

Steek & Button Band WORKSHEET [For Cardigans Only]

Adding A Steek Allowance

If you plan to go the route of steeking you will need to add an 8 stitch “steek”, which will act as a bridge between the right front and left front of your sweater. You will cut the center of your steek and use the extra stitches for reinforcing and creating the facing.

For a Crew Neck:

You will simply be adding a few extra stitches to your center front stitches to allow room for cutting and facing your steek.

_____ Center front stitches + 8 = _____ Center front stitches with steek allowance

Example:

Using my numbers in equation #7 from the “Calculating the Neck Stitches Worksheet” my math will look like this:

20 + 8 = 28 center front stitches with steek allowance.

For a V-neck:

There is no extra math required. After you have added all of your right front and left front stitches, cast on 8 sts at the end of the row before you join in the round.

Example:

After I have worked to the point where I have added all 20 right front and 20 left front sts I will cast on 8 stitches before beginning work in the round.

Adding A Button Band Allowance:

For a Crew Neck:

1. Desired width of button band (even numbers are best)= _____ Sts
2. _____ Center front stitches - _____ Button band stitches = _____ Center front stitches with button band allowance

Example:

If I want my button band to be 4 sts wide and using the center front math from the "Calculating the Neck Stitches Worksheet" equation #7 my math will look like this:

1. 4
2. $12 - 4 = 8$ center front stitches with button band allowance.

For a V-neck:

1. Desired width of button band (even numbers are best)= _____ Sts
2. _____ Desired width of button band $\div 2$ = _____ Half of button band
3. _____ Right front sts - _____ Half of button band = _____ Right front stitches with button band allowance
4. _____ Left front sts - _____ Half of button band = _____ Left front stitches with button band allowance

Example:

If I want my button band to be 6 sts wide my math will look like this:

1. 6
2. $6 \div 2 = 3$
3. $20 - 3 = 17$ right front stitches with button band allowance
4. $20 - 3 = 17$ right front stitches with button band allowance