

## VINTAGE KNITS

# Infant's Fancy Knit Vest in Lemon Pattern

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Project #6 from "[My Year of Weldon's](#)"



Knit a pretty lace vest for baby (size approximately 3-6 months) in an easy lace pattern. Neckline and armholes are trimmed with a crocheted edging and a ribbon drawstring.

“For knitting this pretty vest procure 1 ½ ozs. Of white Shetland wool, of the same quantity of the thicker make known as ‘winter’ Shetland.”

Yarn: I chose [Madelinetosh Sock](#) in “Citrus”. 100% superwash merino wool, with 395 yards per skein. I used about half a skein for the vest.

Ribbon: I used 1 ½ yards of 7/16” [Hanah silk ribbon](#) in colorway “Cymbidium” . The beading can accommodate a wider ribbon if desired.

Needles: US #2.

Crochet Hook: (I used an old Boye steel hook size 1)

Gauge: 7 sts=1" in lace pattern.

Size: Infant 18" chest (the vest is quite stretchy)

Abbreviations:

K: Knit

P: Purl

Sl: slip

St: stitch

YO: yarn over

SK2P: Slip 1, knit 2 together, pass slipped stitch over

K2tog: knit 2 together

P2tog: purl 2 together

Instructions:

Front:

Cast on 63 stitches. Work scalloped edge:

Row 1: Knit

Row 2: Purl

Row 3: Knit

Row 4: Sl1, k1, \*yo, k3, sk2p, k3, yo, k1; repeat from \* 5 times, k last stitch.

Row 5: Purl

Row 6: Repeat Row 4

Row 7: Purl

Row 8: Repeat Row 4

Row 9: Knit

Row 10: P5, \*p2tog, p8; repeat from \* to last 6 sts. P6.

Row 11: Knit

This completes the scalloped border, and there are 57 stitches on the needles.

Now start the Lemon Pattern:

Row 1: P2, \*yo, k3, yo, p2; repeat to end of row

Row 2: K2, \*p5, k2; repeat to end of row

Row 3: P2, \*k1, sk2p, k1, p2; repeat to end of row

Row 4: K2, \*p3, k2; repeat to end of row

Repeat these four rows until 18 patterns (72 rows) are done. Work Rows 1-3 of Lemon Pattern. Knit 9 rows (garter stitch) for yoke.

Shoulder Straps: K12, place remaining stitches on holder and knit back and forth on the 12 stitches for 40 rows. Bind off.

2<sup>nd</sup> Strap: Place stitches back on needle. Bind off 33 stitches and knit the remaining 12 stitches in garter stitch for 40 rows. Bind off.

**Back:**

Work same as for front until you have completed the 9 rows of garter stitch for the yoke. Bind off all stitches.

Sew side seams to within 2 Lemon patterns of the top (creating armholes) Sew shoulder straps onto the back yoke.

**Neck Edging:**

1<sup>st</sup> Round: work 1 long treble into a stitch of the neck edge, 1 chain, skip 1 stitch of the neck edge (or 2 stitches occasionally to contract the neckline a bit). Repeat around neckline.

2<sup>nd</sup> Round: 1 double crochet under 1 "space" of last round (you have crocheted a beaded edge for the ribbon to be inserted; Round 2 stitches are worked in these little squares), 1 chain, 3 treble under the next space, 1 chain. Repeat to end, join and fasten off.

Crochet around the armholes using 2<sup>nd</sup> Round instructions only.

Run a narrow ribbon through the holes around the neck formed by the first round of the crocheted edging and draw up to fit, tying a bow.

**Finishing:** Weave in ends, block gently.

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