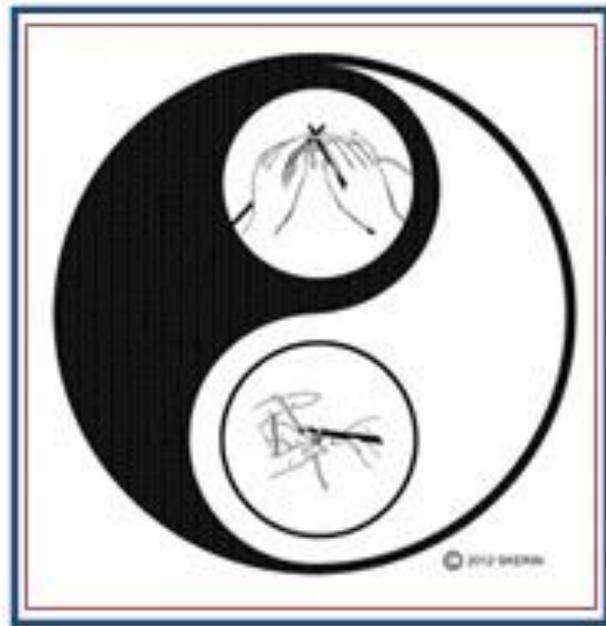


How to Work Knitted Ribbing on a Crocheted Vest or Sweater

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First and foremost:

This is all about

1) gauge,

2) measuring &

3) math

- 1) Complete the front and back crocheted pieces for the vest or sweater.
- 2) Take your waist measurement or wherever you wish the ribbing to 'sit' when worn; for example, measurement taken is 30". If you are not sure where/at what length to measure, put on a favorite vest/sweater and see where things lie.
- 3) Using knitting needles two sizes smaller than the size of the hook used for the crocheted pieces (e.g. size H-8 hk for body and size 6 knitting needles for ribbing) work a swatch at least 6 inches wide and 4 inches long of knitted rib in whatever kind of ribbing you wish to use, as in the typical (k1, p1) or (k2, p2).
- 4) Check the gauge of the swatch – how many stitches across in one inch, etc., for example, 5 sts = 1".
- 5) So based on the example of 30" around where the ribbing will sit, you would be knitting $30 \times 5 = 150$ sts. But now consider: The math in the example is based upon the 'exact' measurement taken. If you wish to have the ribbing stretch a little when you put the sweater on, to make a more snugly fitting waistband, you will need to decide how many 'less' stitches to cast on. This is a relatively subjective decision, based on upon what you think you want. If you are not sure, get a favorite sweater or vest that you wear and check its fit to help in deciding.

- 6) Seam the crocheted pieces.
- 7) On the edge to be ribbed, rs facing, wk 150 sc sts around.
- 8) W/rs facing and working across the sc sts, w/circular knitting needles, per example, p/u 150 sts.
- 9) Wk ribbing to desired length; bo in ribbing.
- 10) admire your work!

For armholes, follow the same procedure.

I personally do not believe in 'crocheted' ribbing and always change waistbands and armbands on crochet patterns when it comes to this. Crocheted 'ribbing' can not be compared/correlated to knitted ribbing. 'Crocheted' ribbing simply 'looks like' ribbing but it is absolutely not. It has NONE at all of the properties of ribbing and has no memory (or extremely little) once stretched. I have made beautiful crocheted vests that are set off absolutely beautifully with knitted waistband and armbands.

That is my opinion and, of course, opinions certainly make the world go round.



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ABBREVIATIONS & TERMINOLOGY

Asterisks

* asterisk: go back to last *
and
rep again beginning there at *

. rep everything between asterisks

'x' means number of times to rep, e.g.
6x

Parenthesis or brackets followed by
"x" times or "across" means work that
many times or rep that across the
entire

row, e.g.:

(parenthesis)2x

[brackets]2x

(parenthesis)across

[brackets]across

Amt amount

beg begin(beginning)

bet between

bk back

bo bind off

ch chain

cl cluster

cn cable needle

co cast on

cont continue

ctr center

dec decrease

dc double crochet

dup duplicate

ea each

est establish(ed)

fr front

gp group

hk hook

Inc increase

k knit

lh left hand

lp loop(s)

mc main color

m1 make one

mkr marker

otn on the needle

p purl

pm place marker

p/u pick up

patt pattern

pl place

prev previous(ly)

pt point

rem remaining

rep repeat

rev reverse

rh right hand

rnd round

rs right side

sc single crochet

sl st slip stitch

sl slip

sp space

st stitch(es)

tbl thru back lp

tch turning chain

thru through

tr triple

trb treble

w/ with

wk work(ing)

ws wrong side

won work on needle

yo yarn over

yrn yarn round needle

ytb yarn to back

ytf yarn to front