the pieces), k2tog [1 from the front needle, 1 from the back needle—1 stitch on right-hand needle], \*K2tog [2 stitches on right-hand needle], bind off 1 stitch in usual manner; repeat from \* to end.

### GAUGE

In Stockinette stitch, 11 sts and 16 rows = 4"/10 cm, using larger needle and 2 strands of yarn held together

### STITCHES USED

Stockinette stitch (St st): Knit on RS, purl on WS.

Seed Stitch (multiple of 2 sts)

**Row/Round 1 (RS):** \* K1, p1; repeat from \* across.

**Row/Round 2:** Knit the purl sts and purl the knit sts as they face you.

Repeat Row/Round 2 for Seed st.

### NOTES

Vest is worked in one piece to underarm, including Seed st Front bands, then divided into Back and 2 Fronts; Seed st bands continue to the Neck edge.

Hood is picked up around neck shaping and from sts on holders (Front bands and Back neck), then worked up to the top; optional instructions are given for joining the top with 3-Needle Bind-Off.

Yarn is used doubled throughout.

### BACK

Using smaller circular needle and 2 strands of yarn, cast on 100 (112, 124, 132, 144) sts.

(RS) Begin Seed st; work even for 6 rows, end with a WS row.

Change to larger circular needle.

**Establish Pattern:** (RS) Work 6 sts in Seed st as established (right Front band), pm; k19 (22, 25, 27, 30) for right Front, pm for side 'seam'; k50 (56, 62, 66, 72) for Back, pm for side 'seam'; k19 (22, 25, 27, 30) for left Front, pm; work remaining 6 sts in Seed st as established (left Front band). Cont as established, working 6 sts each side in Seed st for Front bands, remaining sts in St st; work even until piece measures 11 (11, 11 1/2, 12, 12 1/2)" from beginning, or desired length to underarm, end with a WS row.

### Dividing Row

(RS) Cont in patt as established, work across right Front \* to 3 (3, 4, 4, 5) sts before side 'seam' marker; bind off 6 (6, 8, 8, 10) sts for underarm \*; work

across Back, repeating from \* to \* for underarm; work to end in patt—22 (25, 27, 29, 31) sts rem each Front, including Front bands; 44 (50, 54, 58, 62) sts remain for Back. Place Back and right Front sts on holders.

### **LEFT FRONT**

(WS) Working on left Front sts only, work 1 row even, maintaining Front band sts in Seed st.

#### **Shape Armhole**

(RS) At armhole edge, bind off 2 (2, 3, 3, 4) sts every other row once, then 1 (2, 2, 3, 3) sts once—19 (21, 22, 23, 24) sts remain.

Work even until armhole measures 6 (6 1/2, 6 1/2, 7, 7 1/2)" from dividing row, end with a WS row.

#### **Shape Neck**

(RS) Work across to Front band marker, turn; place band sts on holder—13 (15, 16, 17, 18) sts rem.

(WS) Beginning this row, at neck edge, dec 1 st every row 2 (2, 2, 3, 3) times, every other row 1 (2, 2, 2, 2) times—10 (11, 12, 12, 13) sts remain for shoulder. Work even until armhole measures 8 (8 1/2, 8 1/2, 9, 9 1/2)" from dividing row, end with a WS row.

#### **Shape Shoulder**

(RS) At armhole edge, bind off 5 (6, 6, 6, 7) sts—5 (5, 6, 6, 6) sts remain.

Work 1 row even.

Bind off remaining sts.

### **RIGHT FRONT**

With WS facing, place sts from holder on needle, ready to work a WS row; join double stand of yarn at underarm.

(WS) Beginning this row, work as for left Front, reversing shaping by working armhole and shoulder shaping at beginning of WS rows, neck shaping at beginning of RS rows.

### **BACK**

With WS facing, place sts from holder on needle, ready to work a WS row; join double stand of yarn at underarm—44 (50, 54, 58, 62) sts.

(WS) Work 1 row even.

#### **Shape Armholes**

(RS) Bind off 2 (2, 3, 3, 4) sts at beginning of next 2 rows, then 1 (2, 2, 3, 3) sts at beginning of next 2 rows—38 (42, 44, 46, 48) sts remain.

Work even until armhole measures 8 (8 1/2, 8 1/2, 9, 9 1/2)" from dividing row, end with a WS row.

#### **Shape Shoulder**

(RS) Bind off 5 (6, 6, 6, 7) sts at beginning of next 2 rows, then 5 (5, 6, 6, 6) sts at beginning of next 2 rows—18 (20, 20, 22, 22) sts remain for Back neck; place sts on holder.

### **HOOD**

Sew shoulder seams.

With RS facing, using larger needle, beginning at right Front neck edge, join double stand of yarn; work 6 sts from holder in Seed st; pick up and knit 42

(44, 44, 46, 46) sts evenly around neck shaping, including sts on holder across to left Front band; work 6 sts in Seed st from holder—54 (56, 56, 58, 58) sts. Cont as established, working 6 sts each side in Seed st, remaining sts in St st, work even for 3 rows, end with a WS row.

#### **Shape Hood**

(RS) \* Work 6 sts in Seed st; knit across center 42 (44, 44, 46, 46) sts, inc 4 sts evenly across; work 6 sts in Seed st.

Work 3 rows even in patt.

Repeat from \* twice—66 (68, 68, 70, 70) sts.

Work even until piece measures 12 1/2" from pick-up row, end with a WS row.

#### **Shape Hood Top**

(RS) \* Cont in pattern, dec 4 sts evenly across center sts.

Work 3 rows even.

Repeat from \* once, end after working 3 rows even—58 (60, 60, 62, 62) sts.

Bind off all sts.

Fold Hood in half, with RS's facing. Sew seam.

#### **Optional Join**

Do not bind off sts.

Fold Hood in half, with RS's facing. Join seam using 3-Needle Bind-Off (see Special Techniques).

### **FINISHING**

Block to measurements, if necessary.

#### **Armhole Edging**

**Note:** Armhole edging may be worked in-the round, using shorter circular needle, or back and forth in rows.

With RS facing, using smaller, shorter circular needle, beginning at underarm, pick up and knit 45 (47, 47, 51, 55) sts.

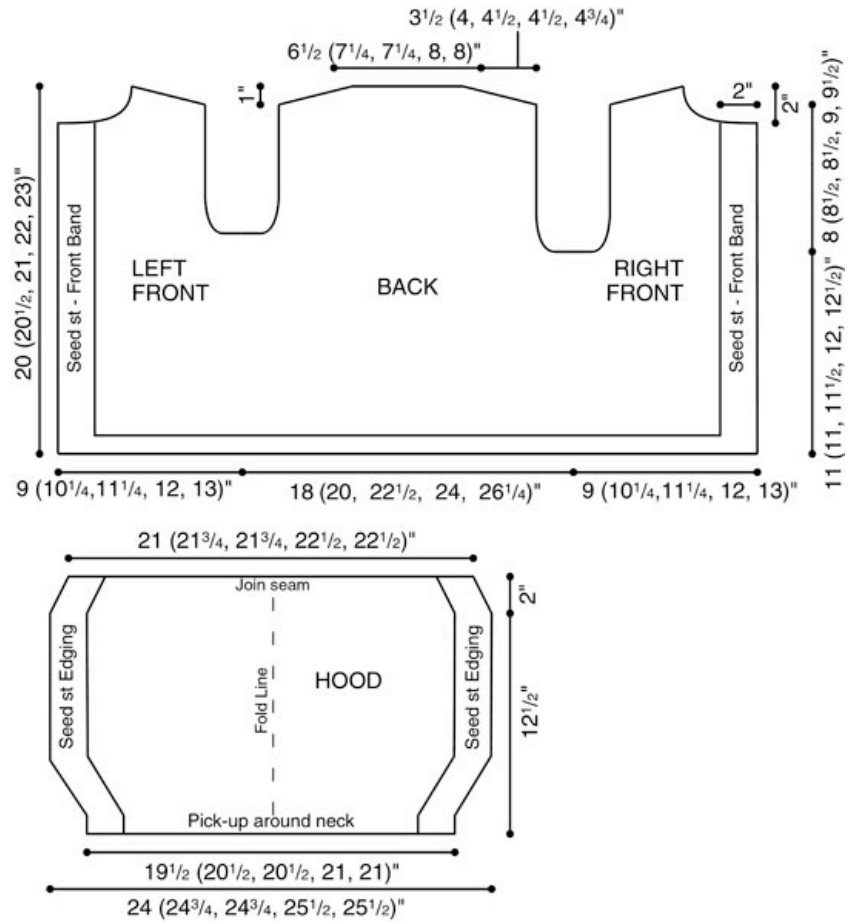
Begin Seed st; work even for 6 rows/rounds.

Bind off all sts loosely in patt.

Sew armband seams, if worked back and forth in rows.

Using yarn needle, weave in ends.

Baste zipper in place at center Front, leaving lower Seed st edge free and stopping approx 1" from beginning of neck shaping. Sew neatly in place.



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