

Simple sweater

This sweater is knit in four pieces and sewn up. We give instructions for two different sizes 8 and 10 (in parenthesis).

Sweater Size: Child's 8 (10)

Needles: US #8 straight needles (or long circular)

Back and front

Cast on loosely 67(71) stitches. Rib of choice for 2-4 inches.

Change to Stockinette Stitch (knit on front side, purl on the back side) and continue to work until the piece measures 15 (17)

inches from cast on row. Place markers at both sides when the piece measures 10 (11) inches. (You will use these later for the sleeves.) When you have completed the 15 (17) inches change to ribbing and work for two inches. Bind off loosely.

Make a second piece exactly the same.

Sew shoulder seams together, about 3 inches on each side of the hole left for the neck.

Sleeves

Pick up 63 (73) stitches between markers on one side of the sweater. Work in stockinette stitch decreasing 1 stitch at the beginning and ending of every 6th (4th) row 13 (18) times. The decrease should not be on the very edge of your work, do it one or two stitches in from the edge. When you have 37 stitches work straight until sleeve is 14 (15) inches long. Work in your chosen ribbing for 2-4 inches. Bind off LOOSELY, leaving a long end to sew up the sleeves with.

Sew up sleeve and under arm seams

Notes

- You may choose to work the body on a circular needle, and split for the top. Sleeves may be worked separately and/or on circular or straight needles and sewn in.
- Ribbing may be 1x1, 2x2, or any decorative combination you please. Probably best to be consistent throughout, though!
- Sew up seams using Mattress stitch. (Watch web videos [here](#) or [here](#) to learn how if you are new to mattress stitch. You can also go [here](#) to read about how to do it)
- Use a large dull needle to sew seams, and a sharp pointed one to weave in the ends
- Variations in pattern stripes etc. are only limited by YOUR imagination!
- **REMEMBER THERE ARE NO KNOTS IN KNITTING!**

