



KNITTING PATTERN

# Bittern

Striped Vest

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## MATERIALS

**Hobbii** Happy Place Solid

**Yarn A:** Aubergine (19); 2 (2, 2, 2, 3, 3, 3, 3, 3, 3, 3) balls

**Yarn B:** Peach (07); 1 (1, 1, 1, 1, 2, 2, 2, 2, 2, 2) balls

3mm / US 2.5 circular needle, 60-100cm / 24-40" length

3.5mm / US 4 circular needle, 60-100cm / 24-40" length

4mm / US 6 circular needle, 60-100cm / 24-40" length

Always use a needle size that will result in the correct gauge after blocking.

Locking stitch markers (7), stitch holder, tapestry needle, 7 buttons (13mm / ½" diameter)

## YARN QUALITY

 **Happy Place Solid**, Hobbii

DK-weight

50% Cotton, 50% Wool

100 g (3.5 oz) = 250 m (273 yds)

## GAUGE

21 sts & 27 rows = 10cm / 4" over St st on 4mm needles after blocking.

## QUESTIONS

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## SIZE

1 (2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11)

## MEASUREMENTS

**Finished chest (fullest point) circumference:**

87 (91, 95, 101, 106, 113, 122, 131, 141, 150, 160)cm / 34¼ (36, 37½, 39¾, 41¾, 44½, 48, 51¾, 55½, 59¼, 63)" – to be worn with 5-10cm / 2-4" positive ease

## PATTERN INFORMATION

The Bittern vest is worked from the top down in a 4-row repeat. First you work the back, then the fronts are worked separately to the bottom of the armholes, then all three pieces are joined and worked to the hem. Finally, rib is worked around the armholes, neck and along the button bands.

The vest is primarily worked back and forth, but circular needles must be used to "slide" the work and create single stripe rows. They are also required for the ribbing around the arms.

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## Pattern



### ABBREVIATIONS

<b>Beg</b>	Beginning
<b>dec(s)</b>	Decrease/s/d/ing
<b>Inc</b>	Increase/s/d/ing
<b>K</b>	Knit
<b>K2tog</b>	Knit 2 stitches together
<b>Kfb</b>	Knit into the front and back of 1 stitch
<b>M1L</b>	Make 1 Left; pick up strand between the two needles from the front to back with the tip of left needle, knit into the back of this stitch
<b>M1R</b>	Make 1 Right; pick up strand between the two needles from back to front with the tip of left needle, knit into the front of this stitch
<b>M1P</b>	Make 1 purl stitch – work as for M1LP
<b>M1LP</b>	Make 1 Left Purlwise; pick up strand between the two needles from the front to back with the tip of left needle, purl into the back of this stitch
<b>M1RP</b>	Make 1 Right Purlwise; pick up strand between the two needles from back to front with the tip of left needle, purl into the front of this stitch
<b>Patt</b>	Pattern
<b>PM</b>	Place Marker
<b>P</b>	Purl
<b>Pfb</b>	Purl into the front and back of one stitch
<b>Rep</b>	Repeat
<b>RS</b>	Right side
<b>Sl</b>	Slip
<b>SM</b>	Slip Marker
<b>st(s)</b>	Stitch(es)
<b>St st</b>	Stocking stitch / Stockinette
<b>WS</b>	Wrong side
<b>Wyif</b>	With yarn in front
<b>Yo</b>	Yarn over needle or hook and into working position

## STITCH GLOSSARY

To create single row stripes, yarns A and B are alternated every row. At the end of each row, you will either turn or slide your work to ensure that the correct colored working yarn is available to use.

Each row is worked twice from the same side. Work across the row once with yarn B, slide the sts back to the other end of the circular needle and work RS row again with yarn A, then turn work.

The yarn to be used for each row is indicated in the row label, e.g. "Row 1 (WS, A)" is a WS row worked with yarn A.

### Single Stripe Pattern

**Row 1 (RS)(B):** K to end. Slide sts.

**Row 2 (RS)(A):** K to end. Turn.

**Row 3 (WS)(B):** P to end. Slide sts.

**Row 4 (WS)(A):** P to end. Turn.

Rep rows 1-4 for pattern.

### 1x1 Rib (in the round)

**Round 1:** [K1, p1] to end.

Rep round 1 for pattern.

## PATTERN BEGINS

### BACK

#### Shape Shoulders

Using largest needles, yarn A, and the long-tail method, cast on 32 (32, 34, 34, 36, 36, 36, 36, 36, 38, 38) sts.

**Set-up row 1 (WS)(B):** Using yarn B, p to end. Slide sts.

**Set-up row 2 (WS)(A):** Using yarn A, p4, PM, M1RP, p to last 4 sts, M1LP, PM, p4. Turn. 34 (34, 36, 36, 38, 38, 38, 38, 38, 40, 40) sts

**Note:** The yarn to be used for each row is indicated in the row label, e.g. "Row 1 (WS, A)" is a WS row worked with yarn A.

**Row 1 (RS)(B):** K to marker, SM, M1L, k to marker, M1R, SM, k to end. Slide sts. 2 sts inc

**Row 2 (RS)(A):** K to marker, SM, M1L, k to marker, M1R, SM, k to end. Turn. 2 sts inc

**Row 3 (WS)(B):** P to marker, SM, M1RP, p to marker, M1LP, SM, p to end. Slide sts. 2 sts inc

**Row 4 (WS)(A):** P to marker, SM, M1RP, p to marker, M1LP, SM, p to end. Turn. 2 sts inc

Rep rows 1-4 a further 3 (3, 4, 4, 4, 4, 5, 5, 5, 5) times. 66 (66, 76, 76, 78, 78, 86, 86, 86, 88, 88) sts

## Sizes 1, 6, 10 & 11 ONLY

Work Rows 1-2 once more. 70 (-, -, -, -, 82, -, -, -, 92, 92) sts

**Next row (WS)(B):** P to end. Slide sts.

**Next row (WS)(A):** K to end. Turn.

## Size 2 ONLY

Rep Rows 1-3 once more. 72 sts

**Next row (WS)(A):** K to end. Turn.

## Sizes 5, 8 & 9 ONLY

Rep Row 1 once more. - (-, -, -, 80, -, -, 88, 88, -, -) sts

**Next Row (RS)(A):** K to end. Turn.

**Next Row (WS)(B):** P to end. Slide sts.

**Next Row (WS)(A):** K to end. Turn.

**Sizes 3, 4 & 7: Skip to next section.**

## Lengthen Back

**Note:** Slip markers as you come to them. 70 (72, 76, 76, 80, 82, 86, 88, 88, 92, 92) sts

Work Single Stripe patt straight for 28 (32, 32, 28, 28, 28, 28, 28, 28, 28, 28) rows.

## Shape Armholes

**Row 1 (RS)(B):** K to marker, SM, M1L, k to marker, M1R, SM, k to end. Slide sts. 2 sts inc

**Row 2 (RS)(A):** K to end. Turn.

**Row 3 (WS)(B):** P to marker, SM, M1RP, p to marker, M1LP, SM, p to end. Slide sts. 2 sts inc

**Row 4 (WS)(A):** P to end. Turn.

Rep rows 1-4 a further 3 (3, 3, 5, 5, 5, 5, 1, 1, 1, 1) times. 86 (88, 92, 100, 104, 106, 110, 96, 96, 100, 100) sts

## Sizes 6, 7, 8, 9, 10 & 11 ONLY

**Row 1 (RS)(B):** K to marker, SM, M1L, k to marker, M1R, SM, k to end. Slide sts. 2 sts inc

**Row 2 (RS)(A):** K to marker, SM, M1L, k to marker, M1R, SM, k to end. Turn. 2 sts inc

**Row 3 (WS)(B):** P to marker, SM, M1RP, p to marker, M1LP, SM, p to end. Slide sts. 2 sts inc

**Row 4 (WS)(A):** P to marker, SM, M1RP, p to marker, M1LP, SM, p to end. Turn. 2 sts inc

Rep rows 1-4 a further - (-, -, -, -, 0, 0, 3, 4, 5, 6) times. - (-, -, -, -, 114, 118, 128, 136, 148, 156) sts

**All sizes:** Cut yarns and place sts on hold.

## RIGHT FRONT

### Shape Neck

Using yarn A and largest needles, pick up and knit 19 (20, 21, 21, 22, 23, 25, 26, 26, 27, 27) sts from the Back cast-on edge from the shoulder towards the neck.

**Set-up row 1 (WS)(B):** P to end. Slide sts.

**Set-up row 2 (WS)(A):** P to end. Turn.

Work Single Stripe patt straight for 20 (20, 20, 20, 24, 24, 24, 28, 28, 28, 32) rows.

### Shape Neck

Place a marker on the needle 4 sts in from the neck edge, to mark neck shaping.

**Row 1 (RS)(B):** K to marker, M1R, SM, k to end. Slide sts. *1 st inc*

**Row 2 (RS)(A):** K to end. Turn.

**Row 3 (WS)(B):** P to marker, SM, M1LP, p to end. Slide sts. *1 st inc*

**Row 4 (WS)(A):** P to end. Turn.

Work rows 1-4 a further 1 (1, 2, 2, 2, 2, 2, 2, 3, 3, 3) times. 23 (24, 27, 27, 28, 29, 31, 32, 34, 35, 35) sts

### Center Neck

**Row 1 (RS)(B):** K to marker, M1R, SM, k to end, cast on 8 (8, 7, 7, 8, 8, 8, 8, 6, 7, 7) using the knitted cast on method. Slide sts. 32 (33, 35, 35, 37, 38, 40, 41, 41, 43, 43) sts

**Row 2 (RS)(A):** K to end. Turn.

**Row 3 (WS)(B):** P to end. Slide sts.

**Row 4 (WS)(A):** P to end. Turn.

### Lengthen Front

Work Single Stripe patt straight for 28 (32, 32, 28, 28, 28, 28, 28, 28, 28, 28) rows.

### Shape Armholes

Place a marker on the needle 4 sts in at the armhole edge, to mark armhole shaping.

**Row 1 (RS)(B):** K to marker, SM, M1L, k to end. Slide sts. *1 st inc*

**Row 2 (RS)(A):** K to end. Turn.

**Row 3 (WS)(B):** P to marker, M1RP, SM, p to end. Slide sts. *1 st inc*

**Row 4 (WS)(A):** P to end. Turn.

Work rows 1-4 a further 3 (3, 3, 5, 5, 5, 5, 1, 1, 1, 1) times. 40 (41, 43, 47, 49, 50, 52, 45, 45, 47, 47) sts

### Sizes 6, 7, 8, 9, 10 & 11 ONLY

**Row 1 (RS)(B):** K to marker, SM, M1L, k to end. Slide sts. *1 st inc*

**Row 2 (RS)(A):** K to marker, SM, M1L, k to end. Turn. *1 st inc*

**Row 3 (WS)(B):** P to marker, M1RP, SM, p to end. Slide sts. *1 st inc*

**Row 4 (WS)(A):** P to marker, M1RP, SM, p to end. Turn. *1 st inc*

Rep rows 1-4 a further – (-, -, -, 0, 0, 3, 4, 5, 6) times. 40 (41, 43, 47, 49, 54, 56, 61, 65, 71, 75) sts

**All sizes:** Cut yarns and place sts on hold.

## LEFT FRONT

Count 19 (20, 21, 21, 22, 23, 25, 26, 26, 27, 27) sts from the left edge of the Back cast-on towards the center and mark. Using yarn A and largest needles, pick up and knit 19 (20, 21, 21, 22, 23, 25, 26, 26, 27, 27) from the neck towards the shoulder.

**Set-up row 1 (WS)(B):** P to end. Slide sts.

**Set-up row 2 (WS)(A):** P to end. Turn.

Work Single Stripe patt straight for 20 (20, 20, 20, 24, 24, 24, 27, 27, 27, 32) rows.

## Shape Neck

Place a marker on the needle 4 sts in at the neck edge, to mark neck shaping.

**Row 1 (RS)(B):** K to marker, SM, M1L, k to end. Slide sts. *1 st inc*

**Row 2 (RS)(A):** K to end. Turn.

**Row 3 (WS)(B):** P to marker, M1RP, SM, p to end. Slide sts. *1 st inc*

**Row 4 (WS)(A):** P to end. Turn.

Work rows 1-4 a further 1 (1, 2, 2, 2, 2, 2, 2, 3, 3, 3) times. 23 (24, 27, 27, 28, 29, 31, 32, 34, 35, 35) sts

Cut both yarns.

## Center Neck

**Row 1 (RS)(B):** Cast on 8 (8, 7, 7, 8, 8, 8, 8, 6, 7, 7) sts using the knitted cast on, k to marker, SM, M1L, k to end. Slide sts. 32 (33, 35, 35, 37, 38, 40, 41, 41, 43, 43) sts

**Row 2 (RS)(A):** Rejoin color A, k to end. Turn.

**Row 3 (WS)(B):** P to end. Slide sts.

**Row 4 (WS)(A):** P to end. Turn.

## Lengthen Front

Work Single Stripe patt straight for 28 (32, 32, 28, 28, 28, 28, 28, 28, 28, 28) rows.

## Shape Armholes

Place a marker on the needle 4 sts in at the armhole edge, to mark armhole shaping.

**Row 1 (RS)(B):** K to marker, M1R, SM, k to end. Slide sts. *1 st inc*

**Row 2 (RS)(A):** K to end. Turn.

**Row 3 (WS)(B):** P to marker, SM, M1LP, p to end. Slide sts. *1 st inc*

**Row 4 (WS)(A):** P to end. Turn.

Work rows 1-4 a further 3 (3, 3, 5, 5, 5, 5, 1, 1, 1, 1) times. 40 (41, 43, 47, 49, 50, 52, 45, 45, 47, 47) sts

## Sizes 6, 7, 8, 9, 10 & 11 ONLY

**Row 1 (RS)(B):** K to marker, M1R, SM, k to end. Slide sts. *1 st inc*

**Row 2 (RS)(A):** K to marker, M1R, SM, k to end. Turn. *1 st inc*

**Row 3 (WS)(B):** P to marker, SM, M1LP, p to end. Slide work. *1 st inc*

**Row 4 (WS)(A):** P to marker, SM, M1LP, p to end. Turn. *1 st inc*

Work rows 1-4 a further – (-, -, -, -, 0, 0, 3, 4, 5, 6) times. 40 (41, 43, 47, 49, 54, 56, 61, 65, 71, 75) sts

## BODY

### Join fronts and back

Continue with largest needles, place Back and Right Front on needles.

**Set-up row 1 (RS):** K across Left Front, cast on 5 (8, 8, 6, 8, 5, 10, 10, 12, 10, 12) sts, k across Back sts, cast on 5 (8, 8, 6, 8, 5, 10, 10, 12, 10, 12), k to end of Right Front. Slide sts.

176 (186, 194, 206, 218, 232, 250, 270, 290, 310, 330) sts

Continue to work in the established stripe pattern until your work is 48 (49, 49, 50, 50, 51, 51, 52, 52, 53, 54)cm / 19 (19½, 19½, 19¾, 19¾, 20, 20¼, 20½, 20½, 21, 21¼)" measured down the center back from the cast on edge, ending with a RS row.

**Next row (WS)(A):** P87 (92, 96, 102, 108, 115, 124, 134, 144, 154, 164), p2tog, p to end. 175 (185, 193, 205, 217, 231, 249, 269, 289, 309, 329) sts

## Hem

Cut color B and change to 3.5mm needles.

**Row 1 (RS):** K1, [k1, p1] to last 2 sts, k2.

**Row 2 (WS):** P1, [p1, k1] to last 2 sts, p2.

Work rows 1-2 a further 7 times.

Cast off using the Italian cast-off method.

## Left Armhole Edging

Using smallest needles and yarn A, beg at center of underarm, pick up and knit 3 (4, 4, 3, 4, 3, 5, 5, 6, 5, 6) sts from underarm, 77 (82, 86, 90, 94, 98, 98, 106, 110, 118) sts up Front armhole, 66 (70, 70, 74, 78, 82, 82, 82, 86, 90, 94) sts down Back armhole, and 2 (4, 4, 3, 4, 2, 5, 5, 6, 5, 6) sts from underarm. 148 (160, 164, 170, 180, 186, 190, 190, 204, 210, 224) sts

Join for working in the round and PM to indicate beg of round.

\*\*Work 9 rounds in 1x1 rib.

Cast off using the Italian cast-off method.\*\*



## Right Armhole Edging

Using smallest needles and yarn A, beg at center of underarm, pick up and knit 3 (4, 4, 3, 4, 3, 5, 5, 6, 5, 6) sts from underarm, 66 (70, 70, 74, 78, 82, 82, 82, 86, 90, 94) sts up Back armhole, 77 (82, 86, 90, 94, 98, 98, 106, 110, 118) sts down Front armhole, and 2 (4, 4, 3, 4, 2, 5, 5, 6, 5, 6) sts from underarm. 148 (160, 164, 170, 180, 186, 190, 190, 204, 210, 224) sts

Join for working in the round and PM to indicate beg of round.

Work as for Left Armhole Edging from \*\* to \*\*.

## Neckband

Using smallest needles and yarn A, beg at Right Front neck edge, pick up and knit 7 sts from Right Front cast-on sts, PM1, 32 (32, 36, 36, 40, 40, 40, 44, 48, 48, 52) sts up the right side of the neck and 3 sts from saddle, PM2, 25 (25, 27, 27, 31, 31, 31, 31, 31, 31) sts along Back Neck, PM3, 3 sts from saddle, 32 (32, 36, 36, 40, 40, 40, 44, 48, 48, 52) down left neck, PM4, 7 sts from Left Front cast-on sts. 109 (109, 119, 119, 130, 130, 130, 138, 146, 147, 155) sts

**Set up row (WS):** [K1, p1, kfb] twice, k1 remove marker 1, [p1, k1] to marker 2, remove marker, [p1, k1, pfb] 8 (8, 8, 8, 9, 9, 9, 9, 9, 10, 10) times, [p1, k1] to marker 3, remove marker, [k1, p1] to marker 4, remove marker, [k1, p1, kfb] twice, k1. 121 (121, 131, 131, 143, 143, 143, 151, 159, 161, 169) sts

**Row 1 (RS):** [P1, k1] to last st, p1.

**Row 2 (WS):** [K1, p1] to last st, k1.

Rep rows 1-2 a further 3 times.

Cast off using the Italian cast-off method.

## Left Button Band

Using smallest needles and yarn A, pick up and knit one stitch in every row down the left front. Total should be an odd number of sts.

**Row 1 (WS):** Sl1 wyif, p1, [k1, p1] to last st, sl1 wyif.

**Row 2 (RS):** K1, [k1, p1] to last 2 sts, k2.

Rep rows 1-2 a further 3 times, then work row 1 once more.

Cast off using the Italian cast-off method.

## Right Buttonhole Band

Using smallest needles and yarn A, pick up and knit one stitch in every row up the right front. Total should be an odd number of sts.

**Row 1 (WS):** Sl1 wyif, p1, [k1, p1] to last st, sl1 wyif.

**Row 2 (RS):** K1, [k1, p1] to last 2 sts, k2.

**Row 3 (WS):** Sl1 wyif, p1, [k1, p1] to last st, sl1 wyif.

Rep rows 2-3 once more.



Place 7 locking markers to mark buttonholes, with the top marker about 1 cm / ½" from edge, bottom marker about 2 cm / ¾" from edge, and remaining 5 markers evenly distributed between. Markers should be placed after a knit stitch.

**Buttonhole row (RS):** [Work in patt to marker, remove marker, yo, k2tog] 7 times, work in patt to end.

Work 3 more rows in patt.

Cast off using the Italian cast-off method.

### **FINISHING**

Weave in ends and block. Sew buttons opposite buttonholes.

**Enjoy!**

## SCHEMATIC



- A. Finished chest (fullest point) circumference:** 87 (91, 95, 101, 106, 113, 122, 131, 141, 150, 160)cm / 34 $\frac{1}{4}$  (36, 37 $\frac{1}{2}$ , 39 $\frac{3}{4}$ , 41 $\frac{3}{4}$ , 44 $\frac{1}{2}$ , 48, 51 $\frac{3}{4}$ , 55 $\frac{1}{2}$ , 59 $\frac{1}{4}$ , 63)"
- B. Length (shoulder to hem):** 53 (54, 54, 55, 55, 56, 56, 57, 57, 58, 58)cm / 21 (21 $\frac{1}{2}$ , 21 $\frac{1}{2}$ , 21 $\frac{1}{2}$ , 21 $\frac{1}{2}$ , 22, 22, 22.5, 22.5, 23, 23)"
- C. Armhole depth:** 27 (29, 30, 31, 33, 34, 34, 34, 37, 38, 41)cm / 11 (11 $\frac{1}{2}$ , 11 $\frac{3}{4}$ , 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ , 13, 13 $\frac{1}{2}$ , 13 $\frac{1}{2}$ , 13 $\frac{1}{2}$ , 14 $\frac{1}{2}$ , 15, 16)"

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