Free Crochet Pattern
Lion Brand® Heartland
Next Generation Vest

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SKILL LEVEL: Easy (Level 2)

SIZE: Child (Multiple Sizes)

Child's XS (S, M, L, XL)
Finished Chest 23 (26, 28, 32, 34) in. (58.5 (66, 71, 81.5, 86.5) cm)
Finished Length 13 1/2 (14 1/2, 16, 19 1/2, 22) in. (34.5 (37, 40.5, 49.5, 56) cm)

CORRECTIONS: None as of Nov 18, 2014. To check for later updates, click here.

MATERIALS

- 136-124 Lion Brand Heartland Yarn: Big Bend
  1 1, 2, 2, 3 Ball (A)
- 136-135 Lion Brand Heartland Yarn: Yosemite
  1 1, 1, 2, 2 Ball (B)
- Lion Brand Crochet Hook - Size J-10 (6 mm)
- Lion Brand Split Ring Stitch Markers
- Lion Brand Large-Eye Blunt Needles (Set of 6)
- Additional Materials
  4 (4, 5, 5, 6) buttons, about 3/4 in. (19 mm) diameter

*Heartland (Article #136). **Solids:** 100% Acrylic
Tweeds: 94% Acrylic, 6% Rayon; package size: **Solids:** 5oz/142g (251yd/230m)
Tweeds: 4oz/113g (200yd/183m)*

GAUGE:

12 hdc + 10 rows = 4 in. (10 cm).

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:

hdc2tog (hdc 2 sts together) (Yarn over, insert hook in next st and draw up a loop) twice, yarn over and draw through all 5 loops on hook – 1 st decreased.

NOTES:

1. Vest is made in 3 pieces: Back, Left and Right Fronts.

2. Back is worked in one color. Fronts are both worked in two colors, each front in a different color pattern.

3. Front and armhole bands are worked directly onto the Vest.

4. To change color, work last st of old color to last yarn over. Yarn over with new color and draw through all loops on hook to complete st. Proceed with new color. Fasten off old color.

5. When you see '0' repeats in an instruction, this means that you should not perform that particular instruction, just skip to the next part of the instruction.

BACK

With A, ch 36 (40, 43, 49, 52).

Row 1 (RS): Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across – 35 (39, 42, 48, 51) sc.

Rows 2-4 (6, 8, 8, 10): Ch 1, turn, sc in each st across.

Row 5 (7, 9, 9, 11): Ch 2 (counts as first hdc in this row and in all following rows), turn, hdc in each st across – 35 (39, 42, 48, 51) hdc.

Rep last row until piece measures about 8 1/2 (9, 10, 13, 15) in. (21.5 (23, 25.5, 33, 38) cm) from beg; end with a WS row as the last row you work.
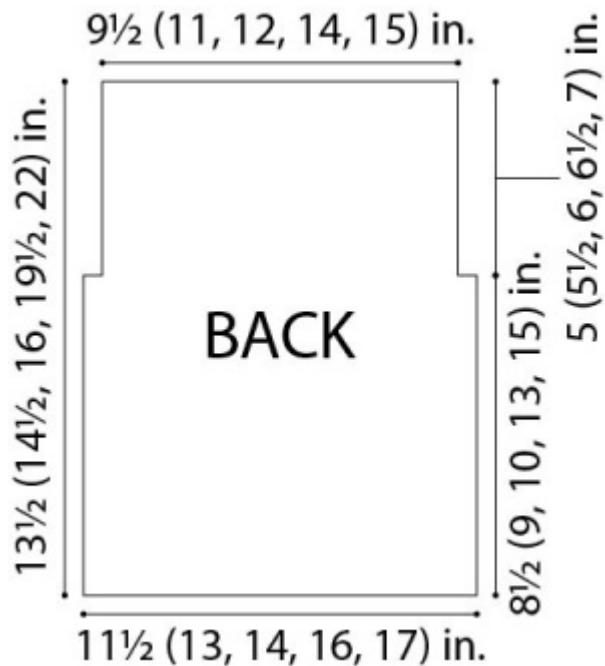
Shape Armholes

Row 1 (RS): Ch 1, turn, sk first st, sl st in next 2 sts, (sl st, ch 2) in next st, hdc in next st and in each st to last 3 sts; leave last 3 sts unworked – 29 (33, 36, 42, 45) hdc.

Row 2: Ch 2, turn, hdc in each hdc across.

Rep Row 2 until piece measures about 13 1/2 (14 1/2, 16, 19 1/2, 22) in. (34.5 (37, 40.5, 49.5, 56) cm) from beg. Fasten off.

9½ (11, 12, 14, 15) in.

13½ (14½, 16, 19½, 22) in.

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8½ (9, 10, 13, 15) in.

5 (5½, 6, 6½, 7) in.

11½ (13, 14, 16, 17) in.

LEFT FRONT

With B, ch 18 (19, 21, 23, 25).

Row 1 (RS): Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across – 17 (18, 20, 22, 24) sts.

Rows 2-4 (6, 8, 8, 10): Ch 1, turn, sc in each st across.

Next 6 Rows: Ch 2 (counts as first hdc in this row and in all following rows), turn, hdc in each st across – 17 (18, 20, 22, 24) hdc.

Change to A.

Next 6 Rows: With A, ch 2, turn, hdc in each st across.

Change to B.

Next Row: With B, ch 2, turn, hdc in each st across.

Rep last row until piece measures about 8 (8 1/2, 9 1/2, 12 1/2, 14 1/2) in. (20.5 (21.5, 24, 32, 37) cm) from beg; end with a WS row as the last row you work.
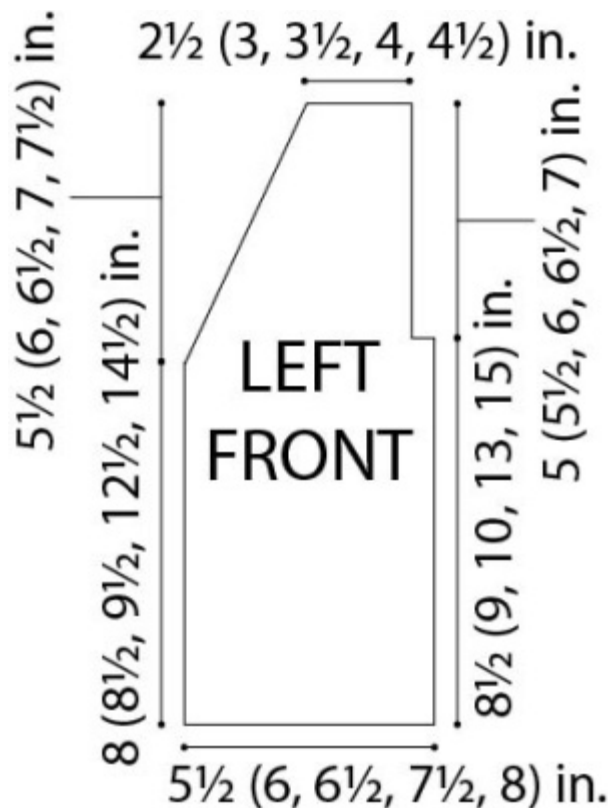
Shape Neck and Armhole

Row 1 (RS): Ch 2, turn, hdc in each st to last 3 sts, hdc2tog, hdc in last st – 16 (17, 19, 21, 23) hdc.

Row 2: Ch 2, turn, hdc in each st to last 3 sts; leave last 3 sts unworked – 13 (14, 16, 18, 20) hdc.

Row 3: Ch 2, turn, hdc in each st to last 3 sts, hdc2tog, hdc in last st – 12 (13, 15, 17, 19) hdc.

Row 4: Ch 2, turn, hdc in each st across.

Rep last 2 rows 4 (4, 5, 5, 6) more times – 8 (9, 10, 12, 13) hdc.

2½ (3, 3½, 4, 4½) in.

5½ (6, 6½, 7, 7½) in.

8 (8½, 9½, 12½, 14½) in.

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8½ (9, 10, 13, 15) in.

5 (5½, 6, 6½, 7) in.

5½ (6, 6½, 7½, 8) in.

Rep Row 4 until piece measures same length as Back.
Fasten off.

RIGHT FRONT
With A, ch 18 (19, 21, 23, 25).
Row 1 (RS): Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across
– 17 (18, 20, 22, 24) sts.
Rows 2-4 (6, 8, 8, 10): Ch 1, turn, sc in each st across.
Row 5 (7, 9, 9, 11): Ch 2 (counts as first hdc in this row
and in all following rows), turn, hdc in each st across – 17
(18, 20, 22, 24) hdc.
Rep last row until piece measures about 8 (8 1/2, 9 1/2, 12
1/2, 14 1/2) in. (20.5 (21.5, 24, 32, 37) cm) from beg; end
with a WS row as the last row you work.
Shape Neck and Armhole
Row 1 (RS): Ch 2, turn, hdc2tog, hdc in each st to end of
row – 16 (17, 19, 21, 23) hdc.
Row 2: Ch 1, turn, sk first st, sl st in next 2 sts, (sl st, ch 2)
in next st, hdc in next st and in each st to end of row – 13
(14, 16, 18, 20) hdc.
Change to B.
Row 3: Ch 2, turn, hdc2tog, hdc in each st to end of row –
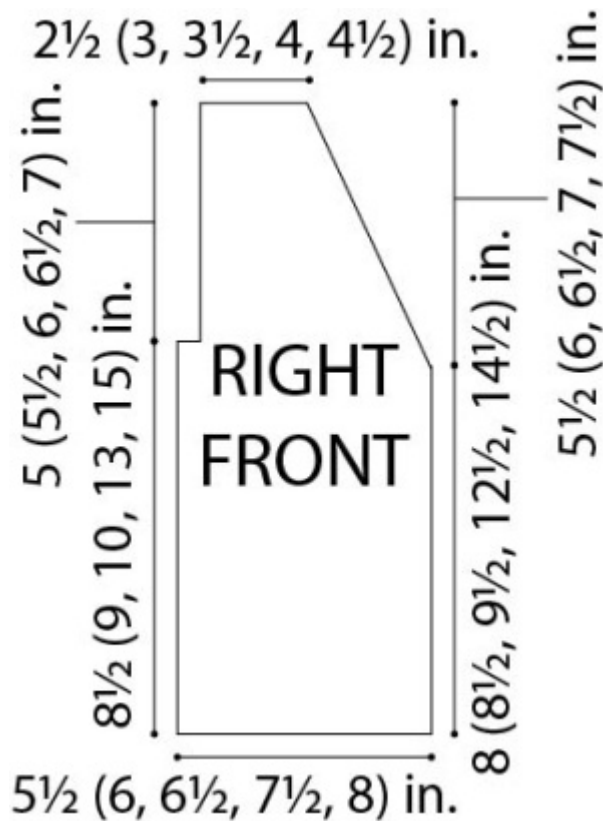12 (13, 15, 17, 19) hdc.
Row 4: Ch 2, turn, hdc in each st across.
Rows 5-8: Rep last Rows 3 and 4 twice – 10 (11, 13, 15,
17) hdc at the end of Row 8.
Change to A and rep Rows 3 and 4 for 2 (2, 3, 3, 4) more
times – 8 (9, 10, 12, 13) sts.
Rep Row 4 until piece measures same length as Back.
Fasten off.

2½ (3, 3½, 4, 4½) in.

5 (5½, 6, 6½, 7) in.

8½ (9, 10, 13, 15) in.

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8 (8½, 9½, 12½, 14½) in.

5½ (6, 6½, 7, 7½) in.

5½ (6, 6½, 7½, 8) in.

FINISHING
Sew shoulder seams.
Front and Neck Bands
Place markers for 4 (4, 5, 5, 6) buttonholes evenly spaced along right front edge for girl's Vest or left front
edge for boy's Vest.
Row 1 (RS): From RS, join A with sl st in lower corner of Right Front, ch 1, work 24 (25, 28, 37, 43) sc
evenly spaced along right front edge to beg of neck shaping, 16 (18, 19, 21, 22) sc evenly spaced across
front neck edge to shoulder, 13 (15, 16, 18, 19) sc across back neck, 16 (18, 19, 21, 22) sc evenly spaced
across front neck edge, and 24 (25, 28, 37, 43) sc evenly spaced along Left Front edge – 93 (101, 110,
134, 149) sc.
Note: After working a few rows, you may decide that your front and neck band would look better if you
had worked more or fewer sts than the amount indicated for your size. Since a well-balanced band adds a
beautiful finishing touch to your Vest, we strongly recommend that if you've any doubts, simply pull out
the sts and adjust the number that you work. The pattern instruction reflects the number that the designer
worked – but everyone's crochet is a bit different.
Next 0 (0, 0, 1, 1) Row(s): Ch 1, turn, sc in each st across.
Buttonhole Row: Ch 1, turn, sc in each st across, working (ch 1, sk next st) at each marker for
buttonhole.
Next Row: Ch 1, turn, sc in each sc and ch-1 sp across.
For SMALLEST SIZE only, fasten off.
For ALL OTHER SIZES, work one more row: ch 1, turn, sc in each st across.
Fasten off.

Sew side seams.
Armhole Bands
Rnd 1 (RS): From RS, join A with sl st at either underarm seam, ch 1, work 38 (40, 42, 44, 46) sc evenly spaced around armhole edge. Do not join, work in continuous rnds. Place marker for beg of rnd. Move marker up as each rnd is completed.
Rnds 2 and 3: Sc in each st around.
Fasten off.
Rep on opposite armhole.
Sew buttons to buttonband opposite buttonholes.
Weave in ends.

ABBREVIATIONS / REFERENCES	
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beg = begin(s)(ning)	ch(s) = chain(s)
ch-space = space previously made	hdc = half double crochet
rem = remain(s)(ing)	rep = repeat(s)(ing)
rnd(s) = round(s)	RS = right side
sc = single crochet	sk = skip
sl st = slip stitch	sp(s) = space(s)
st(s) = stitch(es)	WS = wrong side

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