Guilin Kimono Vest

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Technique used: Crochet

INTERMEDIATE

MATERIALS

(75% Microdenier Acrylic/25% Merino Wool; 3oz/85g, 185yds/170m):

#0019 Vicuna (A): 2 (2, 2, 3, 3, 3) balls
#0024 Black (B): 2 (2, 2, 3, 3, 3) balls
#0018 Spice House (C): 2 (2, 2, 3, 3, 3) balls
#0020 Loden Forest (D): 2 (2, 2, 3, 3, 3) balls

One size US H-8 (5mm) (for Fhdc row only);
One size US 7 (4.5mm), or size to obtain gauge.

1 large button, 1 3/4–2 1/4"/40–60mm diameter
Stitch markers
Yarn needle

SIZES

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

FINISHED MEASUREMENTS

Bust: 35 1/2 (40, 43 1/2, 47 1/2, 52, 55)/90 (101.5, 110.5, 120.5, 132, 137.5)cm
Length: 20 (21, 22, 23, 24, 24)/51 (53.5, 56, 58.5, 61, 61)cm

Note: Vest is designed to be worn slightly open at bust, and will stretch when worn. Vest will comfortably fit busts measuring 38 (42, 46, 50, 54, 58)/96.5 (106.5, 117, 127, 137, 147.5)cm

GAUGE

In half double crochet, using smaller hook, 16 sts and 13 rows = 4"/10cm.

STITCHES USED

Chain (ch), half double crochet (hdc), single crochet (sc), slip stitch (sl st).
SPECIAL TERM
Fhdc: Foundation half double crochet (This technique creates a foundation chain and a row of half double crochet stitches in one)—
Step 1: Place a slip knot on hook, ch 3, insert hook in second ch from hook and draw up a loop, insert hook in 3rd ch from hook and draw up a loop; yarn over and draw through one loop on hook (the "chain"); yarn over and draw through 3 loops on hook (the "half double crochet").
Step 2: The following stitch is worked under the forward 2 loops of the stem of the previous stitch (into the "chain"). Yarn over, insert hook into the face of the "chain" and under the nub at the back of the "chain", draw up a loop, yarn over and draw through one loop on hook (the "chain"), yarn over and draw through 3 loops on hook (the "half double crochet"). Repeat for the length of foundation.
sc2tog: Single crochet 2 together—Insert hook in next stitch, yarn over and pull up a loop, (2 loops on hook), insert hook in next stitch, yarn over and pull up a loop, yarn over and draw through all 3 loops on hook.

NOTES
1. Vest is worked from side to side, in half double crochet.
2. Each row of the body uses more than one color.
3. Use a separate ball of yarn for each color. Do not carry yarn across WS.
4. To change color, work last stitch of old color to last yarn over, drop old color to WS of work, yarn over with new color and draw through all loops on hook. Proceed with new color.
5. The ch-1 at the beginning of each row does not count as the first stitch of the row. Work the first stitch of each row in the last stitch of the previous row.
6. The fronts do not meet at the center front.

HELPFUL
Working more or fewer rows (inches) in the side panels or front panels will enable the width of the garment to be changed, if desired.

BACK
Foundation Row: With larger hook and A, Fhdc 28 (30, 32, 34, 36, 38), change to B in last st, Fhdc 2, change to C in last st, Fhdc 48 (50, 52, 54, 56, 56), change to B in last st, Fhdc 2, turn—80 (84, 88, 92, 96, 96) Fhdc.

First Section
Change to smaller hook.
Row 1 (WS): With B, ch 1, hdc in first 2 hdc, change to C, hdc in next 48 (50, 52, 54, 56, 56) hdc, change to B, hdc in next 2 hdc, change to A, hdc in each hdc across, turn.
Row 2: With A, ch 1, hdc in first 28 (30, 32, 34, 36, 36) hdc, change to B, hdc in next 2 hdc, change to C, hdc in next 48 (50, 52, 54, 56, 56) hdc, change to B, hdc in last 2 hdc, turn. Note: Before turning, place a marker on Row 2 to indicate RS of piece.
Repeat last 2 rows until piece measures 6 1/2 (7, 8, 8 1/2, 9 1/2, 10 1/2)”16.5 (18, 20.5, 21.5, 24, 26.5)cm from beginning; end with a WS row (Row 1).
Divider
Row 1 (RS): With A, ch 1, hdc in first 28 (30, 32, 34, 36, 36) hdc, change to B, hdc in next 52 (54, 56, 58, 60, 60) hdc, turn. Fasten off C.
Row 2: With B, ch 1, hdc in next 52 (54, 56, 58, 60, 60) hdc, change to A, hdc in next 28 (30, 32, 34, 36, 36) hdc, turn.
Second Section
Row 1 (RS): With A, ch 1, hdc in first 28 (30, 32, 34, 36, 36) hdc, change to B, hdc in next 2 hdc, change to D, hdc in next 48 (50, 52, 54, 56, 56) hdc, change to B, hdc in last 2 hdc, turn.
Row 2: With B, ch 1, hdc in first 2 hdc, change to D, hdc in next 48 (50, 52, 54, 56, 56) hdc, change to B, hdc in next 2 hdc, change to A, hdc in each hdc across, turn.
Repeat last 2 rows until piece measures 17 (18, 20, 21, 23, 25)”43 (45.5, 51, 53.5, 58.5, 63.5)cm from beginning. Fasten off.

RIGHT FRONT
Foundation Row: With larger hook and C, Fhdc 48 (50, 52, 54, 56, 56), change to B in last st, Fhdc 2, change to A in last st, Fhdc 28 (30, 32, 34, 36, 36), change to B in last st, Fhdc 2, turn—80 (84, 88, 92, 96, 96) Fhdc.

First Section
Change to smaller hook.
Row 1 (WS): With B, ch 1, hdc in first 2 hdc, change to A, hdc in next 28 (30, 32, 34, 36, 36) hdc, change to B, hdc in next 2 hdc, change to C, hdc in next 28 (30, 32, 34, 36, 36) hdc, turn.
Row 2: With C, ch 1, hdc in first 28 (30, 32, 34, 36, 36) hdc, change to B, hdc in next 2 hdc, change to A, hdc in next 28 (30, 32, 34, 36, 36) hdc, change to B, hdc in last 2 hdc, turn. Note: Before turning, place a marker on Row 2 to indicate RS of piece.
Rows 3–7 (9, 9, 9, 11, 13): Repeat last 2 rows 2 (3, 3, 4, 5) times; then repeat Row 1 once more, change to B in last st of Row 1 (this will require joining a new small ball of B). Fasten off C.

Divider
Row 1 (RS): With B, ch 1, hdc in next 50 (52, 54, 56, 58, 58) hdc, change to A, hdc in next 28 (30, 32, 34, 36, 36) hdc, change to B, hdc in last 2 hdc, turn.
Row 2: With B, ch 1, hdc in first 2 hdc, change to A, hdc in next 28 (30, 32, 34, 36, 36) hdc, change to B, hdc in next 50 (52, 54, 56, 58, 58) hdc, change to D in last st, turn. Fasten off one of the balls of B (the one most recently joined).
Second Section
Row 1 (RS): With D, ch 1, hdc in first 48 (50, 52, 54, 56, 56) hdc, change to B, hdc in next 2 hdc, change to A, hdc in next 28 (30, 32, 34, 36, 36) hdc, change to B, hdc in last 2 hdc, turn.
Row 2: With B, ch 1, hdc in first 2 hdc, change to A, hdc in next 28 (30, 32, 34, 36, 36) hdc, change to B, hdc in next 2 hdc, change to D, hdc in next 48 (50, 52, 54, 56, 56) hdc, turn. Repeat last 2 rows until piece measures 5 (5 1/2, 6 1/4, 6 1/2, 7 1/2, 8)”/12.5 (14, 15, 16.5, 19, 20.5)cm from beginning. Fasten off.

LEFT FRONT
Foundation Row: With larger hook and B, Fhdc 2, change to A, Fhdc 48 (50, 52, 54, 56, 56), change to B in last st, Fhdc 2, change to C in last st, Fhdc 28 (30, 32, 34, 36, 36), turn—80 (84, 88, 92, 96, 96) Fhdc.

First Section
Change to smaller hook.
Row 1 (WS): With C, ch 1, hdc in next 28 (30, 32, 34, 36, 36) hdc, change to B, hdc in next 2 hdc, change to A, hdc in next 48 (50, 52, 54, 56, 56) hdc, change to B, hdc in last 2 hdc, turn.
Row 2: With B, ch 1, hdc in first 2 hdc, change to A, hdc in first 28 (30, 32, 34, 36, 36) hdc, change to B, hdc in next 2 hdc, change to C, hdc in next 28 (30, 32, 34, 36, 36) hdc, turn. Note: Before turning, place a marker on Row 2 to indicate RS of piece.
Sizes M (L, 1X, 2X, 3X) only
Rows 3–4 (6, 6, 8, 8): Repeat last 2 rows 1 (2, 2, 3, 3) times.
All sizes
Row 3 (5, 7, 7, 9, 9): Repeat Row 1. Fasten off A.
Divider
Row 1 (RS): With B, ch 1, hdc in next 52 (54, 56, 58, 60, 60) hdc, change to C, hdc in next 28 (30, 32, 34, 36, 36) hdc, turn.
Row 2: With C, ch 1, hdc in next 28 (30, 32, 34, 36, 36) hdc, change to B, hdc in next 52 (54, 56, 58, 60, 60) hdc, turn.
Second Section
Row 1 (RS): With B, ch 1, hdc in first 2 hdc, change to D, hdc in first 48 (50, 52, 54, 56, 56) hdc, change to B, hdc in next 2 hdc, change to C, hdc in next 28 (30, 32, 34, 36, 36) hdc, turn.
Row 2: With C, ch 1, hdc in first 28 (30, 32, 34, 36, 36) hdc, change to B, hdc in next 2 hdc, change to D, hdc in next 48 (50, 52, 54, 56, 56) hdc, change to B, hdc in last 2 hdc, turn. Repeat last 2 rows until piece measures 5 (5 1/2, 6 1/4, 6 1/2, 7 1/2, 8)”/12.5 (14, 15, 16.5, 19, 20.5)cm from beginning. Fasten off.

Block all pieces to schematic measurements. Sew shoulder seams, starting at outer edge and working towards neck edge. The back neck opening should measure 7 (7 1/2, 8, 8 1/2, 9)”/18 (18, 19, 20.5, 21.5, 23)cm.

SIDE PANELS
Hold piece with RS facing, ready to work in sts across one side edge. **Note:** You will be working in the stitches of the last row or in the chains across the opposite side of the foundation row of each piece.

**Row 1:** With smaller hook, join B first st, ch 1, hdc in same st, hdc in each st across entire side edge (both front and back side edges), turn—160 (168, 176, 184, 192, 192) hdc.

**Row 2:** Ch 1, hdc in each st across, turn. Repeat last row until piece measures 1 (1 1/2, 2, 2, 2 1/2)*/2.5 (4, 4, 5, 5, 5)cm from beginning. Fasten off leaving a long tail for sewing side seam. Repeat across other side edge.

**FINISHING**
Fold the piece at shoulder line. Beginning at lower edge, sew the side seams together, leaving 8 1/2 (9, 9 1/2, 10, 10)*/21.5 (23, 23, 24, 25.5, 25.5)cm open for armhole. **Note:** Customize the depth of the armhole by sewing a longer or shorter side seam, as desired.

**Front Bands**
Place a marker in the 20th (21st, 22nd, 23rd, 24th, 24th) st above lower edge on each front edge. Hold piece with RS facing, ready to work in sts up front edge.

**Row 1:** With smaller hook, join B in first marked st, ch 1, hdc in same st and in each st to back neck, work 28 (28, 30, 32, 34, 36) hdc evenly spaced in ends of rows across back neck, hdc each st down other front edge to 2nd marked st, hdc in marked st, turn; leave remaining sts unworked.

**Row 2:** Ch 1, hdc in each hdc across, turn. Repeat last row until front panel measures 2 1/4 (2 1/2, 2 1/2, 2 3/4, 3, 3)*/5.5 (6.5, 6.5, 7, 7.5)cm wide. Fasten off.

**Closure**
With smaller hook, ch 2.

**Row 1:** 2 sc in 2nd ch from hook, turn.

**Row 2:** Ch 1, sc in each sc, turn—2 sc.

Repeat last row until piece measures 8*/20.5cm from beginning.

**Next Row:** Ch 1, sc2tog. Fasten off. Fold closure in half. Sew together, about 1 1/2*/4cm from ends, forming a loop at folded end. Sew closure to lower right front panel, 1–2*/2.5–5cm above lower edge. Sew button to left front panel, opposite closure. Using yarn needle, weave in ends.