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LADY'S VEST.

Materials: 6½ ounces "pure thread" knitting silk, 2½ yards of pink satin ribbon about one inch in width, and 2½ of very narrow pink satin ribbon to run in the neck. Two steel needles, No. 17, twelve inches in length, one fine steel crochet hook and one small skein of pink filo floss, for sewing the seams. The knitting silk is too hard a twist to sew with, and if used will make an uncomfortable seam to come next the skin.

The directions for making this vest are very simple. It is made in two pieces, front and back, which are knit perfectly straight up and down upon two needles, until the neck is reached, where shaping begins, as directions will show. When the front and back are completed they are joined by a seam under each arm. The narrow strips which pass over the shoulder and form the sleeve are joined by crocheting. The hip or lower part of vest is widened by gussets, which are knit separately, one being placed in each side seam. The neck, sleeves and hem of vest are finished with crochet edges.

Formula.—Cast on with two needles, loosely, 200 stitches. This is the lower edge of vest. In second row across arrange in ribs of threes and twos. Every sixth row is purled all the way across. Continue with this pattern until you have a straight piece twenty-four inches long; here arrange the work so that in beginning to knit the wrong side of the fabric will be next you. Now knit off in the usual way for 50 stitches, using an extra knitting needle. Leave the remaining 150 stitches on another needle; secure them by placing a small cork on each end of the needle. For the present this needle of 150 stitches is left, and you continue the pattern with the 50 stitches, thus shaping the neck and the short sleeves of the vest. Each time the edge is reached (the one which comes next the neck, not the outer sleeve edge), narrow once by knitting 2 stitches together Repeat

till you have the stitches reduced to 20. Upon these knit the pattern for six inches, then cast off.

This makes a long slip, which is to form the sleeve or shoulder band. Next cast off loosely 100 stitches from the extra needle of 150. Upon the remaining 50 stitches knit a strip to correspond to the strip already described. Narrow only on the side next the neck.

One half of the vest is now completed. For the other half of the vest, knit exactly as for the half already described. The lower part of the neck between the shoulder-bands is filled with a pattern crocheted as follows, beginning in the lower right-hand corner: Raise 1 tr.; make 5 ch., 1 tr., repeat to left-hand corner. In making the tr., arrange so as to bring 1 tr. each side of every rib of 3 stitches. Break the silk at the end of every row already described.

Now with a fine crochet hook fill in the space between the two long strips with a square open-work pattern, described below and shown in the accompanying illustration. Do likewise with the other half of the vest.

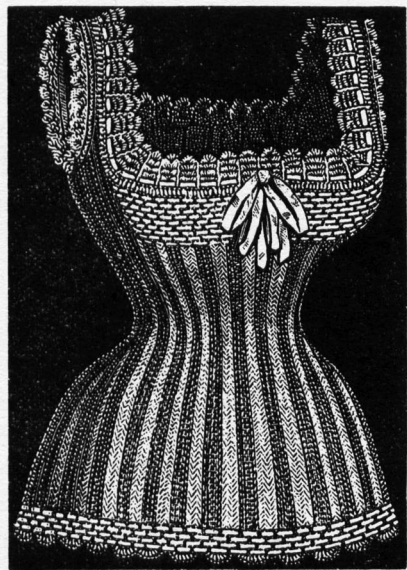


FIG. 287.

To make the open-work with which this space is filled, upon the row already made, work another row same as first, except that each tr. is worked midway of each ch. of 5 of preceding row. So alternate for 9 rows; but in beginning and ending each row you increase a ch. of 5 and 1 tr. This will be readily seen in working. If you do not increase, the space will not be entirely filled. Now join the strip over the shoulder in this way: Make a ch. of the required length to reach over the shoulder from front strip to back strip and secure. Then upon this work a ch. of 5 and 1 tr. clear across. Now to this add another row same as first except bringing each tr. midway of ch. of 5 of previous row. So alternate for 5 rows and you will have a pattern the same as the space is filled in with for the front and back described; also will have formed the sleeve or

band. The other strips are joined just the same. Now work around the edge next the neck 1 row of tr., setting them close together. To this row add another, which work as follows, viz.: Make 1 tr. into each of 2 stitches or tr. of preceding row; 5 ch.; pass over 5 tr.; repeat.

To this row add another by working thus: 1 tr. into each of the 2 tr. of last row; 1 ch.; 4 tr.; each separated by 1 ch. into the third of 5 ch.; 1 ch.; repeat.

Next add another row. 1 tr. into each of the 2 tr. of last row; 1 ch.; 4 tr.; each separated by 1 ch. into the center; 1 ch. between the tr. of last rows; 1 ch.; repeat. Repeat this last row once more.

Now to this add a row of scallops, making about 15 tr. into 1 stitch for each scallop. Fasten down by 1 sc. to tr. of previous row. So work all around the neck. Add a similar row of scallops to outer edge of strip-band or sleeve. This completes the working of the band or sleeves. Run ribbons through holes and tie in pretty bows in front. Next sew up the seams under the arms, leaving a space on the lower part of each seam for insertion of gusset, say about five inches.

Gussets.—Cast on loosely 50 stitches on 2 needles; knit in ribs of threes and twos as you have for the other part of vest. Make this pattern for about one inch. Then narrow once at the beginning of every row; that is each time you turn the work. This narrows the work off to a point, or one stitch. When the gusset is finished, make one more for the other side. Sew into seam at lower or hip part of vest. These gussets are only necessary for persons of large size. Now add to the edge of vest open-work and scallops, as made above. This completes the work.

These garments are often knitted in cream white, pale pink or pale blue silk, and will be found to be durable and elastic, fitting very neatly to the figure.

LADY'S BASKET PATTERN VEST.

Use the same materials as given above. Begin by casting on 111 stitches for bottom of front of vest, and work for the *border*: always slip the first stitch of every row: 1st row, plain; 2d row, p.; 3d row, plain; 4th row, sl. 1. * make one, k. 3, sl. 1, k. 1, pass the slipped stitch over; k. 2 together, k. 3, make 1, k. 1; repeat from * to the end.

5th row, p; 6th row, same as 4th row; 7th row, plain; 8th row, p.;
9th row, plain; repeat from the 4th to the 9th row.

16th row, k. 2 together, k. 1, k. 2 together, * k. 2 together, k. 9, and
repeat from * till within 7 stitches of the end of the row, when k. together,
k. 2, k. 2 together, k. 1. Now the border is finished, and there are 98
stitches on the needle.

Work for the *Basket Pattern* as follows: 1st row, k, 5., p. 3, * k. 7, p. 3,
and repeat from * to the end; 2nd row, k. 3, p. 7, and repeat, and end with
p. 5 only.

3d row, same as the first row; 4th row, plain; 5th row, p. 3, k. 7, and
repeat, and end with p. 5 only.

6th row, p. 5, k. 3, * p. 7, k. 3, and repeat from * to the end. 7th row,
same as the 5th row.

8th row, plain. Repeat these 8 rows till you can count 18 blocks of
the basket pattern, 144 rows; or 21 blocks of the basket pattern, 168 rows;
according to the length required.

Then for the *Shoulders*: 1st row, k. 5, p. 3, k. 7. p. 3, k. 7, p. 3, k. 1, cast
the last stitch but one over the last stitch, and continue casting off till 26
stitches remain on the left-hand needle, then k. 3, p. 3, k. 7, p. 3, k. 7, p. 3
2nd row, k. 3, p. 7, k. 3, p. 7, k. 3, p. 2, p. 2 together.

3d row, k. 3, p. 3, k. 7, p. 3, k. 7, p. 3; 4th row, k. 24, k. 2 together.

5th row, k. 7, p. 3, k. 7, p. 3, k. 5; 6th row, p. 5, k. 3, p. 7, k. 3, p. 5, p. 2
together.

7th row, k. 6, p. 3, k. 7. p. 3, k. 5; 8th row, k. 22, k. 2 together.

9th row, p. 3, k. 7, p. 3, k. 7, p. 3; 10th row, k. 3, p. 7 k. 3, p. 7, k. 1, k.
2 together.

11th row, p. 2, k. 7, p. 3, k. 7, p. 3; 12th row, k. 20, k. 2 together.

13th row, k. 3, p. 3, k. 7, p. 3, k. 5; 14th row, p. 5, k. 3, p. 7, k. 3, p. 1, p.
2 together.

15th row, k. 2, p. 3, k. 7. p. 3, k. 5; 16th row, k. 20; 17th row, k. 7, p. 3,
k. 7, p. 3; 18th row, k. 3, p. 7, k. 3, p. 7; 19th row, k. 7, p. 3, k. 7, p. 3; 20th
row, plain; cast off.

Now work upon the other shoulder, beginning inside the neck (the
first row being already knitted).

2nd row, k. 2 together, p. 7, k. 3, p. 7, k. 3, p. 5; 3d row, k. 5, p. 3, k. 7,
p. 3, k. 7, p. 1.

4th row, k. 2 together, k. 24; 5th row, p. 3, k. 7, p. 3, k. 7, p. 3, k. 2.

6th row, p. 2 together, k. 3, p. 7, k. 3, p. 7, k. 3; 7th row, p. 3, k. 7, p. 3, k. 7, p. 4.

8th row, k. 2 together, k. 22; 9th row, k. 5, p. 3, k. 7, p. 3, k. 5.

10th row, k. 2 together, p. 3, k. 3, p. 7, k. 3, p. 5; 11th row, k. 5, p. 3, k. 7, p. 3, k. 4.

12th row, k 2 together, k. 20; 13th row, p. 3, k, 7, p. 3, k. 8.

14th row, p. 2 together, p. 6, k. 3, p. 7, k. 3; 15th row, p. 3, k. 7, p. 3, k. 7; 16th row, k. 20; 17th row, k. 5, p. 3, k. 7, p. 3, k. 2.

18th row, p. 2, k. 3, p. 7, k. 3, p. 5; 19th row, k. 5, p. 3, k. 7, p. 3, k. 2; 20th row, plain. Cast off.

Knit another similar piece for the back of the vest. Sew the shoulder pieces together, and sew up the sides of the vest, from the bottom, leaving space for the armholes.

For the Sleeves.—Cast on 69 stitches, and work 15 rows of the border, the same as at the bottom of the vest, but doing 1 additional plain stitch at the beginning and at the end of each row.

16th row, plain knitting, and take 2 stitches together once in the course of the row, to bring 68 stitches on the needle. Now knit 8 rows of the basket pattern, and cast off loosely. Make a little gusset by casting on 16 stitches, and knitting 26 plain rows, and cast off. Knit another sleeve and another gusset in the same manner. Sew up the sleeves, taking care that the gussets are placed properly. Crochet a dainty edge around the neck, having first a row of holes to run in ribbon.