



**Free Knitting Pattern  
Lion Brand® Country®  
Smart Investment Vest  
Pattern Number: L32407**



This chevron striped hat is perfect for when you're ready to hit the ski slopes.

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**SKILL LEVEL:** Easy (Level 2)

**SIZE:** Small, Medium, Large, 1X, 2X/3X

S (M, L, 1X, 2X/3X)

**Finished Bust (closed)** 37 (41, 46, 51, 57) in. (94 (104, 117, 129.5, 145) cm)

**Finished Length** 26 (26, 27, 28, 28) in. (66 (66, 68.5, 71, 71) cm), not including collar

**Note:** Pattern is written for smallest size with changes for larger sizes in parentheses. When only one number is given, it applies to all sizes. To follow pattern more easily, circle all numbers pertaining to your size before beginning.

**CORRECTIONS:** None as of Aug 23, 2016. To check for later updates, click [here](#).

#### MATERIALS

- 134-223 Lion Brand Country: Hampton Sunset *\*Country (Article #134). 100% acrylic; package size: 5.00oz/141.75 gr. (156yds/143m) pull skeins*  
4 5, 5, 6, 7 Balls
- Boye Aluminum Circular Knitting Needles 36 inches Size 11
- Lion Brand Split Ring Stitch Markers
- Lion Brand Stitch Holders
- Lion Brand Large-Eye Blunt Needles (Set of 6)



#### GAUGE:

9 sts + 18 rows = about 4 in. (10 cm) in Seed st.

When you match the gauge in a pattern, your project will be the size specified in the pattern and the materials specified in the pattern will be sufficient. The needle or hook size called for in the pattern is based on what the designer used, but it is not unusual for gauge to vary from person to person. If it takes you fewer stitches and rows to make your swatch, try using a smaller size hook or needles; if more stitches and rows, try a larger size hook or needles.

[Making a Gauge Swatch](#)

#### STITCH EXPLANATION:

##### PATTERN STITCH

**Seed St (worked over an odd number of sts)**

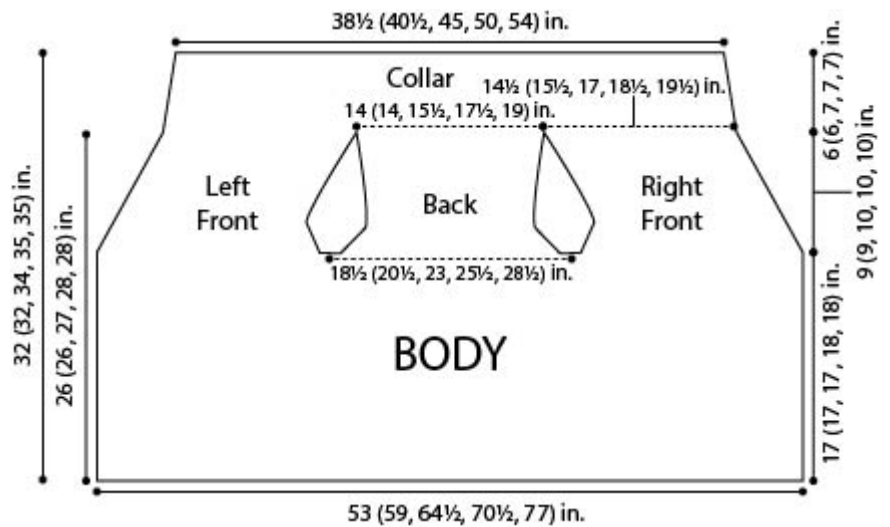
**Row 1 (RS):** \*K1, p1; rep from \* to last st, k1.

**Row 2:** K the purl sts and p the knit sts.

Rep Row 2 for Seed st.

#### NOTES:

1. Vest is worked in one piece beg at lower edge. Piece is divided at armholes and fronts and back worked separately to top of armholes. Fronts and back are again joined and collar worked in one piece to top edge.
2. A circular needle is used to accommodate the large number of sts. Work back and forth on circular needle as if working on straight needles.
3. When you see 'work even' in the instructions, this means to continue on in the pattern st you have established without changing the st count by increasing, decreasing, or binding off.



## BODY

Cast on 119 (133, 145, 159, 173) sts.

Beg with Row 1 of pattern work in Seed st until piece measures about 17 (17, 17, 18, 18) in. (43 (43, 43, 45.5, 45.5) cm) from beg, end with a WS row as the last row you work.

### Divide for Armholes

**Next Row (RS):** Work in Seed st over first 36 (40, 43, 47, 50) sts for right front, bind off next 5 (6, 7, 8, 9) sts, work in Seed st over 37 (41, 45, 49, 55) sts for back, bind off next 5 (6, 7, 8, 9) sts, work in Seed st over last 36 (40, 43, 47, 50) sts for left front.

### Left Front

**Next Row (WS):** Work in Seed st to last 3 sts of left front, p2tog, k1, place back sts and right front sts on holders – 35 (39, 42, 46, 49) sts.

**Next Row:** Work in Seed st to end of row.

**Decrease Row:** Work in Seed st to last 3 sts, p2tog, k1 – 34 (38, 41, 45, 48) sts.

Rep last 2 rows 1 (3, 3, 3, 4) more times – 33 (35, 38, 42, 44) sts when all decreases have been completed.

Work even in Seed st until piece measures about 9 (9, 10, 10, 10) in. (23 (23, 25.5, 25.5, 25.5) cm) from divide, end with a WS row as the last row you work.

Cut yarn, leaving a long yarn tail. Place rem sts on a holder.

### Back

Return 37 (41, 45, 49, 55) back sts to needle, ready to work a WS row, and join yarn at beg of sts.

**Decrease Row (WS):** K1, p2tog, work in Seed st to last 3 sts of back, p2tog, k1 – 35 (39, 43, 47, 53) sts.

**Next Row:** Work in Seed st to end of row.

Rep last 2 rows 2 (4, 4, 4, 5) more times – 31 (31, 35, 39, 43) sts when all decreases have been completed.

Work even in Seed st until back measures same as left front, end with a WS row as the last row you work.

Cut yarn, leaving a long yarn tail. Place rem sts on a holder.

### Right Front

Return 36 (40, 43, 47, 50) right front sts to needle, ready to work a WS row, and join yarn at beg of sts.

**Decrease Row (WS):** K1, p2tog, work in Seed st to end of row – 35 (39, 42, 46, 49) sts.

**Next Row:** Work in Seed st to end of row.

Rep last 2 rows 2 (4, 4, 4, 5) more times – 33 (35, 38, 42, 44) sts when all decreases have been completed.

Work even in Seed st until right front measures same as back, end with a WS row as the last row you work. Do not cut yarn.

**Joining Row (RS):** Work in Seed st to last st of right front, k2tog (last st of right front and first st of back), place marker (pm), work in Seed st to last st of back, k2tog (last st of back and first st of left front), pm, work in Seed st to end of left front – 95 (99, 109, 121, 129) sts.

### Collar

Work even in Seed st until 2 in. (5 cm) from joining row, slipping markers as you come to them, end with a WS row as the last row you work.

**Decrease Row 1 (RS):** Work in Seed st to 2 sts before first marker, k2tog, slip marker (sm), p2tog, work in Seed st to 2 sts before 2nd marker, k2tog, sm, p2tog, work in Seed st to end of row – 91 (95, 105, 117, 125) sts.

Work even in Seed st until 4 in. (10 cm) from joining row, end with a WS row.

**Decrease Row 2 (RS):** Work in Seed st to 2 sts before first marker, p2tog, remove marker, k2tog, work in Seed st to 2

sts before 2nd marker, p2tog, remove marker, k2tog, work in Seed st to end of row – 87 (91, 101, 113, 121) sts. Work even in Seed st until 6 (6, 7, 7, 7) in. (15 (15, 17.5, 17.5, 17.5) cm) from joining row. Bind off in pattern.

## FINISHING

Weave in ends.

<b>ABBREVIATIONS / REFERENCES</b>	
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<u><a href="#">beg = begin(s)(ning)</a></u>	<u><a href="#">k = knit</a></u>
<u><a href="#">k2tog = knit 2 together</a></u>	<u><a href="#">p = purl</a></u>
<u><a href="#">p2tog = purl 2 together</a></u>	<u><a href="#">rem = remain(s)(ing)</a></u>
<u><a href="#">rep = repeat(s)(ing)</a></u>	<u><a href="#">RS = right side</a></u>
<u><a href="#">st(s) = stitch(es)</a></u>	<u><a href="#">WS = wrong side</a></u>

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