

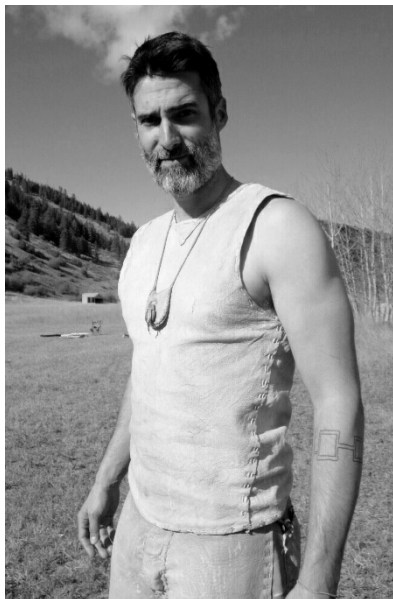
## Chapter 15

### Sleeveless Tank Tops and Vests

Tank tops and vests are probably the easiest of the upper body garments. As they don't have sleeves, they don't cover any major joints. They don't restrict the movement of the limbs and therefore don't require any complicated shaping. They are very comfortable, don't require a lot of hide and of course, are very fashionable and make a dapper addition to any outfit. I have also seen a lot of very nice vests that are part buckskin and part cloth, so if you are not a purist, a vest can be a great place to experiment with this and allow you to get a beautiful garment with just a few square feet of buckskin.

Fitted women's tanks and bras are a good deal more complicated in their shaping, and more so, of course, for the curvier ladies, so they are addressed separately in chapter 17. For this chapter, when I refer to vests and tank tops, assume that I mean men's tops, or women's tops without bust shaping.

To make things simple, let's assume for this chapter that the difference between a vest and a tank top is that a tank top is a pullover (or possibly closed in front and opening in the back), and a vest is similar but opens at the front. I know, I know,



sweater vests are pullovers and still vests, but let's ignore them shall we?

Thus begins the series of questions you will be asking yourself. Do I want a tank top or a vest? Do I want to wear it under or over my clothes? Do I want it to be cool and breezy for hot weather or to keep me warm in the cold weather? Do I want a basic pattern or a fancy pants one?

Tank top or Vest?

Tank tops are super simple to make. Two pieces, back and front, or even one piece folded over at the shoulders. Sew up the sides. Bind the edges. Boom. Finished garment! An important factor to be aware of, however, is that tank to

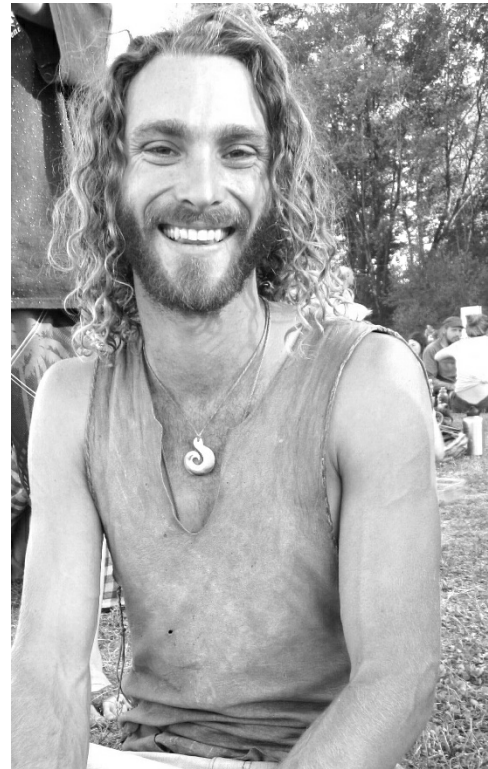


Figure 1: A simple, beautiful buckskin tank