

Ozark White Rhapsody

Long sleeveless vest with flared plenum, belt loops and mane collar. Pattern fits to a 42" bust

Materials:

Knitting needles #35 and #17
Crochet hooks H and N
2 Companion Yarns
5 Skeins Ozark Opulent 1380, 2152, 2-2139, 2110,
1 Skein Silk
Purchased Flower and belt optional
1 Button
Ozark Mane for neck and trim
2 pieces of chain about 5 inches long.
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Start by winding all of the 5 skeins then take from each skein, tying off with a knot till you have all five rolled into one big ball. I use a little of this skein, line then up as I wish to take then and continue till I have one big ball. Or you may use 5 skeins of one color.

Back:

Using #35 Needles cast on 22sts. Knit 11 ridges (12.5 inches) cast off 3 stitches on next two rows for armhole. Knit these 16 Sts for 8.5 inches piece now measures 21 inches from beginning. Cast off all stitches

Front:

Cast on 10 stitches with #35 needles. Knit one row on the next row decrease 1 stitch at the front edge. Work same as back when you have 12.5 inches cast off three stitches at the armhole edge continue on these 6 stitches for 8.5 inches same as back.

Repeat for other front reversing shaping.

Sew front and back pieces together at the side seams and the shoulder seams matching the shoulders front to back. For additional strength on the inside of the garment single crochet these seams (side and neck)

Plenum:

Finished measurements for the plenum are 10 inches in width and 60 inches long.

With #17 needles cast on 22 stitches Knit 2, Purl 2 for 10 inches place marker (this is where the front edge joins of the top or bodice) then continue for an additional 3 inches (13 inches from beginning and then follow this needle sequence. #35 needle one row K2P2, #17 needle 3 rows K2P2, repeat until you measure 30 inches from the beginning then place another marker at the same top of your work that you did at 10 inches. (This is the Center back) Reverse shaping until you have 60 inches. Bind off.

Match up the center back and the two 10 inch markings to the front. Stitch in place with a needle and the companion yarn. Then turn the garment to the inside and single crochet over the seam for the strength.

Armholes and Plenum finishing:

Armhole-Single crochet 35 stitches with N Hook then on second row half double crochet 30 stitches in the 35 that you did on the first row. I used the companion yarn

On the bottom of the plenum single crochet for strength with the companion yarn.

Front Placket:

#17 needles pick up 20 stitches on the 10 inch spot of the plenum that you marked, then 50 stitches to center back, 50 stitches to bodice edge and 20 on the other side of the plenum with 2 skeins wound together of the companion yarn and 1 skein of the silk. Knit 4 rows, drop silk, purl four rows of the 3 skeins of companion yarn wound together repeat this till you have a 5 inch placket (should be 4 sets. K4,P4,K4,P4,). Bind off very loosely.

Crochet with companion yarn (2skeins) N hook half double crochet on the placket and plenum each front side.

On the inside of the garment, steam the front placket and sew the chain along the bottom edge for weight.

Front lower edge finishing:

Choose a front on the bottom corner of the placket with N hook 3 single crochets in the next stitch 3 double crochets, Repeat in a diagonal line to the front edge, chain two and come back the same way 3Dc, in the next stitch 3 sc till you reach where you stated. This makes a ruffle, Hide a button underneath for interest and finish with a piece of the mane. I used what I had left of the Opulent for the ruffle.

Fold the back neck edge of the collar to the inside and catch with a couple of stitches at the center back.

Hand stitch the main in place along the right side of the garment just where the front placket joins the bodice. I used the companion yarn.

Pin the flower pin to the lapel

Add two belt loops to the side seam with the crochet hook. And you are done.