Men's V-neck vest

M, to fit chest 39 in (99 cm) · US terms



Finished size
About 43 in (109 cm) at the chest and about 25¾ in (65.5 cm) long
To fit a chest of 39 in (99 cm)

Skill
Easy
Basic stitches, simple shaping and seams

Yarn
Medium (4), 2 colors

Hook
5.5 mm (US I-9)

Gauge
13 stitches and 11 rows to 4 in (10 cm)
In half double crochet (UK half treble).

What you need

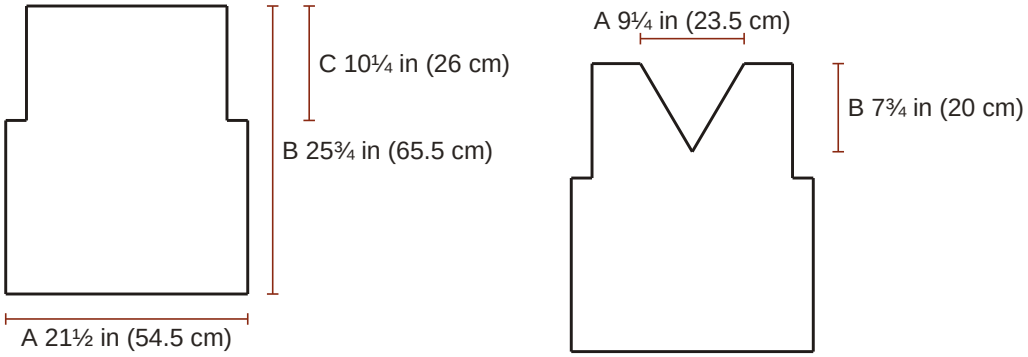
Yarn A: camel **about 875 yd (800 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: brown **about 145 yd (133 m), an estimate**
By weight: about 510 g in all, an estimate, where 100 g is 200 yd (183 m).
Hook: 5.5 mm (US I-9), or the size that gives you the gauge. Also: yarn needle, scissors, tape measure and stitch markers.

Sizes

Size	To fit chest	Chest	Length	Armhole depth	Back neck	Yarn, an estimate
S	35 in (89 cm)	39½ in (100.5 cm)	25¾ in (65.5 cm)	9½ in (24 cm)	9¼ in (23.5 cm)	about 935 yd (855 m)
M (this file)	**39 in (99 cm)**	**43 in (109 cm)**	**25¾ in (65.5 cm)**	**10¼ in (26 cm)**	**9¼ in (23.5 cm)**	**about 1,020 yd (933 m)**
L	43 in (109 cm)	46¾ in (118.5 cm)	25¾ in (65.5 cm)	10¼ in (26 cm)	9¼ in (23.5 cm)	about 1,100 yd (1,006 m)
XL	47 in (119.5 cm)	50½ in (128.5 cm)	26¼ in (66.5 cm)	11 in (28 cm)	9¼ in (23.5 cm)	about 1,235 yd (1,129 m)
2X	51 in (129.5 cm)	55½ in (141 cm)	26¼ in (66.5 cm)	11¾ in (30 cm)	9¼ in (23.5 cm)	about 1,345 yd (1,230 m)
3X	55 in (139.5 cm)	59 in (150 cm)	26¼ in (66.5 cm)	11¾ in (30 cm)	9¼ in (23.5 cm)	about 1,455 yd (1,330 m)

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Schematic



Back
A half the chest
B the length
C the armhole

Front
A the neck
B how deep the neck is

Gauge

13 stitches and 11 rows to 4 in (10 cm) in half double crochet.

> **The swatch.** A test piece to measure and pull out. It is not the start of the pattern. Ch 21; begin in the 2nd ch from the hook and work 16 rows of half double crochet on 20 sts, about 6¼ in (16 cm) wide and 5¾ in (14.5 cm) high, and measure 4 in (10 cm) in the middle. Use a larger hook if your swatch is small, a smaller one if it is large. Ribs: worked sideways, 14 rows and 13 sts to 4 in (10 cm), so a rib of 8 sts is about 2½ in (6.5 cm) deep.

Instructions

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sc single crochet (UK dc), **ch** chain, **hdc** half double crochet (UK htr), **sl st** slip stitch, **st** stitch.

The ch 1 is not a stitch. Work in the **very first stitch**.

(8 sc): the row now has 8; a check, not a step. Not 8? **Pull it back**.

Also: RS right side.

Every stitch, drawn: flossfield.com/crochet/stitches.

Special stitches

sc2tog (single crochet 2 stitches together (UK double crochet 2 together)): Insert the hook in the next stitch and pull up a loop, insert the hook in the following stitch and pull up a loop (3 loops on the hook); yarn over and pull through all 3 loops.

hdc2tog (half double crochet 2 stitches together (UK half treble 2 together)): [yarn over, insert the hook in the next stitch and pull up a loop] twice (5 loops on the hook); yarn over and pull through all 5 loops.

Hem rib: make 2, one for the back and one for the front

Yarn B, brown.

☐ **Start**	With yarn B, ch 9.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across	(8 sc)

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☐ **Rows 2 to 70** Ch 1, turn; sc in back loop only of each st across (8 sc)

2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29
30 31 32 33 34 35 36 37 38 39 40 41 42 43 44 45 46 47 48 49 50 51 52 53 54 55 56 57
58 59 60 61 62 63 64 65 66 67 68 69 70

☐ Fasten off.

Back

Yarn A, camel.

☐ **Start** Hold a hem rib with one long edge at the top. Join yarn A at the right-hand end of that edge; ch 1, sc in the end of each rib row across (70 sc). This is row 1, and a right side row.

☐ **Rows 2 to 36** Ch 1, turn; hdc in each st across (70 hdc)

2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29
30 31 32 33 34 35 36

☐ **Row 37** Fasten off and turn. Skip the first 6 sts and join yarn A in the next st; ch 1, and beginning in that st, hdc in next 58 sts, leave the last 6 sts unworked (58 hdc)

☐ **Rows 38 to 64** Ch 1, turn; hdc in each st across (58 hdc)

38 39 40 41 42 43 44 45 46 47 48 49 50 51 52 53 54 55 56 57 58 59 60 61 62 63 64

☐ The back measures about 21½ in (54.5 cm) wide and 25¾ in (65.5 cm) long, and 17¾ in (45 cm) across above the armholes. Fasten off.

Front

Yarn A, camel.

☐ **Start** Hold a hem rib with one long edge at the top. Join yarn A at the right-hand end of that edge; ch 1, sc in the end of each rib row across (70 sc). This is row 1, and a right side row.

☐ **Rows 2 to 36** Ch 1, turn; hdc in each st across (70 hdc)

2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29
30 31 32 33 34 35 36

☐ **Row 37** Fasten off and turn. Skip the first 6 sts and join yarn A in the next st; ch 1, and beginning in that st, hdc in next 58 sts, leave the last 6 sts unworked (58 hdc)

☐ **Rows 38 to 42** Ch 1, turn; hdc in each st across (58 hdc)

38 39 40 41 42

☐ Do not fasten off.

Front, first side of the neck

Yarn A, camel.

☐ **Start** Go on from row 42 of the front. This is the left side as worn. The neck edge is at the end of the next row.

☐ **Row 43** Ch 1, turn; hdc in next 27 sts, hdc2tog, leave the last 29 sts unworked (28 hdc)

☐ **Row 44** Ch 1, turn; hdc2tog, hdc in each st across (27 hdc)

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☐ **Row 45**	Ch 1, turn; hdc in each st across to last 2 sts, hdc2tog	(26 hdc)
☐ **Rows 46 to 57**	Repeat Rows 44 and 45, 6 more times (24, 22, 20, 18, 16, 14 hdc at the ends of the repeats)	(14 hdc)
	46 47 48 49 50 51 52 53 54 55 56 57	
☐ **Rows 58 to 64**	Ch 1, turn; hdc in each st across	(14 hdc)
	58 59 60 61 62 63 64	
☐	The 14 sts left are the shoulder. Fasten off.	

Front, second side of the neck

Yarn A, camel.

☐ **Start**	Go back to row 42 of the front, with the same side facing you as for row 43 of the first side. Join yarn A in the next unworked st of row 42. This is the right side as worn. The first st of row 43 goes in the joining st. The neck edge is at the beginning of that row.	
☐ **Row 43**	Ch 1; hdc2tog, hdc in each st across	(28 hdc)
☐ **Row 44**	Ch 1, turn; hdc in each st across to last 2 sts, hdc2tog	(27 hdc)
☐ **Row 45**	Ch 1, turn; hdc2tog, hdc in each st across	(26 hdc)
☐ **Rows 46 to 57**	Repeat Rows 44 and 45, 6 more times (24, 22, 20, 18, 16, 14 hdc at the ends of the repeats)	(14 hdc)
	46 47 48 49 50 51 52 53 54 55 56 57	
☐ **Rows 58 to 64**	Ch 1, turn; hdc in each st across	(14 hdc)
	58 59 60 61 62 63 64	
☐	The 14 sts left are the shoulder. Fasten off.	

Neckband

Yarn B, brown.

☐ **Start**	Work this at step 2 of Assembly. With the right side facing, join yarn B at the right shoulder seam (as worn); ch 1, sc in each of the 30 open sts of the back neck, 26 sc evenly along the 22 row ends down the left side of the neck, 26 sc evenly along the 22 row ends up the right side; 82 sc in all; join with sl st in first sc. This is round 1.	
☐ **Round 2**	Ch 1; sc in next 54 sts, sc2tog twice, sc in each st around; join with sl st in first sc	(80 sc)
☐ **Round 3**	Ch 1; sc in next 53 sts, sc2tog twice, sc in each st around; join with sl st in first sc	(78 sc)
☐ **Round 4**	Ch 1; sc in next 52 sts, sc2tog twice, sc in each st around; join with sl st in first sc	(76 sc)
☐	The two decreases of each round meet at the point of the V, so that the band lies flat. Fasten off.	

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Armhole edging: make 2

Yarn B, brown.

☐ **Start**	Work this at step 4 of Assembly. With the right side facing, join yarn B at the middle of the underarm; ch 1, sc in each of the first 6 sts, 33 sc evenly along the 28 row ends up to the shoulder seam, 33 sc evenly along the 28 row ends down the other side, sc in each of the last 6 sts (78 sc); join with sl st in first sc. This is round 1.	
☐ **Rounds 2 to 3** 2 3	Ch 1; sc in each st around; join with sl st in first sc	(78 sc)
☐	Fasten off.	

Assembly

1. Shoulders: lay the front on the back with right sides together. Sew the 14 sts at each end of the top edge together, and leave the middle 30 sts of the back open for the neck.

2. Neckband: work it now, as written above.

3. Sides: sew each side seam from the underarm down to the hem.

4. Armhole edging: work it now, as written above.

Finishing

- Weave in all the ends. Wash as the yarn label says and lay flat to the measurements to dry.

In all: 2 pieces; 9,232 stitches (560 in each hem rib, 4,074 in the back, 2,798 in the front, 347 in the front, first side of the neck, 347 in the front, second side of the neck, 234 in the neckband, 156 in each armhole edging).

To find how many balls: divide by the length on your yarn's label and round up. Buy them from one dye lot. The estimate is from the stitches of this size at this gauge.

Notes

- The finished chest is from 3½ in (9 cm) to 4½ in (11.5 cm) wider than the body measurement, by the size. Choose by the finished measurement you like; no fit is promised beyond the measurements given.
- The turning chain (ch 1 for single and half double crochet) never counts as a stitch. Work the first stitch of every row into the first stitch, at the base of the turning chain.
- The chain at the start of a round never counts as a stitch. Work the first stitch of the round into the stitch at its base, where the round was joined.
- Odd-numbered rows are right side rows. Mark the right side of each piece with a stitch marker or a scrap of yarn.
- A decrease counts as one stitch.
- The ribs are worked sideways in back-loop single crochet (UK: double crochet). The body is worked up from a long edge, one stitch in the end of each rib row. The rib draws in: it is a little narrower than the body above it.
- Stitches worked evenly along row ends: about 7 sc in every 6 rows.
- Sew every seam with the yarn needle and yarn A.
- In back loop only: insert the hook under the loop of the stitch that is farther from you, and leave the nearer loop free.

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