



January Cropped Sweater



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The Goods:

Needles: US 10, 10.5 & 11 cable needles 24 in. to 40 in.

Yarn: Lion Brand Wool Ease Chunky (20% wool/ 80% acrylic) 170g/ 108yds, 4 balls

Gauge: 12 sts by 17.5 rows in 4 x 4 in.

Size: Small (Medium, Large)

Finished measurements: Chest size 34in., 36in., 38in.

Notions: 5 stitch markers, tapestry needle, tape measure, 2 pieces of waste yarn at least 20 in. long

Notes: DD (Double Decrease)- Slip 2 stitches together as if to knit, k1, pass slipped stitches over knitted stitch
kf&b- knit into the front and back of your stitch
PM- Place marker
SIM- Slip marker



This sweater was designed to fit over empire waist tunics and dresses that are flooding stores and are so popular with the sewing pattern companies. I was tired of my flowy tunics bunching under sweater but could not stand my arms and shoulders freezing. This chunky yarn means a quick knit but the cropped style allows your empire waist tunics and dresses to show to best effect. The ribbing will show off your waist. The diagonal detailing on the sleeve converts this from a basic sweater to something special. The subtle detail will add sophistication to take you from day to date. The off-set rib boat neck line also adds another subtle texture and detail to make your sweater unique and edgy. You can choose to make your sweater longer or change up the sleeve length to accommodate your style and wardrobe.

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Body:

Using your size 11 needles 86 (90, 94) sts. Place your markers like this: 1 marker at beginning of round, knit 17 (18, 19) sts, PM, knit 9 (10, 11) sts, PM, knit 34 (35, 36) sts, M, knit 9 (10, 11) sts, knit 17 sts (end of round)

*K1, P1; repeat to end of round for 4 rows. at the same time- Row 4, increase 1 st before and after each sleeve marker (90, 94, 98 sts).

*P1, K1; repeat to end of the round for 4 rows, at the same time- Row 4, increase 1 st before and after each sleeve marker (94, 98, 102 sts)

*K1, P1; repeat to end of round for 4 rows. at the same time- Row 4, Small will continue in pattern, Medium will increase 1 st after each sleeve marker, Large will increase before and after each sleeve marker (94, 100, 106 sts).

Knit one round. Size small and

Your sleeve stitch count will now be 11 (13, 15) sts

Round 13: knit to first M, SIM, kf&b, k3 (4, 5), DD, k3 (4, 5), kf&b, Slm, knit to 3rd marker, SIM, kf&b, k3 (4, 5), DD, k3 (4, 5), kf&b, Slm, knit to round marker

R 14: knit to 1st M, SIM, Kf&b, knit to last st before M, kf&b, Slm, Knit to 3rd M, SIM, Kf&b, knit to last st before M, kf&b, Slm, knit to round marker.

R15: knit to first M, SIM, k1, kf&b, k3 (4, 5), DD, k3 (4, 5), kf&b, k1, Slm, knit to 3rd marker, SIM, k1, kf&b, k3 (4, 5), DD, k3 (4, 5), kf&b, k1, Slm, knit to round marker

R16,18 : Repeat R14

R17: knit to first M, SIM, k2, kf&b, k3 (4, 5), DD, k3 (4, 5), kf&b, k2, Slm, knit to 3rd marker, SIM, k2, kf&b, k3 (4, 5), DD, k3 (4, 5), kf&b, k2, Slm, knit to round marker

Continue in pattern until you are knitting 6 (7, 8) sts before and after each kf&b (Small-R25, Med- R27, Lg- R29)

Next: Repeat R14

A: knit to first M, SIM, ssk, k3 (4, 5), kf&b, kf&b, k3 (4, 5), DD, k3 (4, 5), kf&b, kf&b, k3 (4, 5), k2tog, Slm, knit to 3rd marker, SIM, ssk, k3 (4, 5), kf&b, kf&b, k3 (4, 5), DD, k3 (4, 5), kf&b, kf&b, k3 (4, 5), k2tog, Slm, knit to round marker.

Repeat R14



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B: knit to first M, SIM, k1, ssk, k3 (4, 5), kf&b, kf&b, k3 (4, 5), DD, k3 (4, 5), kf&b, kf&b, k3 (4, 5), k2tog, k1, SIM, knit to 3rd marker, SIM, k1, ssk, k3 (4, 5), kf&b, kf&b, k3 (4, 5), DD, k3 (4, 5), kf&b, kf&b, k3 (4, 5), k2tog, k1, SIM, knit to round marker.

Repeat R14

C: Repeat in pattern until you are knitting 5 (7, 9) sts before each ssk and after each k2tog (33, 39, 45 sts on each sleeve)

Next round knit to first marker, place sleeve stitches on a piece of waste yarn and continue knitting to the back (this will separate your sleeves and join the front to the back, repeat the same once you get to the second sleeve. Continue knitting your body in the round for 3 more inches.

Switch to size US 10 needles and knit in 2 x 2 rib for 3.5 (4, 4.5) in. Bind off using Knitty.com's Stretchy Bind off.

Sleeves:

Pick up first sleeve stitches and join for knitting in the round.

R1: kf&b, k3 (4, 5), DD, k3 (4, 5), kf&b, kf&b, k3 (4, 5), DD, k3 (4, 5), kf&b, kf&b, k3 (4, 5), DD, k3 (4, 5), kf&b

R2: Knit

Repeat R1 & 2 until 7.5 (8, 8.5) in., switch to US 10.5 needles and continue in rib until you reach your wrist or desired length: P1, *k2, p2; repeat to end of round. Bind off in pattern.

Repeat above for second sleeve.

Weave in your ends and stitch up the under arms.

Sweater Options: You can continue in stockingette until 2 in. above waist and then follow ribbing instructions for a full length sweater.

Knit your sleeve cuffs to elbow of 3/4 length.

