



TSC
yarns

TAHKI STACY CHARLES

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TOKYO VEST

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INTERMEDIATE

SIZES X-Small (**Small**, Medium, **Medium/Large**, Large, **Large/XL**, XL)

MATERIALS

• 4 (5, 5, 6, 6, 7, 7) skeins Tahki Yarns **COTTON CLASSIC LITE** 100% mercerized cotton; (1.75 oz/ 50g; 146 yd/ 135m) in color #4202 **almond**

- F-5 (3.75mm) crochet hook
- I-9 (5.5mm) Tunisian crochet hook, 9" or 14" long

OR SIZE TO OBTAIN GAUGE

- Split ring or safety pin markers
- Yarn needle

FINISHED MEASUREMENTS

Bust 32 (34, 36, 38, 40, 42, 44)"/81.5 (86.5, 91.5, 96.5, 101.5, 106.5, 112) cm
Length 23 (23, 23½, 23½, 24, 24½, 25)"/58.5 (58.5, 59.5, 59.5, 61, 62, 63.5) cm

GAUGES

With F-5 hook, in Fsc or sc, 18 sts = 4"/10cm; in FP/BPDC ribbing, 16 sts = 4"/10cm
With I-9 (5.5mm) Tunisian hook, in Tunisian mesh stitch, 9 mesh = 4"/10cm, 8 sets rows (forward, return) = 4"/10cm

Each rectangle is 8½ (9, 9½, 10, 10½, 11, 11½)"/21.5 (23, 24, 25.5, 26.5, 28, 29) wide, 45 (45, 46, 46, 47, 48, 49)"/114.5 (114.5, 117, 117,



119.5, 122, 124.5) cm long as crocheted. The fabric will stretch and adjust when seamed and blocked.

TAKE TIME TO CHECK GAUGES

SPECIAL TERMS AND ABBREVIATIONS

Foundation single crochet (Fsc): Start with a slip knot, ch 2, insert hook in 2nd ch from hook, draw up a lp, yo and draw through one lp (the "chain"), yo and draw through 2 lps (the "sc"). The following st is worked under the forward 2 lps of the stem of the

previous st (into the “chain”). Insert hook into the face of the “chain” and under the nub at the back of the “chain”, draw up a lp, yo and draw through one lp (the “chain”), yo and draw through 2 lps (the “sc”). Repeat for the length of foundation.

BPDC (back post double crochet) Yo, insert hook from back to front then to back, going around the dc post, draw up a lp, (yo and draw through 2 lps on hook) twice. Skip st behind BPDC.

FPDC (front post double crochet) Yo, insert hook from front to back then to front, going around the dc post, draw up a lp, (yo and draw through 2 lps on hook) twice. Skip st behind FPDC.

Beg-hdc: For a neater edge in FP/BPDC ribbing, use this technique to begin each row with an actual hdc. Ch 2, insert hook in 2nd ch from hook, yo and draw up a lp (2 lps on hook), insert hook in first hdc, yo and draw up a lp (3 lps on hook), yo and draw through all 3 lps on hook.

Tunisian Mesh Stitch: A row of Tunisian crochet has two steps; a forward pass moving from right to left, where stitches are picked up across the work and held on the hook, and a return pass moving from left to right, where stitches are worked off the hook. Right side of work always faces.

Mesh Pat Forward Pass: Lp rem on hook at the end of previous row becomes the first lp of the forward pass. Ch 1 for the edge stitch, skip the first vertical bar, [insert hook in the next vertical bar tog with the strand directly behind the bar (this is the back nub of the chain stitch made in the previous return pass, this nub is sometimes called the camel hump), yo and draw up a lp through those two strands, ch 1] across, at end, insert hook into the second chain of the edge stitch, under two strands, yo and draw up a lp, ch 1.

Mesh Pat Return Pass: Yo and draw through one lp on hook for the edge stitch, [yo and draw through two lps on hook, yo and draw through one lp on hook] across, until 3 lps rem on hook, [yo and draw through two lps] twice.

NOTE: Vest is composed of two long rectangles which are assembled into the cross-over shape.

VEST

Rectangle (make 2)

With regular crochet hook, loosely Fsc 31 (33, 35, 37, 39, 41, 43), flip foundation over so sc edge is on top. Switch to Tunisian hook.

Row 1 Forward Begin with lp on hook, ch 1, skip first sc, [insert hook in next sc, yo and pull up a lp, ch 1, skip next sc] 15 (16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21) times, except at end do not skip sc, end with insert hook in last sc, yo and pull up a lp, ch 1 – 17 (18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23) sts.

Row 1 Return [Yo, draw through one lp on hook, yo, draw through 2 lps on hook] 15 (16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21) times, end with yo, draw through last 2 lps.

Rows 2-88 (88, 90, 90, 92, 94, 96): Work Tunisian Mesh Pattern (Forward Pass, Return Pass) for 87 (87, 89, 89, 91, 93, 95) times.

Place last lp on regular crochet hook, make a finishing row of sc working into all of the bars and back nubs of each ch of the last Tunisian Return row as follows:

Last Row (RS) Ch 1, insert hook under first vertical bar tog with the strand directly behind the bar, sc, [insert hook under next vertical bar tog with the strand directly behind the bar, work a sc, insert hook under one strand (the nub) at the back of next ch, work a sc] 14 (15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20) times, insert hook under next vertical bar tog with the strand directly behind the bar, sc, sc in 2nd ch of edge stitch – 31 (33, 35, 37, 39, 41, 43) sc.

First Side Ribbing

RS still facing, rotate and work ribbing across one long side of rectangle, adding or omitting stitches if you have altered the length of the rectangles.

Row 1 (RS) Beg-hdc in first sc row edge, [hdc in mesh sp of next Tunisian Forward row, FPDC around ch of next Tunisian Return row] across, end with hdc in mesh sp of last Tunisian Forward row, hdc in Fsc row edge, turn – 177 (177, 181, 181, 185, 189, 193) sts.

Row 2 (WS) Beg-hdc in first hdc, [FPDC in next hdc, BPDC in next dc] across to last 2 hdc, end with FPDC in next hdc, hdc in last hdc, turn.

Row 3 Beg-hdc in first hdc, [BPDC in next st, FPDC in next st] across to last 2 sts, end with BPDC in next st, hdc in last hdc, fasten off, leaving about a yard long tail for seaming.

Second Side Ribbing

RS facing, make ribbing across other long side of rectangle. Join yarn with slip st in Fsc row edge, repeat First Side Rows 1-3, fasten off, leaving about a yard long tail for seaming.

Make second rectangle in same way.

Assembly

NOTE: Of the four long ending tails, only three will be used for seaming, but it is better to have them all intact as you begin.

The two rectangles will be seamed tog, side by side, partway up the center back, leaving a few inches open to form the back V-neck. Then each rectangle is folded at the shoulder to form RH and LH fronts.

The fronts are crossed under the bust and seamed at the sides.

Center Back Seam

With RS facing up, lay the rectangles side by side, with the Fsc of both short edges at the bottom, matching stitches of the long edges of ribbing. Thread the ending tail there at the bottom of the RH rectangle on a yarn needle. Keep your seaming stitches even and relaxed so the seam does not pucker. Sew up the center back by: inserting needle from front to back under the top lps of the first st of the LH rectangle, inserting needle from front to back under the top lps of the first st of the RH rectangle, [insert needle from front to back under the top lps of the next st on the left, insert needle under the top lps of the next st on the right] 70 times, or for length desired. Fasten off.

Side Seams

Flip the vest over so WS of rectangles are now facing. Fold the two free ends of the rectangle straight down to the front, roughly in half. The shoulders will not end up at the precise middle of the rectangles, and will not be folded straight across the width but at a slight angle, so do not worry about folding exactly. Don't cross the fronts yet. The most critical step is marking the long edges for the places that will be seamed.

At the inner edge of Left Front (center of the body), starting at the bottom, skip the first 25 stitches of ribbing (side of hip), mark the next stitch, A. Skip the next 3 sts (mid waist), mark the next stitch, B. At the inner edge of Right Front (center of the body), starting at the bottom, skip the first 25 stitches of ribbing (side of hip), mark the next stitch, C. Skip the next 3 sts (mid waist), mark the next stitch, D.

At the outer edge of Left Front (side of the body), starting at the bottom, skip the first 40 sts, mark the next stitch, C. Skip the next 3 stitches, mark the next stitch, D. Skip the next 24 stitches (side of bust), mark the next stitch, E (underarm). At the outer edge of Right Front (side of the body), starting at the bottom, skip the first 40 sts, mark the next stitch, A. Skip the next 3 stitches, mark the next stitch, B. Skip the next 24 stitches (side of bust), mark the next stitch, F (underarm).

At the outer edge of Left Back, starting at the bottom, skip the first 25 stitches, mark the next stitch, C. Skip the next 3 sts, mark the next stitch, D. Skip the next 24 stitches, mark the next stitch, E. At the outer edge of Right Back, starting at the bottom, skip the first 25 stitches, mark the next stitch, A. Skip the next 3 sts, mark the next stitch, B. Skip the next 24 stitches, mark the next stitch, F.

Now cross the two fronts like an X, making sure that the Right Front is the uppermost layer and crosses to the outside of the LH front. Eventually, you will be matching markers A, B and F on right side; C, D and E on left side.

Right Side Seam

RS of piece still facing, go to the bottom of the right side. Thread the ending tail there (coming from the lower front corner) on a yarn needle. Matching stitches up to marker A of Right Front and Right Back, sew seam in the same way as the center back seam for 25 stitches up the side.

From marker A to B, you will sew into two layers of front for 5 stitches, matching them to 5 stitches of back from marker A to B by: insert needle from front to back into marker A stitch of back, insert needle from front to back into marker A stitches of fronts through both thicknesses. Sew next 4 stitches in the same way through marker B stitches.

Now working into one layer only of the front, seam up the next 25 stitches to the back through marker F, fasten off.

Left Side Seam

RS of piece still facing, go to the bottom of the left side. Thread the ending tail there (coming from the lower back corner) onto yarn needle. Seam in the same way as other side, except for the order at marker C, sew into marker C stitches of fronts through both thicknesses, then into marker C stitch of back.

NOTE: *The five stitches between markers A and B (C and D) create the narrowest point at mid-waist. You can make slight adjustments to the waist. Emphasize this narrow section by sewing through two thicknesses of the fronts for more stitches above and/or below the markers. Weave ends. Block vest.*

ABBREVIATIONS

beg	begin(ning)
ch	chain
dc	double crochet
hdc	half double crochet
LH	left-hand
lp(s)	loop(s)
rem	remain(ing)
RH	right-hand
RS	right side
sc	single crochet
st(s)	stitch(es)
tog	together
WS	wrong side
y ^o	yarn over

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